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## GRAND JURY CLEARS SUPERVISOR OBBE

### October Session "No-Bills" Charges Against Local Township Officer

Making its final report late Friday afternoon of last week, the October grand jury of Lake County returned no-bills following an inquiry into charges brought against Supervisor William Obbe, of Highland Park; Chief of Police Edwin Ahlstrom of Waukegan; and A. E. Huerneryager, Zion Township clerk. Mr. Obbe was accused of malfeasance in office in connection with alleged misappropriation of more than \$100,000 of Deerfield Township poor funds. A citizen's committee last spring demanded a grand jury investigation following revelation that a number of bills had been paid twice, and that excessive amounts had been paid for certain purchases. The majority of the grand jurors, however, held that this was due largely to the fact that the supervisor was overburdened with work and did not have adequate help.

## Annual Benefit Card Party Will Be Given by D. A. R. on Nov. 8

On the afternoon of Nov. 8, at the home of Mrs. William Reay, the North Shore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its annual benefit card party. This is the means employed by the chapter to raise additional funds for carrying on the program of education which is a primary purpose of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The National Society, through the effort of its chapters, maintains two great schools in under-privileged districts in the south—the Kate Duncan Smith School at Grant, Ala., and Tamassee School in North Carolina. In addition to this, the local chapter contributes annually to three similar schools. Each ticket for the party purchased by a member or a friend helps to carry on this much needed work in districts that would be entirely without educational opportunity if such contributions by interested organizations and individuals were withdrawn.

The committee in charge of arrangements insures a most delightful time for the guests. Mrs. Norman Livingston as chairman is assisted by Mrs. William Reay, Mrs. A. O. Mason, Mrs. Walter Rice, Mrs. E. E. Mellinger, Mrs. Sewall Truax, and Mrs. Henry W. Boyd.

## Capt. Denis Rook Will Lecture at Braeside P. T. A. Next Monday

Capt. Denis Rook of the British Royal Air Force will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Braeside Parent-Teacher and Civic Association. His record-breaking solo flight of 7,000 miles, from London to East India, included some most adventuresome forced landings. He will tell of these, and also of a recent trip across South America. The Braeside P. T. A. feels fortunate in having secured Capt. Rook as a speaker, and extends a hearty invitation to all members of the community, whether they have children in the school or not, to come and hear him, and to join in the social hour following the lecture. The meeting will be held in the Braeside school at 8 p. m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

## Rummage Sale at Woman's Club Oct. 27

A rummage sale will be held at the Highland Park Woman's Club on Friday, Oct. 27, from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. There will be an assortment of furniture, china, books, shoes, clothing for men, women and children. Don't forget Friday, Oct. 27th.

## WEEK-END FOOD SPECIALS

The Highland Park Press offers to its many readers in its columns this week food values too numerous to mention.

Save this issue for the most complete food value chart and shoppers' guide.

## Highland Park League Of Women Voters Is A Non-Partisan Group

Several hundred Highland Park women are members of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, a branch of the National League of Women Voters.

In order to function intelligently as a voter, it is necessary to have impartial information about many factors of government and politics. It was to fill this need that the League came into existence. In hundreds of branches all over the country women are meeting to learn more about their duties as voters. As housewives, consumers, mothers of school children, they cannot avoid the responsibilities and possibilities of an intelligent voter.

Among prominent women who have addressed recent meetings of the Illinois League are Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The Highland Park League is anxious to have every woman voter in Highland Park know that it wishes to have her as a member. The meetings are held once a month at the YWCA. Six interesting and educational programs are planned for the year.

Mrs. H. L. Kennicott is vice-president in charge of membership. Her committee consists of Meses. H. W. Murray, R. L. Grinnell, E. R. Jerome, G. L. Lyman, Robert Black, Joseph Peddle, Ernest Sundell, Jas. Heed, Rodney Swift, and Joseph Weinberg. Any member of the committee will be glad to answer questions or receive applications for membership.

## Opening Of Highland Park Woman's Club Season a Gala Event

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17, the Highland Park Woman's Club inaugurated its new season with a reception and musicale. An atmosphere of gaiety and festivity, reflecting the brilliant out-of-doors, marked the day. Many luncheon parties preceded the meeting, notably that of Mrs. Carleton Harkness honoring the new president, Mrs. Charles G. Mason, and the past-presidents.

The club room itself was pleasant with its attractively placed tea tables and the exhibit of some of the very fine work of our artist-neighbor, Mrs. James Cady Ewell, who was an honored guest at the club Tuesday. This exhibit will hang in the club house for some time yet, and the members and friends who did not view it Tuesday may have an opportunity at the next meeting or by making arrangements to visit the clubhouse.

After an hour spent in social greetings the president called the meeting to order and after a welcoming address turned the program over to the program chairman, Mrs. Edwin Brigham, who introduced the soloist, Mrs. Isabel Zehr, and her accompanist, Mrs. Dwight Orcutt.

Mrs. Zehr, a pupil of Mrs. Helen Abbott Byfield, delighted her audience completely. She is a dramatic contralto, with a voice of great range, rich and full. Critics have said that there is something reminiscent of Louise Homer about her. She has a fine pianissimo and excellent breath control, combining these natural and cultivated gifts with a charming personal appearance, and a simple and appealing stage presence. Mrs. Zehr's success was complete. Especially pleasing was her group of German songs. She seems to have an especial aptitude for music of the Wagnerian type. Perhaps the most beautiful of these songs was "Traume" by Kraus. Also worthy of note was her singing of "The Sky Fishers' Song," a folk song of the Hebrides. Indeed the entire program was notable, offering proof of the wide scope of this artist's ability.

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Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, "Emergency Call," with Bill Boyd and Wynne Gibson. Fast moving melodrama of hospital life. A great metropolitan hospital, ruled by racketeers, gets a new honest doctor who finally straightens out the mess after many thrilling adventures and the death of his best pal.

"Midnight Club," Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25 and 26, "The Big Brain," with Geo. Stone and Fay Wray.

## COMIC OPERA HERE FRIDAY, SATURDAY

### "Pirates of Penzance" To Be At Deerfield-Shields Auditorium

The Chicago Civic Opera Company presenting a Gilbert & Sullivan repertoire opens its fall and winter season at the Deerfield-Shields High School Auditorium, Highland Park, for two nights, Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, including a popular priced matinee on Saturday.

This organization under the personal direction of Ralph J. Helperin, has for the past four years devoted itself to a cycle of Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, and expects by the first of November to open a season in a Chicago loop theater of the famous Gilbert & Sullivan works, consisting of "Mikado," "Iolanthe," "Trials by Jury," "Pinafore," and "Pirates of Penzance." The latter is the selection for the opening at Highland Park.

The cast consisting of Martha Blacker, Morton Barnard, Clifford Sullivan, Harry Boyell, Boris Aplon, Jessie Keswick, and a chorus of 40, not only have youth and charm, but have been well trained for the past four years in these delightful operettas. The organization also carries its own orchestra consisting of 15 musicians, under the direction of Alvin Heitner.

Not since the Winthrop Ames Company has Chicago had an opportunity of enjoying these works, and it is quite certain that loves of music will look forward to the announcement of a Gilbert & Sullivan season. In presenting their repertoire at the University of Chicago, critics including Herman DeVries, Gifford Ernest, and Glen Dillard Gunn were most receptive in their praise. With their engagement at the Deerfield-Shields Auditorium, Highland Park, the entire North Shore has the advantage of seeing this excellent organization prior to Chicago.

Reservations may be made by phoning Highland Park 4300. Mail order will also be accepted by addressing same to the Chicago Comic Opera Co., Deerfield-Shields Auditorium, Highland Park.

## New State Route 57 Is Open To Traffic Thru Highland Park

The new state Route 57 is now completed through Highland Park, east of the Skokie Valley Line, and although not officially open to the public, the contractors are allowing its use to traffic.

The south end of the new route through the city has been completed within recent weeks by the Meyer Construction Company, the contractors. This part of the route cuts through part of the Bob O' Link Golf Club. This required the moving and rebuilding of four greens, four tees, and the replacing and planting of many trees. This work has been done under the supervision of Ben Freberg, for many years the greens superintendent at the club.

Route 57 is a thoroughly modern, wide, safe highway, built for fast traffic. It is complete from Niles Center to Lake Forest. Observers of the construction here say that if all communities in the United States had witnessed similar work during the past two years, there would be no feeling of depression today.

## 1,000 Guests Expected At "Potpourri" Party

The last check-up, a few days ago, showed that nearly 300 tickets had already been sold for the Infant Welfare "Potpourri," Oct. 28 at the Moraine Hotel. That means nearly 600 people intend to cut loose and enjoy this very unusual and gay party. Many dinner parties and community affairs have been planned to precede the affair.

One of the leading orchestras has been engaged to furnish dance music. The whole first floor of the Moraine is to be used with something in every corner that will amuse and entertain. The committee in charge has worked hard and enthusiastically and feels that the party will be unique and something decidedly not to be missed.

Mrs. Malcolm Vail and Mrs. Truman Metzger, in charge of ticket sales, predict 500 tickets will be sold by the 28th. Mrs. William White and Mrs. Bernard Newman, in charge of arrangements, have planned a thrilling auction to follow the dancing, and there is much ado about that. The merchandise to be auctioned represents payment by the stores for advertising in a broadside which is distributed among ticket holders.

## SOCIAL SERVICE TO DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING

### Daily Schedule Published In English and Italian

The Highland Park Social Service committee, with the assistance of representatives of the Illinois Emergency Relief committee, has started the distribution of clothing to the needy in this community.

The clothing is distributed in the old council room in the old city hall on Central Avenue, the headquarters of the Social Service committee.

The following schedule, in English and Italian, is for the guidance of those needing clothing for the early part of the winter:

Hours—9-12 o'clock a. m.  
Men—Monday a. m.  
Women—Thursday a. m.  
Children with parents Saturday a. m. Orders must be O. K. by visitors.  
Mrs. Worth—Monday and Thursday a. m.  
Mrs. Voight—Tuesday and Friday a. m.  
Mrs. Carlson—Wednesday and Saturday a. m.

Dalle 9—Alle 12  
Vomeni—Lunedì.  
Donne—Venerdì.  
Genitori Con i Binimi.  
Sabato Matina  
Lordine Dive Essere in Bon Ordine.

Mrs. Worth—Lunedì e Martedì.  
Mrs. Voight—Martedì e Venerdì.  
Mrs. Carlson—Mercoledì e Sabato.

## Alvin E. Johnson Dies Here Tuesday Evening

Alvin E. Johnson, of 597 Vine avenue, local business man, died at the Highland Park Hospital at 9:45 Tuesday evening. Mr. Johnson was connected with the firm of Johnson and Dahl, blacksmithing and auto repairing shop.

He was born in Halmstad, Sweden, Sept. 22, 1887. He is survived by Mrs. Johnson; four sons, Arnold,



ALVIN E. JOHNSON (Photo taken in 1928)

Gordon, Harold, and Sture; his mother, four brothers and a sister in Sweden. A brother, Victor, lives in Chicago.

Mr. Johnson had been a resident of Highland Park for more than 18 years, and had been in business here 15 years. The partnership with Nels Dahl was founded in March, 1919. Their new business building on N. First Street, was built in 1929.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Zion Lutheran Church at Highwood. Burial will be in the North Shore Garden of Memories.

## Garden Class to Have Election of Officers

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Community Garden Class of the Highland Park Woman's Club will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Brush, 18 North Dale Avenue. The assisting hostess will be Mrs. K. B. Lacy. A special program is being planned.

It is hoped that the members will all attend this meeting to show their appreciation to the outgoing officers for the wonderful year they have just given them, and to give encouragement to the officers to be elected. Ladies who plan to join the Garden Class are invited to attend this meeting.

## Mayor Metzger Speaks At Rotary On Monday

Mayor E. B. Metzger of Highland Park was the speaker at Monday noon's meeting of the Highland Park Rotary Club, at the Moraine Hotel. Mayor Metzger was introduced by the members of the club by F. W. Cushing.

Mayor Metzger talked about the civic problems of Highland Park. He told of the accomplishments of the present administration, and of the things the administration hopes to accomplish under present conditions. The city of Highland Park has used no red ink during Mayor Metzger's administration, he said.

## Charity Bridge Party To Be Held At Sunset Valley Club Saturday

Highland Park's 1933 charity fund will receive a boost Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21, when the Sunset Valley Golf Club stages a bridge party at the club house. The event is booked for 2:30, and all the women of the community and their friends have been urged to attend.

The golf club's entire charity fund of 1932 was given to the Highland Park social service program. This year, with the need even more pressing, it is hoped that their effort to raise the funds will be actively supported.

Merchants of Highland Park are donating table and door prizes. Mrs. Burt Richmond and Mrs. Emma Rudolph of the club refectory are furnishing refreshments.

Phone your reservations to the Sunset Valley Club house.

## "Midnite Club" to Be Shown at the Alcyon

"The Narrow Corner" is being shown at the Alcyon tonight for the last time. It features Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Patricia Ellis and a splendid supporting cast.

A thrilling romantic drama featuring William Boyd and Wynne Gibson is "Emergency Call." It is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week.

E. Phillip Oppenheim's "Midnight Club," starring Clive Brook, George Raft and Alison Skipworth presents a picture of London's smart set, to be shown on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 26 and 27, "The Big Brain," featuring George E. Stone, Phillips Holmes and Fay Wray will be presented for your entertainment. There are always good short subjects and the latest news of the day at the Alcyon.

## Ravinia Woman's Club Holds First Meeting

The autumn meeting of the Ravinia Woman's Club was held Wednesday, Oct. 10. The village house was made gay with a beautiful collection of paintings by Eleanor Jerrens. Miss Anderson had an interesting exhibit of her own pewter work as well as that of some of her pupils.

After a delicious luncheon served by Mrs. Will's committee, Mrs. Herbert Schramm, well known pianist from Evanston, gave a delightful program. Her first number, a Schumann concerto, was followed by three Chopin numbers, Fantasia and Impromptu Aeolian Harp Etude and a Ballade.

## Dr. R. B. Jacks Defeats American Chess Experts

Reuben Fine and Arthur Dake, two young American chess masters, played against 19 opponents at the Great Northern Hotel last Thursday evening in simultaneous play, winning 16 games, drawing 2, and losing one to Dr. R. B. Jacks of the Highland Park Chess Club.

Many of the best players in Chicago were pitted against the skill of these two masters. The fine game of Dr. Jacks was a most decisive win.

Reuben Fine and Arthur Dake were members of this year's American Chess Team of five players to win the world's championship. The other three players on the team were Marshall, Kashdan and Simonson.

## Ravinia P. T. A. To Give Halloween Party Oct. 20

Plans for the Halloween party which the Ravinia Parent-Teacher Association will give Friday evening, Oct. 20, in the Village House, are all complete and a jolly time is assured everyone. Bridge, ping-pong, and dancing to the accompaniment of excellent music, will afford entertainment for all tastes.

Cider and doughnuts will be sold at a nominal cost and the proceeds from the entrance fee will be given the school. Mrs. J. M. Easton, who is in charge of the party, and a corps of room mothers will act as hostesses.

## Conducts Class In Ballroom Dancing

Miss Jessie L. Pocock is personally conducting a small private class in ballroom dancing and deportment on Monday afternoon at the YWCA starting Nov. 6. The group will be evenly divided, boys and girls. The hour preceding this class will be given over to a "tiny tots' first step" class composed of little girls only, between the ages of 4 and 6 years.

## BERWYN TEAM WILL PLAY HERE SUNDAY

### Young Men's Club and "Pug" Rentner Whip Pro Team, 22-6

by M. Warner Turritt  
The Highland Park Young Men's Club powerful football team which has swamped three of the strongest teams in the Chicago district, meet their first out-of-town competition when the Berwyn Legion Parrots come to town next Sunday afternoon. The game will be played, as usual, at the Deerfield-Shields athletic field, but in order to avoid playing in the dark the time of the game has been set a half hour earlier.

The Berwyn Legion Parrots have been rated by prairie football experts as one of the strongest and fastest eleven in the state of Illinois. The team is comparatively light, having only one man carrying more than 200 pounds. The personnel of the team is made up of names familiar to prep football followers, the greater part of the team being former members of the J. Sterling Morton High School. The rest come from various high schools and colleges in and around Chicago-land.

Last Sunday afternoon the Berwyn team battled to a 10-0 win over the Lemont Pros, who had been favored to win from past performances.

One of the most prominent members of the Berwyn squad is John Smatlak, a former Cook County wrestling champion and an All-City tackle from Harrison Tech. John later played football at Valparaiso University where he won recognition as a great lineman. Another college star on the team is Korbel, the only 200-pounder on the team, who was a former St. Ignatius captain some years ago.

The backfield is made up of members who have plenty of weight and speed necessary for a good flashy combination. Sevcik, who at one time played at Harrison Tech, will start at quarter back. Grand and Sluka, two speedy 165-pounders, will be at halfback stations. The former Valparaiso star, whom I mentioned before, will be at fullback.

As an added attraction for next Sunday's game, Coach Harry W. Hart, will bring his Highland Park Winter Club football team out to play between the halves. Their opponents will be Coach Harold Sweeney's Winter Club team from Lake Forest. The players are between the ages of 8-10 years and average about 60 to 90 pounds in weight. The members of Coach Hart's team are Robert Knight, Ray Stafford, R. Palmer, D. Worth, end; S. Hamlin, A. Davis, C. Bowes, M. Raff, tackles; B. Landauer, P. Florshing, H. Kuh, guards; A. David, and B. (Continued on page 6)

## Enter The Football Contest

The Highland Park Press is conducting a "football guessing contest" this year, offering appropriate prizes for the winners. This contest is explained in detail on Page Eight of this issue. This special page is supported by several local merchants, whose ads appear on that page. These ads are important parts of the contest. (For instance, the advertisers must be mentioned in the answers to the contest this week.) This contest will be conducted for the following three weeks, with prizes offered every week. Turn now to Page Eight and enter this contest.

## WORTH WHILE THOUGHTS

Sometimes we think children ask too many questions and we discourage them in this.

They may then think it is wrong to ask questions—and do not learn as much as they would if encouraged to ask questions.

Young men and women who are too proud or too scared to ask questions are less successful in life.

Much useful knowledge is gained by asking questions of others who learned the right answers from experience.

Everybody ought to keep his question-box open, regardless of his age.

An authority once said that most millionaires who got there by their own ability were good question askers.

We ask ourselves here: How can we give you better values? And we are now giving you a better-than-ever answer to that question.

D-X Super Service Station Elm Place and St. Johns Highland Park