

### Civil Service Commissions Tells Of Duties Here

At a meeting held January 19th, by the Highland Park League of Women Voters, two members of the Highland Park Civil Service Commission spoke. Mr. John Putnam and Mr. Byron Howes gave a very comprehensive explanation of this branch of Government and how it operates here.

The Civil Service Commission came into existence during the term of Mr. Emil Metzler as mayor, in 1931. The three members are appointed by the mayor and approved by the Highland Park commissioners. They hold office for 3 years or until a successor is appointed. They give examinations, adult D.Q. tests and oral questions to people of legal age wishing employment in competitive service (as distinguished from labor department). Candidates to be eligible must be citizens of the United States and a resident of Highland Park at least 6 months prior to exams.

In addition to the three members, at present Mr. Ball of the high school faculty who helps make out the questions. The commission is asked to recommend a person certified after a six months probation period. These lists are not open to the public, and candidate is notified only that he does or does not pass examination. Additional credit is given for Military Service, 1 point for each six months, so that a man who has been in the army might get a job even if he did not pass as high in the examinations as some one who had not seen service.

The heads of the Fire and Police departments are appointive offices and do not come under the Civil Service law. The only three North Shore towns that have this merit system are Evanston, Highland Park and Waukegan. If a man is discharged he can not apply for eligible list for two years and he is disqualified if he moves away from the city.

The three terms of Civil Service commissioners expired in 1935, 1936 and 1937, but it is interesting to note that no successors have been appointed so the present board is still carrying on.

One of the weaknesses in the state law is that in an emergency a job may be filled for 60 days by some who has not passed Civil Service exams. In some communities this law has been abused and repeated appointments have been made.

Both major and political parties declared for Civil Service in their platforms before 1936 elections but present Senate seems indifferent or almost antagonist to "Ramspeck" bill, which is about the last stand for merit system. The league urges all citizens to write our two senators from Illinois, Hon. James Hamilton Lewis and Hon. William Dietrich at Washington, D.C., to assist in passing the Ramspeck bill, which will keep 1st, 2nd and 3rd class Post-masterships under the merit system and out of "Patronage."

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### Garfield R. Leaf Is Candidate For County Treasurer

Garfield R. Leaf, for many years a resident of Lake Forest, has officially announced his candidacy for the nomination for county treasurer on the Republican ticket. Gar, as he is familiarly known to hundreds of local residents, will make his bid for votes of the county's Republicans on the basis that his ten-year experience gained in the treasurer's office gives him a back-log of experience of genuine value to taxpayers.

Mr. Leaf entered the county treasurer's office a decade ago when that office was being administered by J. B. Morse. He was appointed deputy county treasurer when Allen J. Nelson, some few years ago, was elected county treasurer. One of the youngest leaders in Lake County's Republican organization, Leaf has for the past six years been a member of the Republican Central committee. He enjoys the distinction at present of being the youngest member of the Republican Executive committee.

Leaf was born in Waukegan May 2, 1902, and his family moved to Lake Forest in 1912. He attended local public schools, Deerfield-Shields high school and Lake Forest college days, he distinguished himself at both basketball and football. While playing at the tackle position at Lake Forest college he was chosen unanimously for that position in a poll of sports editors selecting an all-star Little Nineteen conference team.

Two of Mr. Leaf's sisters, Mrs. William Fitzgerald and Mrs. William Burgess, are well known residents of Lake Forest. His marriage to Charlotte Doolittle, daughter of the present Sheriff Doolittle, attracted wide interest. The Leafs have two daughters, ages 10 and 4.

### Honor Secretary Of District 108 At Dinner Friday

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the following members: F. S. Munro, president; D. M. Blaiser, F. R. McMullen, Mrs. Harriet Seymour, C. E. Schaffler, C. N. Kimball and Ward W. Willets.

The entire expenses for the year ending March 1910 were \$12,865.04. The teachers for the entire district were: W. C. MacKenzie, principal Lincoln; Abbie B. Bastin, Lincoln; Margaret Freeman, Lincoln; Alice E. Smith, Ravinia; Cora White, Ravinia; Lulu Gaggin, music, Lincoln and Ravinia; Ethel Coe, drawing, Lincoln and Ravinia; Caroline Bascom, Ridge. The entire monthly payroll was \$482.50.

On Tuesday evening January 25, the Ravinia P-T.A. sponsored an open house at which time the parents and other interested patrons were given the opportunity to see the completed building and an exhibit of the children's work.

### Highland Park Takes Two From New Trier; Lindblom Here Friday

In the most torrid basketball game seen in these parts in many years, Coach Chuck Lauer's Highland Park Varsity Five trounced their highly touted New Trier opponents 40-29 in their game here Friday night. On the opening play, Oz Digani sank a neat basket that started an avalanche of scoring that would have taken the heart out of any team in the state.

In less than two minutes the score stood 7-0 for Highland Park; and, while Reynolds and company tried to throttle Digani, Hoie sank a couple of sleepers. As shot after shot found its mark with deadly accuracy, the New Trier outfit saw the score mount to 18-3 at the quarter and 24-5 at half time.

As the second half opened, the starting Highland Park team reentered the game without reporting to the scorers. The referees allowed New Trier five free throws, three of which were made by Deacon. After the game, Referee Le Gault and Clarno reversed the decision and allowed but one of these points. The downshore team outscored the locals in the third quarter but were never able to get within striking distance.

The Frosh-Soph team also scored a smashing 27-11 triumph as Tony Vole and Tom Summers scored freely and the entire team outrushed New Trier in a fast contest.

Digani, Turelli, Norvik, and Hoie scored consistently for the varsity while Anderson did excellent work taking the ball off the bank-board.

Local fans should have another treat of fine basketball when the locals meet Lindblom high school of Chicago, now leading the central section in the City league, at the Highland Park gym tomorrow (Friday) night.

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### State Engineers Start Work on L.F. Grade Separation

Last week State highway engineers said that work has begun on the Westleigh road (State Route 59A) \$260,000 grade separation project in Lake Forest.

Laborers, working from Skokie road east to Sheridan road, are taking down fences and moving trees in preparation for the actual highway safety improvements.

These improvements provide for, in addition to the widening and resurfacing of Westleigh road, a 44-foot wide tunnel under the double tracks of the North Western and North Shore railroads at Sacred Heart.

The cost of construction of the grade separation and highway improvement program will be born equally by the state and the federal government.

Attempts of the Lake Forest city council to convince the state highway department that a viaduct 44 feet wide would be inadequate for traffic were unavailing, according to city officials.

State highway engineers contended that an actual count of traffic revealed that two-way lanes are not needed. The cost of the added construction is not warranted by the trazel, they ruled.

### Announce Winners Of Second Series Of Bridge Tournaments

At the second of a series of seven duplicate bridge tournaments sponsored by the Rector's Guild of Trinity Episcopal church last Friday (January 21) in the Parish House, the winning teams were:

Section 1—North and South: Mrs. S. M. Gooder, Mrs. C. V. Nichols. East and West: Mrs. R. K. Belt, Mrs. Norman LeValley.

Section 2—North and South: Mrs. F. A. Cusaden, Mrs. C. A. Wright. East and West: Miss Louise Willard, Miss Edith Fyffe.

Section 3—North and South: Mrs. L. F. Bushnell, Mrs. W. E. Looby. East and West: Mrs. E. P. Norcross, Mrs. C. R. Miller.

Preceding the tournaments, Mrs. Maxine Miner, noted bridge authority, gives one hour's instruction. Announcement was made that a reduced price has been established for the remaining five sessions.

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### Maj. Hancock Quits W.P.A. County Post

Major Edwin Hancock, assistant director of WPA District 2, which includes Lake county, will resign his post February 1 to return to

private practice as consulting municipal engineer, with offices in Chicago.

Major Hancock joined the Illinois Works Progress Administration in August, 1935, and has supervised many WPA projects, among them

the improvements at the Brookfield Zoo, the \$1,000,000 relief sewers in Maywood, the work in the Du Page County Forest Preserve, including the dredging of Salt Creek, and the construction of the concrete runway at the Joliet Airport.

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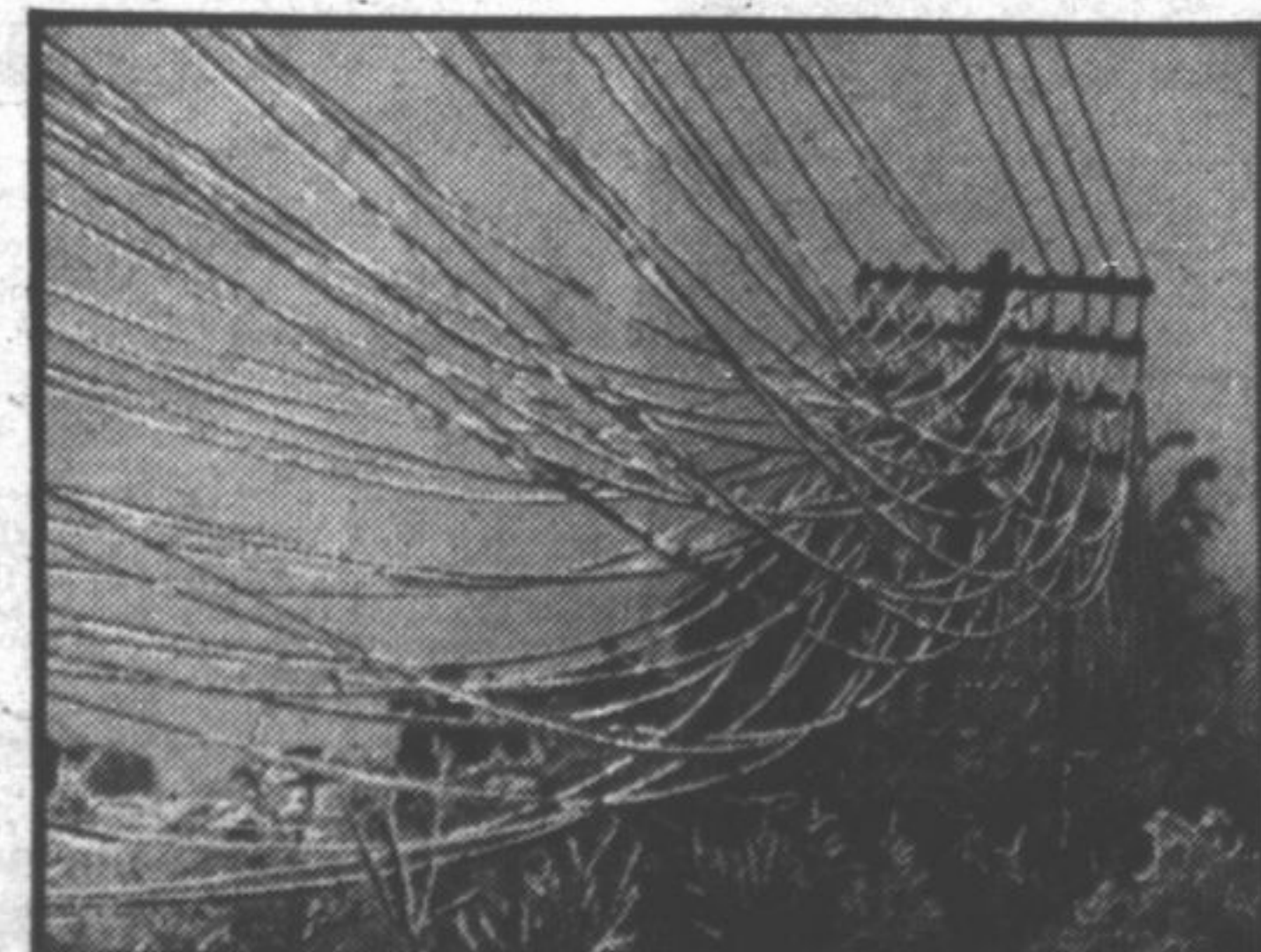
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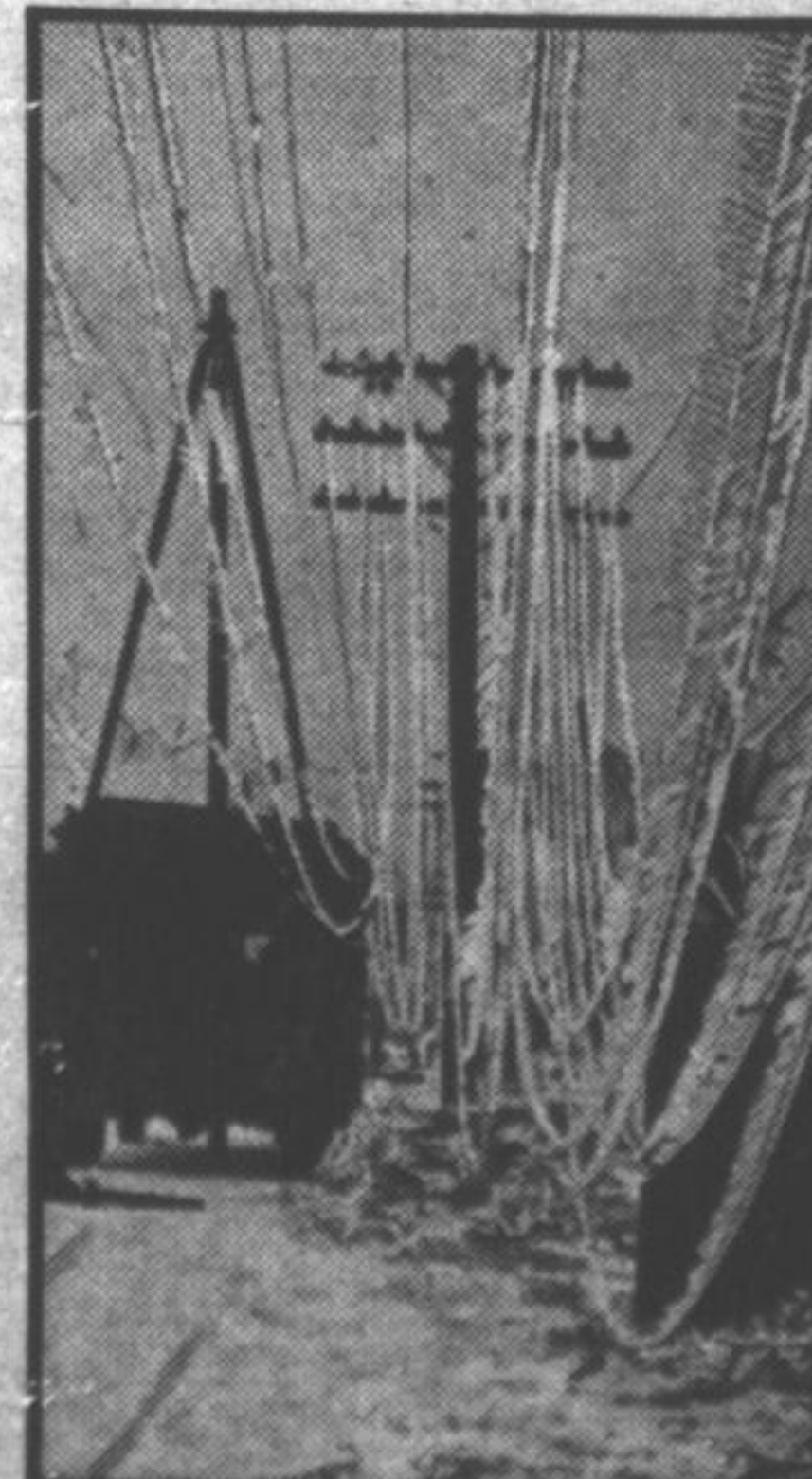
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