

### Ravinia Park

All this talk of a Coney Island for Chicago's lake front recalls another high class Coney Island that was started 21 years ago in Highland Park by the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad.

Items taken from issues of the "Sheridan Road News Letter," an early predecessor of the "Highland Park Press," for Aug. 13 and Aug. 20, 1914, report the opening of a new pleasure resort, Ravinia Park, later to become the Ravinia Opera.

"The Electric Railroad," says the "News Letter," "has expended several hundred-thousand dollars on this new resort which has a first class steel fireproof theater, and an elegant casino containing a restaurant and lounging rooms below, a large ball room above, and a stadium lighted by electric lights and seating thousands. Neither money nor effort has been spared to make 'Ravinia Park' a high-toned pleasure spot free from all objectionable features."

Officials of the newspaper made an inspection tour of the grounds and they declared, "One of the rare beauties of the place is an electric airship lighted by 500 electric lamps. A magnificent electric fountain will be in operation next week."

Ravinia Park's first play was "Vivian's Pappas" which was given on the opening day, Aug. 17, 1914, by the Power's Theater Players. Blanche Ring was the star.

A year later in March, 1915, a reporter from the "Highland Park News Letter" which was an outgrowth of the "Sheridan Road News Letter" described a winter trip to the park.

"The ground," he said, "is white now with snow but in summer this park must be very beautiful."

"In winter the field in front of the stadium has no rival as a hockey rink and it is daily thronged with skating lads and lassies."

"Another very popular amusement feature of the park, though at some distance from the stadium, is the toboggan slide, which is the most popular form of exercise along the North Shore this winter."

"When one enters the casino he finds a cozy atmosphere. Large easy arm chairs invite rest. Hickory logs, snapping and crackling in the big open fireplace cast pleasant shadows on the dull red walls."

"The mirror-like surface of the ball room floor tempts one to trip the light fantastic toe to the sweet strains of the waltz and the scottische."

"But the theater with all seats on the sloping main floor and its simple roof with great dark timbers, is the crown of all this glory."

Perhaps, the preceding reporter rather outdid himself in describing the grandeur of Ravinia, but Ravinia did begin to attract the well-known entertainers of the day. Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony Orchestra came the first year and after that nearly every summer.

The famous Ben Greet Players presented their Shakespearean comedies on a sloping bank in the woods under different colored spotlights. Emilio Rivalta brought his Imperial Italian Band and Eugene Sorrento appeared with such opera stars as Mme. Giny Ciapelli, Albert Quinsell, Beatie Bonsal, and Signor Salvato Nuziati.

Yet in that same year J. T. Murdoch, then manager, said that owing to lack of appreciation shown by the north shore, it was doubtful whether such engagements would continue. However, they did continue; lecturers such as Burton Holmes and Dwight Eimerdorf were drawn to Ravinia in the winter time as were the Theodore Thomas Orchestra and the Chicago Philharmonic. And the Casino Restaurant and ball room remained open all winter for clubs, parties, and balls.

Summer opera was planned by a group of Lake Foresters including Harold McCormick, and presented for a year or two at a great loss to sponsors. Then, about 20 years ago Louis Eckstein became interested in the project and for many years a splendid out-of-doors grand opera was available to music lovers. Ravinia was known far and wide, and people came from great distances to hear the finest opera stars of the day—such stars as Bori, Martinelli, Rothberg, Yvonne Gall, Danise, Ada Paggi, Chamlee and others.

Even after the beginning of the depression Ravinia Opera was continued at a great financial loss each year. This Mr. Eckstein nobly made good as long as it seemed in any way wise to continue Ravinia.

For several years Ravinia has stood silent and deserted but for a caretaker. Will it succumb to the Little Theatre movement now sweeping the country? Will it be marked out for a new subdivision?

Lovers of music, who formed such a gay happy throng at Ravinia during the summer opera days, would greatly regret ever seeing it put to a lesser use.

Ladies Aid Meeting  
The Ladies Aid of Grace M. E. Church, corner North Avenue and Loretta Place, will hold their regular meeting Friday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. L. L. Webster, 1034 Clinton Court. Everyone cordially invited.

### F. W. McClure MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Declaring that Governor Horner's campaign for re-nomination, already under headway down-state, was being built upon endorsements from groups of state employees and not from regularly elected party precinct committeemen, Frank W. McClure, democratic representative of Abindon, Knox County, in a statement issued today said that he expected to expose this fraud upon the voters and that he was considering announcing at once his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor in opposition to Horner.

"There is no question," he said, "that there is widespread and general opposition among the democratic voters to the renomination of Mr. Horner. However, because of his control of officers of the county organizations throughout the state he is able to have snap meetings called where but few but state employees are present and have resolutions passed commending him and his administration and these broadcast over the state as down-state support and, if left unchecked, to possibly effect his re-nomination."

He declared that the endorsement recently issued as coming from Knox County in no wise represented the sentiment of the voters nor of the precinct committeemen. That of the 52 members of the county central committee but 21 were present at the meeting, that only 16 voted for the resolution and that these 16 represented but 1821 out of 6019 votes; that notices of this meeting were mailed July 2nd for a meeting to be held the evening of July 3rd; that in many instances precinct committeemen did not receive the notice at all and that the notice in no wise stated the purpose of the meeting; that of the 16 who voted for the resolution, 15 either were themselves state employees or had immediate relatives on the state pay roll—however, County Chairman John T. Graham is quoted as having said: "My orders are to pass this resolution if only two are present."

This McClure says, is a palpable fraud upon the voters of the state and should not be allowed to go unchecked.

Regarding his own candidacy he stated that if he entered the field it was with no thought that an independent, anti-administration democrat could defeat the present state employee machine at primary and that if he offered his name it would be for the purpose of allowing the anti-Horner sentiment a rallying point and that any support tendered him would be accepted only on the basis it was not for the primary alone but its purpose was to defeat the Horner policies and would continue as an organization to effect Mr. Horner's defeat in November, if re-nominated.

### URGENT NEEDS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

We are fixing a room for a young man 19 years old who is to be dismissed from the County Hospital where he has been treated for tuberculosis since January. The mother is a widow and has no means to provide the things necessary to continue his treatments to bring complete cure and health.

Highland Park Social Service has been making a few repairs to stop roof leaks, to give sunshine and fresh air in his room so that the wonderful help he has had in the past seven months will not be lost.

The room needs wall paper. Will some one provide it? Some one has offered to donate the labor to put it on. The room needs a big rug or linoleum, for the floor is of common lumber and close to the ground. We would like to provide a large easy chair, blankets, sheets, and some good reading matter.

We do not have to more than say there is no radio in that home to let you think what one would mean to that boy. Has any one a radio not in use to help pass the time profitably as well as pleasantly for a youth confined to his home?

Perhaps there are some bright or attractive curtains no more needed for your windows? We could use them here.

This a worthy case, we hope this call will find a response in some neighborly hearts of Highland Park. The home is in our own city, the boy left our own high school because of ill health.

Through the generosity of the Rotary club a boy, whose mother's pension is paid through our office, is fortunate enough to be going to Scout camp next week. We need the following equipment to sent with him. Wool blankets, Aponcho or rain coat (size 14), a lumber jacket, bathing suit, pocket knife. These are necessities required. Will any one interested in a young boy help us to find these things?

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### Highwood Scouts Leave for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

Boy Scouts of Troops 26 and 37, Highwood, will leave for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, Wisconsin, at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 23, from the St. James Church for a two weeks stay.

The following boys will attend. Troop 26: Buddy Garity, Wayne Jahngian, James McCleran, Robert Muzik, James Muzik, Charles Driscoll, Edward Bellei, Casper Santi, Michael O'Brien, Raymond Schwabach, and Robert Schwabach. Troop 37: Robert Hansen, Irving Johnson, Forrest Rose Jr., William Russell, Roland Stanley, Ralph Southerton, Donald Ugolini, and Fred Pearce.

### Class Matches Start Sunday at Sunset Valley

Next Sunday will be the beginning of Class A, B, and C matches which will determine the supposedly best player in each flight at Sunset Valley Golf Club.

Those in Class A are paired as follows: Art Olson and George Titman; Fred Johnson and B. Brand; George Glader and Oscar Stuenkel; Joe Davis and Paul Olson.

In Class B are: Art Wieneke and O. E. Weed; George Pett and Peter Prato Sr.; Charles Nixon and H. Getz; Joie Starrels and Paul Rice; In Class C are: J. M. Murphy and S. Parry; H. E. Fleming and Kay Smith; L. J. Kugel and C. L. Jordan; A. Y. McPee and J. W. Easton.

There has been some talk of entering a Sunset Valley team in the Lake County Amateur tournament which is to be held sometime in August. According to the requirements the players must be members of the club and have a regular established handicap. Sunset Valley, we are told, stands a good chance to win this tournament.

### Fio Rito's Music Is Favored Attraction at Edgewater Beach

Now thoroughly at home on the outdoor Beach Walk, Ted Fio-Rito's orchestra has hit its stride and patrons of the Edgewater Beach Hotel are thrilling to the composer-maestro's inimitable brand of dance rhythms.

Although his troupe of musicians and entertainers has numbered thirty, Fio-Rito, always scouting for good talent, this week raised the count to thirty-one. Stanley Hickman, a lyric tenor lately with Earl Burnett's orchestra, is the new vocalist now vying for honors with Muzzy Marcellino, Johnny ("Camdy") Candido, the Three Debutantes and the Florettes. Other individual stars in the Fio-Rito band include Charley Price, the drummer wonder, and Frankie Papile, accordion virtuoso.

Playing between Fio-Rito's dance numbers, Eddie Valencia's Hawaiian Trio strums out romantic native music on the moonlit Beach Walk—a typical touch of the Bill Dewey showmanship which calls for "no lulls."

### The Atom Wins in Sunday Boat Race

Sailing in a moderate southeast wind, the Atom, sailed by Bob Carter and Bob Rasmussen won Sunday's boat race at the Central Avenue beach with an elapsed time of 43 minutes 30 seconds. The Lois II with Joe Riddle and Frank Garrity as crew came in second with a time of 46 minutes, after having lost two minutes by being capsized.

Other boats in the race were the Cellarette and the Wander, the latter of which capsized and was brought in by a life boat manned by Pyre, Siljestrom, Andersen, Weeks, Zinke and Tessendorf.

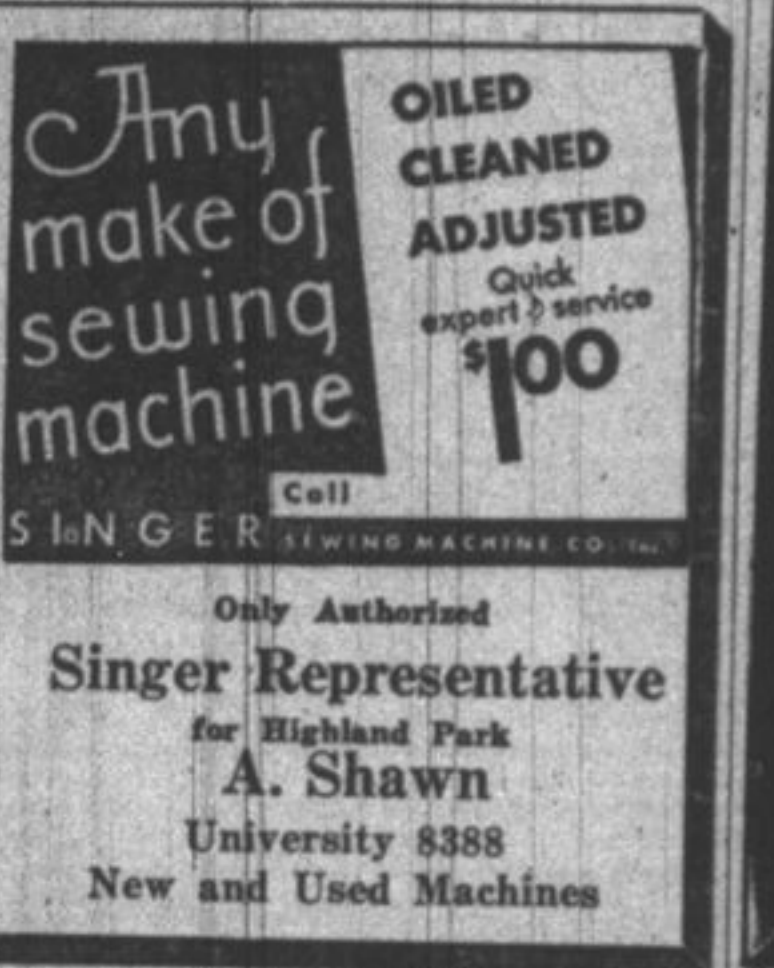
Officials of the race were George Brandt, Oscar Andersen and E. L. Weeks.

New entries in next week's race are expected to include Rasmussen's Juno and Walker's boat which is as yet unknown.

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