

Illinois Conference at Bethany Church

One week from next Tuesday will be the opening day of the 91st annual session of the Illinois Conference will be held at the Bethany Evangelical Church, corner of Laurel avenue and McGovern street. Two hundred and ten delegates have asked for reservations, the group consisting of about 130 ministers and about 70 laymen. Of the 70



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laymen about 20 will be ladies. Most of the delegates will come from the northern half of the state of Illinois, although some 20 will come from the southern part. Ten or 15 general officers of the denomination will also be present, including Bishop G. E. Epp, of Cleveland, Ohio, who will preside over the conference. Bishop Emeritus S. P. Spreng of Naperville, will also be present for part of the conference.

All of the conference sessions will be held in Bethany Church and will be open to the public. The evening meetings, however, will be of greatest interest to the average person. A more detailed program will appear in next week's issue of The Press. Some of the conference committees will carry on their work in the Evangelical Congregational Church. The conference will come to a close on Sunday, April 28. The afternoon service of that day will be held in the Deerfield-Shields auditorium at 2:30 p.m. If weather conditions permit, from 1000 to 2000 people are expected to gather from all parts of the state to hear Bishop Epp deliver the conference sermon and hear the bishop and district superintendents give the pastors their assignments for the coming church year. Rev. J. G. Schwab is the superintendent of the Chicago district; Rev. J. G. Eller is superintendent of the Freeport district; and Rev. L. C. Schmidt is superintendent of the Peoria district. The ministers of the Highland Park churches will be guests of Rev. Siemsen at the noon day meal on Wednesday on conference week, at which time Dr. L. W. Sherwin will address the conference group.

Two Speakers on Church Program

Highwood and Highland Park will have an opportunity to hear two speakers next week during the holy week meetings of the Highwood M. E. Church.

Tuesday night, April 16, Miss Louise Bankhardt will speak on "The Oriental Christ." Miss Bankhardt was born in China, her parents being missionaries there, lived in China until she came to the U. S. to complete her college education, graduating from Worcester College, Worcester, Ohio, last June. She is now studying for advanced degree at Garrett Biblical Institute, doing research work on Chinese religions.

Wednesday night, April 17, Dr. A. W. Nagler, professor of church history at Garrett Biblical Institute, will speak on "Christ in America." Dr. Nagler is one of the keenest observers and writers of world events, especially in religious thought, in America, today.

Thursday night, Rev. Harold E. Olson, the pastor, will speak on "The Greatest Shall Be Least."

Friday night, the former pastor of the church, Rev. W. W. Nelson, who is now dean of the Evanston Collegiate Institute, a junior college in Evanston opened last Autumn, will speak on "The Lord's Supper." Holy communion will also be observed.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. All services begin at 7:45 p.m., at the church, Highwood Avenue and Everts Place.

Persons Approves Report on R. E. Smith Estate

County Judge P. L. Persons of Lake county approved in Waukegan last Monday the appraiser's report on the estate of Robert E. Smith, 333 Maple avenue, Highland Park, Chicago shoe manufacturer, who died last May 16. The report listed the fair market value of the estate as \$313,426, on which the heirs must pay a state inheritance tax of \$11,322. The widow, Mrs. Lenore Law Smith, who was bequeathed \$271,426, will pay \$11,142 on the tax. The other heirs are a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jerrens of Highland Park, who received \$20,000 each, and two servants, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Miller, who were left \$1,000 each.

Mayor Egidio Mocogni Defends Ideal Party

In order to refute some false rumors now in circulation in the City of Highwood, the following letter was received from Mayor Mocogni of Highwood.

"The Ideal party of Highwood will complete their two year term of office on April 30, 1935 after a very successful administration. At the time of their taking office May 1, 1933, the financial condition of Highwood was bordering on bankruptcy due to the failure of the Highwood State bank and a private banking institution. There were bills on hand at that time in excess of \$16,000.

"Many economical reforms were introduced and several changes made for the efficient handling of these problems, with the result that all bills of every nature including salaries, payrolls, material, merchandise and service has all been paid and the credit of Highwood has again been established. Among the major accomplishments of the Ideal party were the settlement of the Casper Santi obligation to the City of Highwood in which the city received every cent in full. They also created an office of Clerk of the Water department and abolished the office of City Collector. This change was made at no cost to the city, and made it possible for a man to be in constant attendance at the City hall for the convenience of the citizens. The lighting system of the city has been revamped so that additional lights were installed where they were most needed and the intensity of these lights were increased 66 per cent at a saving of approximately \$200 per year in the street lighting bill.

The Volunteer Fire Department has been outfitted with the latest in fire fighting equipment so that we now have one of the most efficient fire departments on the North Shore and the personnel of the department is a credit to any community. There has also been six faulty fire hydrants replaced to better aid the fighting of a fire. Highwood for the past year has been better policed than at any other period in recent years. This was made possible by the present schedule of our chief and his three policemen. This re-scheduling of hours was made by the Mayor and his Police committee and as a result three policemen are on duty from 9 p.m. until closing of the taverns. This

is the time the department is subject to most calls. This arrangement makes it possible for the department to police the entire town at all times.

"The rumors to the effect that council meetings were held behind closed doors is absurd. We have always invited the citizens to attend these meetings and many public spirited people have availed themselves of this privilege. How can anyone who has never served on a city council nor attended a meeting be in a position to say that the doors of the council meeting were open or closed.

"The Ideal party availed themselves for the benefit of the city of all work projects that were provided for by the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission and many improvements were made at no cost to the taxpayers. Noticeable among these were the impassable streets of Euclid, part of Washington, part of Buchsall, Jefferson and Western avenues. Parkways and sidewalks throughout the city were also graded and repaired. When gas tax funds were available different projects were started in June 1934 and the intersection of Prairie and High street; Palmer and Highwood; North and Palmer and Funston have already been completed. Pending are the widening of Railway avenue between Prairie avenue and Highwood avenue; and Highwood avenue between Railway and Waukegan avenues, thereby eliminating the narrow pavement between those points.

"In June 1933 an application was made for PWA funds to correct the unsanitary conditions in the north-west and southwest portions of our city. After negotiating with the various departments and including the aid of Senator Lewis, a letter is now on file dated November 1934 whereby the PWA authorities rejected the loan and the grant due to the fact that the city could not furnish the required securities to warrant these improvements.

The only possible reduction of water rates obtained was granted in a 10 per cent discount if bills were paid within 15 days after receipt of same.

"With the above information we feel sure that the citizens of Highwood are satisfied that the pledges of the Ideal Party were fulfilled.

Sincerely
(Signed) "E. V. MOCOJNI"

Read The Want Ads

County to Sue Deerfield Township for \$26,191.02

In the movement to clear the Lake County government of debts by collecting money due the county from the various townships, court action was started Monday before Judge Ralph J. Dady to collect \$26,191.09 from Deerfield township.

The county, through assistant state's attorney Okel Fuqua, claims that Deerfield township owes the

county that amount of money for the care of patients in the Lake County General Hospital, and for inmates at the poor farm for the period from July, 1931, to Dec. 1934.

Prior to the passage of the legislative act which went into effect in July, 1931, the county was responsible for the expenses incurred in caring for the patients at the hospital and the poor farm. The legislative act shifted the cost of the

townships. Attorney Marvin W. Wallace, representing Deerfield township, was granted leave to file a brief in reply to the complaint filed by the county against Deerfield township, in which the county claims that \$8,196.02 is due the county for care of Deerfield persons at the poor farm and \$17,995 for the care of patients in the hospital. The county was also given leave to file an amended complaint.

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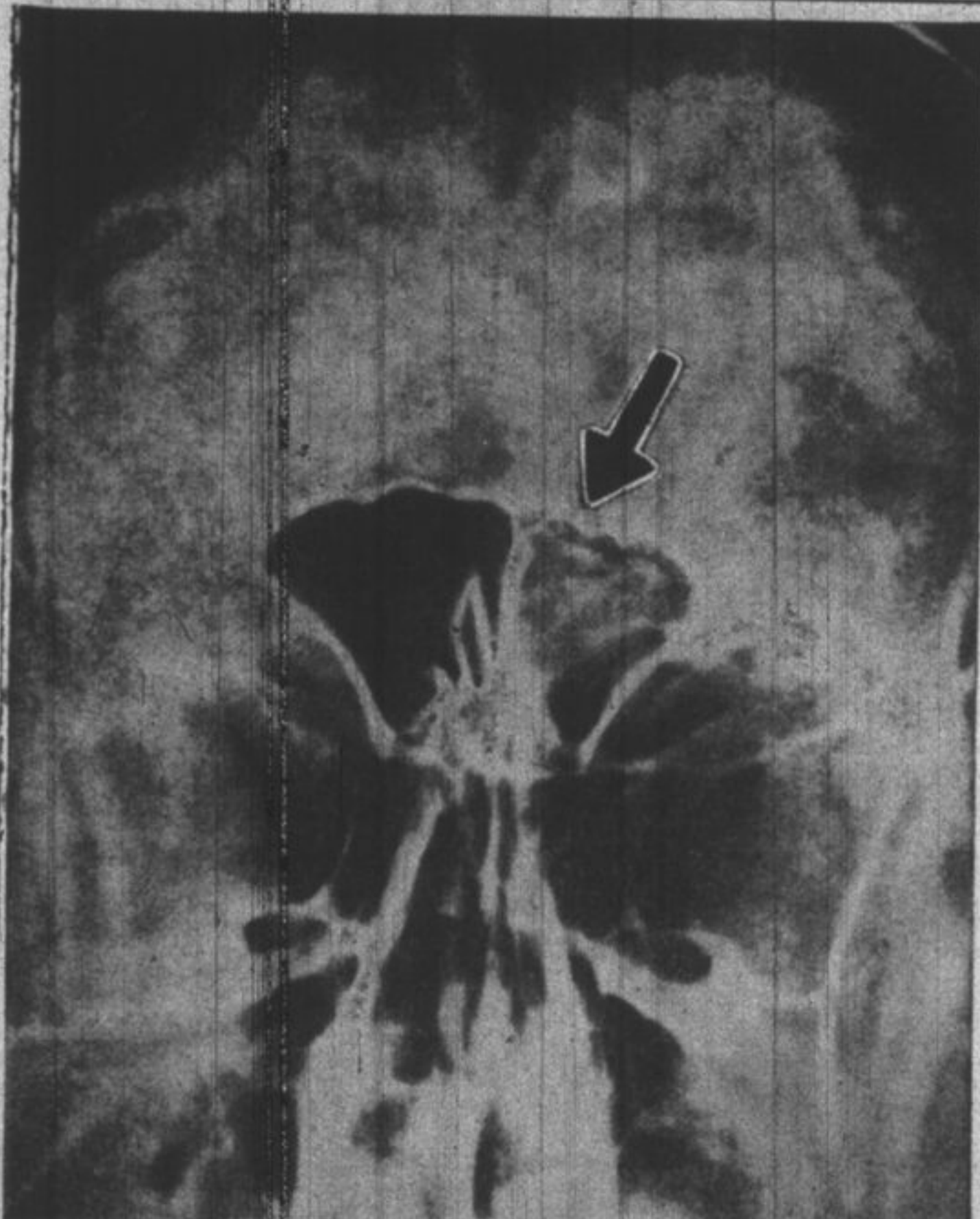
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