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Personal Property Assessment Here Increased \$285,395

Lake county personal and real estate property was valued at \$78,608,495 for taxing purposes today by the 1937 board of review, which turned over the equalized valuations to the county clerk for tax extensions.

This county valuation is \$1,422,575 more than the board set last year, when the assessment was \$77,185,920.

The board returns on personal property assessments, especially in Highland Park, Lake Forest and Waukegan. There were some increases in real estate values in the various communities, but these were due mainly to improvements.

Personal property assessments in Highland Park totaled \$1,613,410 for the current year as compared to \$1,328,015 in 1936. This is an increase of \$285,395.

In Lake Forest the personal property valuation was \$239,395 more than last year, the 1937 assessment being \$1,667,935 as against \$1,428,540 in 1936.

The City of Waukegan personal value of \$3,793,430 was \$108,040 more than the 1936 assessment of \$3,685,390.

The board of review, composed of Homer T. Cook, John E. Hayes Sr. and Frank Ronan, in its equalization of property values, boosted the assessments of the 18 township assessors by \$225,305. This increase was due entirely to the investigations of personal property holdings. The assessors' real and personal values for the year totalled \$78,383,190.

The board of review in its equalization work lowered real estate values in some instances from the assessments returned by the township assessors. It showed a total county value of real property of \$66,968,960 compared to \$66,154,620 by the assessors.

In the personal property assessments the board placed the total at \$12,415,415, as against the assessors' total of \$12,126,570.

Besides this increase the board placed on the assessment records nearly \$200,000 of personal property on estates of persons who died in Lake county during the past year. Approximately \$10,000 in general taxes was allowed by the probate court in the claims against the estates.

When the railroad valuations in the county are returned by the state tax commission, the county clerk's tax extension department will start the distribution of assessments among the various school districts and taxing bodies.

The real and personal property valuation equalized by the board of review, \$78,608,495; the capital stock, \$837,300 fixed by the state tax commission and the railroad values are estimated to give the county a valuation of approximately \$85,000,000 as compared to \$82,833,518 last year. Railroad values last year totalled \$5,186,118.

Comparative Totals

Township	1937	1936
Waukegan	\$19,982,280	\$19,486,455
Deerfield	15,845,990	16,288,125
Shelbina	14,586,210	14,515,385
Benton	1,351,418	1,351,195
Zion	2,290,725	2,214,785
Newport	999,415	998,195
Antioch	2,872,821	2,549,785
Lake Villa	1,367,339	1,372,815
Grant	2,023,630	2,006,449
Avon	2,057,465	2,027,485
Cuba	2,065,650	2,070,879
Warren	1,597,040	1,623,815
Ein	1,518,875	1,489,265
Vernon	1,710,190	1,627,745
West Deerfield	2,581,565	2,592,265
Libertyville	2,436,680	2,415,879
Fremont	1,381,525	1,386,930
Wauconda	1,259,610	1,255,730
GRAND TOTAL	\$78,608,495	\$77,185,920

Mrs. George Bogert to Address Jewish Women, Monday

The Conference of Jewish Women Organizations will hold its December meeting on Monday, Dec. 27 at 1 p. m. at the Medical and Dental Arts building, 185 N. Wabash, 22nd floor, Chicago. Mrs. Harry L. Canmann, president, presiding. The speakers on the program, presented by the Civic and Legislative committee constitute a group of our most representative citizens, qualified to speak with authority on their respective subjects. Mrs. George Bogert, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters, will discuss Pending Legislation. Mrs. Willa B. Laird, Women's division City Manager committee, will speak on City Manager Plan. Petitions, will be the subject of Mrs. John T. Manierre, chairman of Petitions committee of Illinois City Manager Council and Miss Pearl M. Hart will present Changes in Administration of the Juvenile Court Law.

"Broadway Melody of 1936" to Be at Alcyon Theatre

Mingling with torch singers and dancing maids, Charlie Chan invades the night clubs of the Great White Way to find his strangest case in the center of New York's gayest life. The latest film in the adventures of the Chinese sleuth is "Charlie Chan on Broadway," with Warner Oland, Keye Luke and Joan Marsh in the leading roles. To be on the Alcyon screen for Christmas Day only.

On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Alcyon will present the much talked about picture.

which Robert Taylor and Eleanor Powell are starred with many other well known film names in the cast. The theatre and the race track furnish the background for this entrancing story. There are extraordinary dance sequences and many good laughs. For lovers of clean musical comedy this film will furnish delightful entertainment.

Shirley Temple as "Heidi" Millions the world over have been enthralled by the warmth, the tenderness and charming beauty of Johanna Spyri's beloved story of Heidi and all the colorful folk who lived and laughed and loved high up in the Swiss Alps, just beneath the stars. Translated into all languages and read everywhere, it is a story that had to wait for its star before it could be brought to the screen. "Heidi" brings a Shirley Temple more glorious than has ever been known to her public. Jean Hersholt, Arthur Treacher and Helen Westly play prominent roles in the story. An Alcyon attraction for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Community Garden Class to Enjoy Christmas Party

The members of the Social Service Department of the Highland Park Woman's club, under the able leadership of Mrs. Marvin Wallace, Mrs. Claburn Jones and Mrs. C. Vigo Nichols, and including Mesdames John N. Brigham, William Gartside, Grover Q. Grady, W. F. Mayer, A. A. Pantelis, Edward Strenger, Frank Sturtevant, and Miss Adele Everett will gladly help at the children's Community Christmas Party to be held at Elm Pace school on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to make the day a memorable one for the eager youngsters who attend.

On Tuesday, December 28th, at 2 o'clock, the Community Garden Class of the Club will hold its annual Christmas party, for members only, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Ellery H. Harvey, 987 Ridgewood avenue. Assisting Mrs. Harvey as co-hostesses will be the following officers of this interesting group: Mrs. A. M. Allison, Mrs. Laurence O. Olesen and Mrs. Percy Prior.

To Begin Work on Lake Forest Grade Separation in Spring

Neil N. Campbell, Lake Forest city engineer, said today that the state had granted \$200,000 for the grade separation project at Sacred Heart.

Announcement that the grant had been approved by Illinois officials was made in a recent issue of an engineering periodical, Campbell averred.

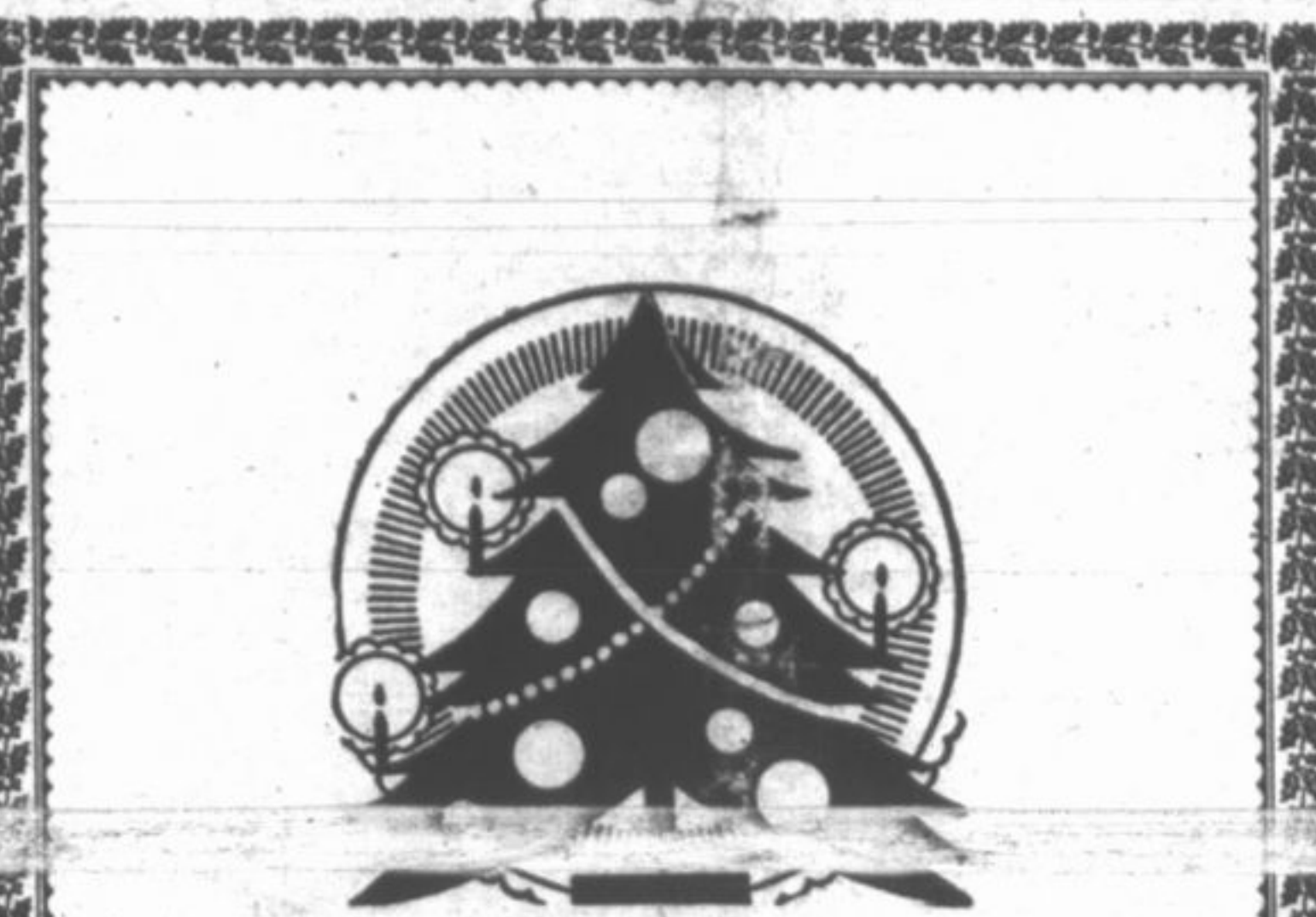
Work on the construction of the subway under the twin tracks of the North Shore line and the North Western railway will begin early in the spring of 1938, it was intimated. Tentative arrangement provides for the use of the Sacred Heart grade crossing while the subway is being built so that the traffic entering Lake Forest on Sheridan road and McKinley road will not be impeded.

Other plans for the improvement of vehicle transportation in the community include the continuing of Western avenue north to the Lake Bluff city limits and the widening of McKinley road.

Abbott Byfield Is Honored at M.I.T.

Abbott Byfield, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Byfield of this city, was one of eighteen seniors to be elected to Tau Beta Pi, one of the highest engineering honors bestowed upon students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Cornelius Roosevelt, grandson of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt, was also one of the group to receive this honor.



**A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to All**

Dr. Lois Greene Reveals Fate Of China In Letter

A very interesting letter with a Christmas message comes from Dr. Lois Greene, who is associated with a hospital at Changsha, China. Dr. Greene, who is a product of Highland Park, having been educated in the local schools, gives a glimpse into war torn China revealing the fate which is befalling this country at the hands of Japan. Armistice Day, Changsha, 1937.

Dear Friends:

How far away the possibility of an armistice seems now, though how we wish it might be possible to have one soon. As I sit before the fire this rainy, cold afternoon I am trying to think of you at home as if it were already Christmas time. The magazines here have not yet brought their Thanksgiving message, but by the time this reaches you, you will have enjoyed that and also the thrill of preparing for Christmas. There will be snow and your homes will have the red and green decorations and the warmth of that season. May there be peace there too, security and the love of united families. May some aspect of peace have come to this war torn world by that time too.

This is a dark time for China. With plans carefully worked out and prepared years before, Japan has been progressing toward her aim of becoming master of Asia. With mechanized units she has been steadily pressing south from her holdings in north China and she has recently taken Taiyuanfu, the capital of Shensi which brings her closer to the Yellow river, her objective for the time being. With terrific losses to herself and China and at the cost of wide destruction, she is bent upon encircling Shanghai and driving out the defenders. Works of beauty, universities, hospitals, laboratories and fruits of engineering skill have gone down before her. Children and refugees have taken their place in the tragedy and have been lost by scores and hundreds, often by direct attack. Canton and the cities of the interior have been attacked and the ugly monster of hatred and

City Commissioner Bruised in Fall

Joseph H. Taylor, one of Highland Park's commissioners fell on the icy pavement Saturday morning, after making a call at a friend's home. Aside from a few minor bruises he was not seriously hurt.

Bethany Choir to Present Cantata Sunday Morning

A cordial invitation is extended to all who love sacred music to attend the 11 a. m. worship service at the Bethany Evangelical church next Sunday morning. At that time the Bethany choir will present their Christmas cantata entitled "The Adoration." The music of this cantata is written by George B. Nevin and the words by Lillias C. Nevin. It portrays the Christmas story in a beautiful manner. The Bethany choir is under the direction of Mrs. L. R. Hawley. This group makes a valuable contribution to the worship

- week.
1. Chorus, "O Come All Ye Faithful."
2. Baritone solo and chorus, "Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive."
3. Chorus of women's voices with solo "In Reverent Awe and Solemn State."
4. Chorus of men's voices, "The Sweeping Through the Arch of Night."
5. Chorus, "Softly the Starlight."
6. Tenor solo and soprano solo, "And lo the Angel of the Lord."
7. Chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest."
8. Alto solo and quartet, "Hushed at Length the Gracious Song."
9. Chorus, "Amen! Lord, We Bless Thee."

Is Stricken While Playing Santa at Ridge School Friday

As a tragic climax to what seemed one of the outstanding events of the year at Ridge school last Friday evening, came the sudden death of Albert T. Wagner, 63, who was playing Santa Claus to more than 200 children, at the annual Christmas entertainment. It was the first performance to be given in the new auditorium, which although not completed had been made ready for the event. Mr. Wagner, who had volunteered his services for the occasion was distributing gifts to the children, and died a few minutes later.

Mr. Wagner was for more than 12 years manager of the Chicago office of Kiwanis International, retiring in 1931. Since that time he had been living with his daughter and son-in-law, Lowell S. Harter, at 2222 Old Briar road. In addition to his daughter Eunice he is survived by his wife, Pearl, and two sons, James G. and Leland.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at Kelley's Chapel. Interment was in Graceland cemetery.

Depositors of Closed N. S. Trust Company to Get Dividend

The North Shore Trust Company will pay a dividend of \$34,752.05 during the coming week it was announced early this week at Springfield by State Auditor Edward J. Barrett. This is the fifth dividend payment to depositors of the closed bank, bringing the total paid up to 86 per cent. The 8 per cent dividend was authorized by the State Auditor.

In addition to this dividend \$152,803.43 has been paid to preferred creditors.

Last week the depositors of the closed Highwood State Bank received their sixth dividend check amounting to 20 per cent or a total of \$32,121.34.

A 15 per cent dividend, amounting to \$14,866.40 was also authorized to the depositors of the Wauconda Trust and Savings Bank, checks for which will be mailed this week.

Vacancies Existing in 6th Corps Area

The United States Army Recruiting station in Chicago announces a list of current vacancies existing in the Sixth Corps Area. The recruiting office is in Room 283, United States Court House, in Chicago.

Army Air Corps—Selfridge Field, Michigan; Chanute Field, Illinois; Scott Field, Illinois.
Cavalry—Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
Coast Artillery—Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
Field Artillery—Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
Infantry—Fort Wayne, Michigan; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.
Medical Department and Quartermaster Corps at all of the above mentioned stations.

Confusion Exists Regarding Funds of Community Service

There seems to be some confusion concerning the money that is in trust with the directors of Community Service of Highland Park, Inc. The funds of this corporation have not been gotten by public subscription; they are not public funds; and they have no connection with the taxing bodies of our city. The funds of Community Service, a non-profit corporation, have but one purpose—to foster and promote recreation in Highland Park; with the ultimate goal of a Community House for our city. Therefore these funds cannot be spent for any activities not pertaining to its recreation purpose.

For the past seven years the income from the capital funds has been used to sponsor recreational activities in our community. These activities have shown to the Community Service Board the great need for a Community Center for the people of Highland Park.

The folder and vote on a Community House that families recently received was to learn from the Community its feelings concerning the prime objective of Community Service—A Community House. Here is a brief outline of how Community Service came about. At the close of the World War a group of interested citizens who were actively interested in recreation for

Parcel Post Shows Increase of 25% Over Previous Year

Fortified with two army trucks, and a crew of sixty extra workers, Postmaster Daniel Cobb of the Highland Park Post Office is prepared to meet the heavy Christmas mail situation in this vicinity.

Last year's Christmas business showed a substantial increase over the previous year's while 1937 is likely to run better than 25 per cent higher than in 1936. This increase applies to incoming as well as outgoing parcel post.

The early part of the week was marked with a heavy rush at the local office in the parcel post division, while the Christmas card volume will not be reached until Thursday.

Out of a possible 120 applications filed, sixty men were added to the force for the holiday rush. Office hours for parcel post and stamp customers, every night this week except Friday, close at 8 p. m. for all out-bound pieces. There will be a parcel post delivery on Christmas day, but the post office will be closed all day.

Local Hospital Adopts Trusteeship At Annual Meeting

By unanimous approval of its members, the Highland Park hospital association, at its annual meeting on November 1, 1937 voted to dissolve its past corporate structure in favor of a Trusteeship form of administration.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, on November 23rd, this action was formally confirmed and adopted. Henceforth the organization will be known as the Highland Park Hospital Foundation.

With the formation of the new organization the power for administration of the hospital becomes invested in 45 trustees, chosen from citizens of the community. From this group of 45 trustees a board of managers, or governing board, is selected. This governing board comprises ten members and is responsible to the hospital and the community at large for the conduct of hospital affairs relating to finance, policy and public relations. As in the past, the hospital board of managers maintains a close liaison with the hospital staff of physicians and the superintendent.

Closer Community Relationship

The creation of this new organization is significant to the welfare of the community in a number of respects; especially perhaps through the broader activity of members of the community now acting in the capacity of trustees. This means that complete ownership and management of the hospital is invested in a great group of public spirited and Highland Park-minded citizens. It makes possible a furthering of the aims of those in whose capable hands the guidance of the hospital affairs have been entrusted practically since its inception.

By the change in administrative form the relations between the hospital and the community are in no way altered. The policy of issuing service certificates will continue as it has in past years. New certificates will be issued in the name of the new foundation, instead of the old association. The foundation will continue to participate as a beneficiary of Community Chest funds, giving, as it always has for the monies received therefrom, value received in the form of service certificates.

In order to obviate the possibility of delay and misunderstanding at a future date the board of managers has requested that those contemplating donations or bequests be advised that such beneficiaries be as—

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Christmas Services at Redeemer Church

Christmas at the Redeemer Lutheran church on West Central avenue, the Rev. W. F. Suhr, pastor, will be featured at two services.

On Christmas Eve the children's service will take place beginning at 7:30. The children of the Sunday school will present a program of carols and recitations assisted by the choir. A pageant, "The Hope of the World," will be presented by the young people and the children. Hope is represented by Miss Gloria Suhr; the Star by Clara Olson; Bethlehem by Myrtle Grossman; the Angel by Dorothy Bonn; the desert by Narcissa Zeschau. Walter Smith, Marcus Hagen and Fred Roscher will act as the shepherds and Robert Zaeske, Jack Wussow and Alvin Pantle as the Wise Men. Robert Preus will take the part of David.

On Christmas Day there will be only one service, an early Matin beginning at 8:30 a. m. The choir will render appropriate selections and the sermon will be preached by the pastor.

H. P. Lions Club Gives Annual Party at Dorcas Home

Thursday evening, December 23, the Highland Park Lions club will hold its annual Christmas party at the Dorcas Home in Deerfield.

It is the practice of the club that each member bring two presents for the children at the regular Thursday luncheon time, and that a special committee will take the presents out to the Dorcas Home in the evening (at 7 o'clock p. m.), along with ice cream and cake.

Henry Hansen, the community Santa Claus, will officiate.