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Playgrounds Add Many Activities To Daily Routine

Because of the fine attendance and cooperation on the playgrounds this season the playground staff of the Park District of Highland Park has been able to arrange a more comprehensive and interesting program of activities than ever before. Every week finds some new activity started and being enjoyed by the children as well as the adults of the community.

In order that ample time is available for these activities, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons have been set aside for these special features. Volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and other games that have been somewhat slighted in the first two weeks in favor of group games have been added to the program and children may be found on the playgrounds at all times playing and receiving instruction in these games.

The playground swimming classes held for the children on the playgrounds have been unusually well attended to date. These classes are held every Wednesday and Friday mornings and are open to all children in the community. It is the aim of the staff that all children taking part in these classes may be taught the fundamentals of swimming and water safety.

There is still ample time for children in Highland Park who have not as yet registered to do so. All that is necessary is that the children report to the instructors on the various playgrounds. Attendance is not compulsory and the individual may come and go as he pleases. It is not necessary that the child be on the grounds at all times; it merely affords an opportunity for him to take part in a recreational program in which he is the center.

The schedule of activities for next week, starting July 6, is as follows: Tuesday morning, July 6—Story telling hours and general program on all playgrounds.

Tuesday afternoon, July 6—Sunset, scavenger hunt and general program. Lincoln—girls checker tournament; boys kokomo tournament. Ravinia—Treasure hunt and beach picnic.

Wednesday morning, July 7—Swimming lessons; Sunset, Port Clinton, and Lincoln groups to Central beach; Ravinia to Roger Williams beach.

Wednesday afternoon, July 7—Girls baseball; Sunset at Ravinia, Port Clinton at Lincoln.

Thursday morning, July 8—Boys baseball, Sunset at Port Clinton; Lincoln at Ravinia.

Thursday afternoon, July 8—Sunset, boys and girls badminton tournament, general program. Lincoln, scavenger hunt, general program. Ravinia, handicraft, leather and metal, general program.

Friday morning, July 9—Swimming lessons—Sunset, Lincoln, and Port Clinton to Central beach; Ravinia group to Roger Williams beach.

Friday afternoon, July 9—general program on Ravinia, Lincoln, Sunset, and Port Clinton playgrounds.

H. P. Playgrounds Children to Go to White Sox Game

Tickets have been received from the management of the Chicago White Sox for 250 children from the playgrounds of Highland Park to attend a White Sox game on Tuesday, July 13. All children residing in Highland Park are eligible to attend this game providing they go with the groups from the playgrounds. The only expense will be for transportation which must be paid by the children attending the game. Buses will be used so that all transfers and stops will be avoided. Members from the playground staff will escort and supervise the children from the time they leave Highland Park until their return. All children desiring to attend this game should make reservations with the instructors on the playgrounds at once as the tickets will be issued to the first ones signing for their trip. Information may be had by calling the park board office, Highland Park 2763, or from the instructors on the various playgrounds.

Chest Clinic, July 7

The next chest clinic sponsored by the Lake County Tuberculosis association will be held Wednesday, July 7, at St. Therese hospital. The clinic examinations are free to those who are unable to pay a private physician for such an examination. Clinic hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

William J. Obce's Celebrate Golden Wedding Saturday

Saturday will be "Red Letter" day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Obce of 154 S. Second street, who will on that day, celebrate their golden wedding.

On July 3, 1887, Mr. Obce married Augusta Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer, pioneer settlers of Watertown, Wisconsin. They came direct to Highland Park and settled, making their home in this city ever since.

Mr. Obce who was born in Brested, England came to this country in 1874, joining his family who had come here some time before, and settling in Highland Park. The Obce family was one of Highland Park's early settlers.

During his residence here, Mr. Obce has served the city as town clerk, township collector and for a period of 15 years was township supervisor. He also acted as alderman in Highland Park for several years.

He has been most active in the Masonic lodge, being a past master of A. O. Fay lodge, past high priest of Highland Park Chapter No. 226, A. F. and A. M. and a past commander of Evanston Commandry.

Mrs. Obce who is a descendent of a pioneer Wisconsin family is one of three daughters who have been privileged to celebrate their golden weddings. Seven years ago her eldest sister Mrs. Herman Bosler of Watertown, Wis., was wed fifty years and two years ago Mrs. Henry Knoche of St. Paul, Minn., another sister celebrated her golden wedding. This is indeed a rare coincidence, and seldom happens in any family.

Mrs. Obce's father who lived to be 97 years old belonged to the old Carl Schurz family.

Because of Mrs. Obce's ill health due to a fall some time ago, there will be no big celebration in honor of the occasion, but near relatives are expected to be present that day.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Obce on this grand occasion and wish for them many more years of increased happiness.

Ernest Ansermet Conducts Second Week's Concerts

A year ago when Ernest Ansermet, most renowned of contemporary Swiss conductors, arrived to open the Ravinia Festival's first season of symphony concerts, he was a stranger to Chicago symphony audiences his masterly introduction of the two Stravinsky ballads, "Petrouchka," and "L'Oiseau de Feu," with the Diaghileff Ballet Russe in 1915.

This season when he returns to Ravinia Park to direct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in the second week's concerts of July 8, 9, 10, and 11, he will be welcomed by the many friends inspired by his personal charm as well as his musicianly direction of his concerts last summer.

In 1918 Ansermet established the Orchestra of French Switzerland, and has kept his affiliation with it ever since. Following his American tour of last summer, when he opened no less than three summer festivals, those of the Ravinia festival, the Hollywood Bowl and the St. Malo concerts in San Francisco, he presented an All-Debussy season at Geneva, Switzerland, during the session of the League of Nations.


So much in demand is Ansermet as a conductor, that his season's activities read like an international Baedeker. Aside from his annual visits to Stockholm and Oslo, where he is a great favorite, his season's activities lead him into Russia, Holland, Belgium, and Germany, and to London, this year for the Coronation celebration.

Know as a specialist in Russian music and the modern repertoire Ansermet is nevertheless a distinguished interpreter of the classic symphonic literature. His four programs arranged for the Ravinia festival exhibit his eclectic taste.

His first program of July 8 lists two new works, "La Donna Serpente," by Casella, and Debussy's "Epigraphes Antiques." The familiar Franck symphony and Mousorgsky's "Tableau d'une Exposition, arranged by Ravel, will complete the program.

The first symphony of Smetakovic and "The Fountains of Rome," by Respighi, will be featured on the program of July 9. de Falla, Stravinsky and the Tchaikovsky 5th symphony will be represented on the third program and a first time performance of the "Dances of Galante," by Kodaly. The final program of July 11 will list compositions by Hindemith, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Faure, Ravel and Stravinsky.

Announcements from the Ravinia (Continued on page 3)



July 4th, 1937

IN THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE, AMERICA HAD BUT ONE OBJECT IN VIEW—FOR IN INDEPENDENCE ARE CONCENTRATED AND CONDENSED EVERY BLESSING THAT MAKES LIFE DESIRABLE, EVERY RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE WHICH CAN TEND TO THE HAPPINESS, OR SECURE THE NATIVE DIGNITY, OF MAN.

John Lathrop.

Highwood Legion Seeks Playground; Enlists Assistance

Highwood, will have a Community playground, if plans being perfected by Stupey Smith post of the American Legion are carried out as anticipated.

This city is the only community along the north shore which does not provide a playground for its youngsters. For sometime members of the Legion under the sponsorship of comrades Paul Blum and John DeSmidt have been endeavoring to interest the city council and local groups in such a project. A meeting of citizens and interested organizations will be called soon to discuss the matter.

The committee has been assured by W. D. Payne, WPA area administrator, that funds and equipment can be secured for the playground. The N.Y.A. also will be asked to support the project.

Highwood has never established a park district and inasmuch as the American Legion is not in a financial position to purchase a tract of land to meet this need, there are no funds available for the project. However, it is felt that there may be some one who has a piece of property that would be glad to either have used for this project, or perhaps some big hearted person will donate the land to the City of Highwood.

The need for such a park is evident, for many children are compelled to play in the streets. If a park was available all play could be concentrated in that section, thus safe guarding the lives of the children.

Several locations are being considered. It is the desire of the sponsors that such a playground will include a baseball diamond, tennis courts, wading pool and swing. With all organizations and citizens supporting this venture the dream may become a reality.

Stores to Observe Monday Holiday

Monday has been proclaimed a holiday in observance of Independence day, which this year falls on Sunday. In accordance all business houses in Highland Park, Highwood and Ravinia will be closed all day Monday, in order that the employees may enjoy the holiday.

The Highland Park Public library will also be closed July 5th, as will the City Hall.

There will be no mail delivery at the Highland Park Post Office although the office will be open to all holders of boxes.

Dr. A. J. Wurth is Elected President Of Lions' Club

The Highland Park Lions' club at its last weekly meeting held its annual election of officers, and elected Dr. A. J. Wurth, D.D.S., president of the Lions' club for the ensuing year.

We are told that Dr. Wurth is one



DR. A. J. WURTH, D.D.S. of the very popular and aggressive members of the club. He served the organization during the past year as first vice-president, and previously was secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Wurth is a successful dentist practicing in the North Shore building. He has been in Highland Park since 1923, at which time he was graduated from the School of Dentistry of Northwestern university.

The new Lions' president is well known throughout the State in his practice. He is a member of the American Dental association, the State Dental association, the Chicago Dental association, the Chicago Dental society and the Lake County Dental society.

"Al," as they call him, is one of the active members of the American Legion, having served his country as an officer across the seas during the World war.

He hails from Lima, Ohio, and now resides in his home in Sunset terrace with his wife and two children.

The other members elected to office are as follows:

Robert Roeder, vice-president.
Emmet Duffy, secretary-treasurer.
V. Wm. Bridle, corresponding secretary.
Clifford Moran, Lion tamer.
H. W. Broisford, Lion tail twister.
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America's Leading Acrobatic Pilot at Air Races July 4-5

Present at the second annual Air Show, which will be held at the Sky Harbor Airport, Northbrook, on Sunday and Monday, July 4th and 5th, air-minded fans will find a complete aggregation of acrobats and speed flyers, including "Little Joe" Jacobson, who last year flew Gar Wood's entry in the Bendix trophy race. He is rated as America's leading acrobatic pilot, and has flown in every National Air Race event, possessing the distinction of winning more money than any other pilot flying in his class.

In his Menasco-powered Howard racer Joe performs every conceivable acrobatic maneuver, but he doesn't stop there. He literally pulls stunts out of his hat and is known as the "little magician of the air." Joe is in love with high speed acrobatics, and can make a noisier approach to an airport than any other flyer. This fact isn't at all disputed when one hears him screaming to earth at 300 miles an hour in a wide open power dive. He pulls his ship out of this dive only a few hundred feet from the ground, and then proceeds to court instant death with snap rolls that all but tear the wings from his plane.

Also on the program will be Joseph Steinhauser who will bring his soaring plane from Germany, and give a demonstration of motorless flight and acrobatics.

"Curly" Hartzel, oldest parachute jumper in the world, will give several exhibition leaps, one of which will be with five parachutes. Providing a thrilling show this 63 year old jump master will join Art Davis and his headline cast in bringing to the Chicago vicinity, one of the greatest air shows ever displayed in this part of the country.

Others who will help make every act a brand new show are: Eddie Hodgler, Art Davish, Ernie Conrad, Zmuda, George Starr, Bill Kysor, Carl Hartley, and Joe Phillips. Many more noted names will be starred with this talented group.

Judge Forby Will Be Speaker July 4 on Legion Program

Judge Theodore Forby, who recently gained national prominence through his refusal to be intimidated and his courageous stand for law and order in connection with the recent North Shore radical labor agitation, has been selected to be the principal speaker on the July Fourth program being sponsored by the Dumaresq Spencer American Legion post in connection with their annual carnival in Highland Park. These patriotic exercises will be held at 5 o'clock p.m. at Sunset park, Sunday, July 4.

Others on the program which is under the personal direction of Commander Miller Schreiner and Past Commander Edwin Gilroy, include Mayor William Dooley, prominent Legion officials and leading citizens. Music will be furnished by a forty piece band from the Elm Place school directed by Burt Green. An amplifying system will be installed in the grove to accommodate the large attendance that each year makes this a north shore outstanding event.

A special carnival committee composed of Wm. Heinrichs, Paul Webb, Major Ronan, Harry Chambers, Arthur Swanson, Lester Stanger, Harry Earhart, Philip Cole, Henry Eitner, D. Manassey and H. B. Alston is in charge of the elaborate plans for rides, dancing, games, entertainment and the many other features that will include the award of a Chevrolet Town Sedan and an all day picnic on the Fourth in beautiful Sunset park with its hundred acres of shade trees and ample parking space.

Commander Miller Schreiner under whose general direction this event and program is being conducted announces that this promises to be the most elaborate activity of its kind ever conducted in Lake county. There will be no charge for admission or parking and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

Howard Huber Hooks Large Black Bass

A large mouth black bass weighing four pounds and six ounces was caught by Howard Huber in Big Bass Lake, Wis., on June 25th.

Mr. Huber accompanied by Walker Flinn is vacationing in the Eagle River country and they are stopping at Van Bussens resort on Long Lake. This is the largest fish catch of the week recorded in this section.

Floor Show Will Feature Legion Carnival July 2-5

In addition to the many other new attractions included in this years American Legion Carnival sponsored by the Dumaresq Spencer post to be held at Sunset park July 2nd to the 5th, one of the main features will be a free floor show on each of the main evenings and which will be especially entertaining for the children.

By special arrangement with the Hazel Wilder-Wilson Studio of Chicago the program on one evening will include a group of costume dances featuring Jacqueline and Joan Digie in the Rope Dance and comedy Bowery Dance, a Russian Dance by Richard Friese, The Goo-fus by Harry Behrens who will also give an exhibition waltz with Joan Digie in addition to tap dancing, a military dance duet and several novelty numbers by other members of the cast to accompany under the direction of Miss Evaline Cliffe.

One evening will feature Nick Tomei the well known local star and the north shores most entertaining magician. His sleight of hand and card tricks always delight both adults and children alike and his droll comedy more than account for his many invitations to appear and his many admirers.

These will be in addition to the many other outstanding attractions that will include games, rides, music, dancing, concessions and the grand prize of the latest model Chevrolet Town Sedan. An all day picnic and exhibition baseball game will be held on July Fourth which will be followed by a special patriotic program in the afternoon. Admission and parking will be free and Commander Miller Schreiner states that a cordial invitation is extended to the general public and that everyone is welcome.

Patriotic Program July 4th
5 P. M.

Sunset Park Highland Park, Ill.

Sponsored by the Dumaresq Spencer American Legion Post:

1. Singing of America.
 2. Opening of ceremony by Commander Miller W. Schreiner.
 3. Invocation by Henry Hansen, chaplain.
 4. Greetings by Mayor William M. Dooley.
 5. Introduction of guest speaker by Major Frank Ronan.
 6. Address by the Hon. Theodore Forby.
 7. Remarks by Tom R. Wyles.
 8. Singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."
- Music by Elm Place School orchestra under the direction of Mr. Burt Green.

"Maytime" Showing at Alcyon Theatre

A fine cast of players headed by Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea, an excellent story well told and played, and expert direction, make "Internes Can't Take Money" top-grade entertainment. Miss Stanwyck and Mr. McCrea, who are rapidly becoming America's favorite screen lovers, are not only good to look at, but a pair of excellent actors who give life and vigor to a fine story. Here is the powerful drama of a young doctor's devotion to the sanctity of a student oath. Showing at the Alcyon on Friday and Saturday of this week.

"Maytime," based on the unforgettable Broadway play by Eids Johnson Young, comes to the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday enhanced tenfold by the vaster resources of Hollywood and its artistry. Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy surpass their previous screen triumphs and sing their way into your hearts in this their latest film. There will be a special performance beginning at 2:30 on Monday, July 5th.

Dog Licenses Are Due Here July 1

All dogs in the city of Highland Park must be inoculated and a license secured by the first of July, is the order of the Highland Park police department.

Several cases of dog bites have been reported within the past week, and inoculations of dogs is to avoid the spread of rabies.

There are approximately 1300 dogs in Highland Park, while the neighboring communities to the north is the home of about 200 pets. Annual fees, the first figures being for males and spayed females are: Highland Park, \$3 and \$5.