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William J. Stratton Former Secretary Of State Is Dead

William J. Stratton, former secretary of state of Illinois, and Republican party leader, died Sunday at his home in Ingleside. He had suffered from a heart ailment for several months. Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock from the Ingleside Community church, of which he had been a member. Services were in charge of the Rev. Raymond Laury, pastor of the church and the



Rev. Merrill S. Tope, pastor of the Methodist church of Princeton. Masonic services were held at the grave in North Shore Garden of Memories.

Mr. Stratton was born in Ingleside January 28, 1886, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stratton, pioneer residents of the county.

His political career began in 1910 when he became a member of the Board of Supervisors. In 1916 he was appointed deputy game warden by Gov. Frank J. Lowden, and in 1921 he became chief game warden of the state. In 1924 when the game warden's state office was converted into the Illinois Department of Conservation, Mr. Stratton became the first head of the state government. In 1928 he was chosen secretary of state to serve under Gov. Louis L. Emmerson.

For eight years Mr. Stratton was Republican county chairman.

In the primary elections of last month, Stratton sought the Republican nomination for county clerk. His campaign, however, was handicapped by his illness. The nomination was won by Jay B. Morse.

Besides becoming secretary of state in January 1929, Mr. Stratton was made vice president of the First National Bank in Antioch. He was associated with that bank until the past year when his poor health forced him to retire.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Harriett Stratton, and two sons, William J., 24, of Morris, and Charles Kerwin, 22, of Libertyville.

Honorary pallbearers at the funeral were former U. S. Sen. Otis F. Glenn, State Sen. Ray Paddock, Frederick Lunden, O. W. Lehman, Judge Ralph Dady, Judge Perry L. Persons, Judge Martin Decker and Richard Lyons.

The regular pallbearers were Glen Palmer, Yorkville; Chester Todd, Oak Park; Thomas McCafferty, Spring Grove; Rupert Bippus, Chicago; Clayton Hamlin, Grayslake, and Edward Brown, Round Lake.

Train Hits Car at Ravinia Crossing

Jim Post, 45, employed in the Ravinia Super Service Market, was injured, when his car was hit by a Northbound North Shore passenger train at Ravinia, Thursday evening.

Post who was driving west, waited on the east side of the double crossing while a Northwestern train went through. The gateman raised the gates and the motorist started forward, unaware of the approaching North Shore train.

Had the car been traveling rapidly, Post would no doubt have been killed. He suffered two broken ribs, but his car was a total wreck.

Mrs. Rosenthal Will Review Year's Work at P.T.A. Meeting

The Elm Place P.T.A. Board is very anxious that all members come to the last meeting of the year on May 18th.

Mrs. A. M. Rosenthal, this year's president, will give a resume of the year's work, which will be of great interest to all mothers of Elm Place children. This business meeting will be held in the Hall of Pictures Wednesday, May 18th, at 2 o'clock. Coffee will be served.

Residents Urged To Join in Celebration Of Air Mail Week

Every resident of Highland Park will receive this week a personal letter from their postman, asking them to join in celebrating National Air Mail Week, May 15-21.

It will express the hope that all will mail a record number of air mail letters that week; and, especially, at least one for mailing on the particular day, May 19th, by the first flight air mail from Highland Park. It will suggest that patrons contact their postman now as to how to prepare or place an order to insure the proper preparation of an envelope, or first flight cover, so that it will receive the official cachet denoting the first flight air mail from Highland Park, which will, in years to come, make it of historic and philatelic value.

Invitation is extended to all to witness the actual take-off of this first flight air mail from Highland Park. It is scheduled for 5 p.m. the afternoon of May 19th on the fairway in front of the Clubhouse of the Sunset Valley Golf Club.

A parade from the post office down Central avenue will precede this event, which will be joined by pony express, covered wagon, bicycle and other conveyances of the past, bringing air mail from adjoining post offices for dispatch on this first flight from Highland Park of an officially recognized air mail pilot.

Window decorations and car stickers may be secured from your postman or at the post office. It is expected that the United States Army Band from Fort Sheridan may be on hand to lead the parade and furnish stirring music.

"Goldwyn Follies" Outstanding Film at Alcyon Theatre

"A Slight Cast of Murder," a farce film that frankly and unreservedly makes fun of the whole business of gangsterism and racketeering, is scheduled as the feature attraction at the Alcyon on Friday and Saturday. Edward G. Robinson is the star, but he is an entirely different Robinson in this Damon Runyon story. The extra attraction on Saturday only is "The Lone Ranger."

Never before has filmdom produced an entertainment feast to equal the eye-filling, rib-tickling musical extravaganza "The Goldwyn Follies," which is in gorgeous technicolor and being presented at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The picture boasts the last and perhaps the greatest score written by the late George Gershwin. The cast is headed by Adolphe Menjou and Andrea Leeds and includes Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Kenny Baker, irrepressible Phil Baker and his accordion, Helen Jepson from grand opera, the Ritz Brothers, and the goggle-eyed Bobby Clark.

On the Double-Feature program for next week Wednesday and Thursday, the Alcyon will screen two interesting films. Claudette Colbert, Charles Boyer, Anita Louise and Basil Rathbone are the stars in "Tovarich," a comedy which was a great success as a stage play and ran for many months in New York, Paris and London. Exciting as Broadway itself and teeming with drama is the other attraction "Walking Down Broadway." Claire Trevor, Phillis Brooks, Leah Ray, Dixie Dunbar and Michael Whalen play in this brightly exciting picture.

Lions Club Will View Pictures of Boy Scout Camp

The Lions Club of Highland Park will meet at the Green Tea Pot, at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 12th, for its regular weekly luncheon.

Dr. B. E. Christensen will show recently-taken colored movies and colored slides of "Camp Makajawan" (the Boy Scout camp). (The movies were made April 30th).

Mr. Jack Banks, assistant scout executive of the North Shore Area council (headquarters at 21 North Sheridan road, Highland Park), has been engaged in scouting as a volunteer leader for a number of years, particularly along the lines of the "Cub Program of Scouting," and he will tell the Lions members something about the Cub program throughout the country and also relating to the North Shore Area council, (in particular, Highland Park,) with the view of encouraging the Highland Park Lions club to sponsor a Cub pack in Highland Park.

Parade May 16 Will Mark Opening Of Safety Week Here

The week beginning May 16 is Safety Week in Highland Park. This "week" is being sponsored by the Highland Park Citizens Safety Committee. In order to call attention to this week, a safety parade has been organized for Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, under the direction of Major Frank R. Ronan, chairman of the Highland Park Safety Week. A number of organizations will participate in this parade, some of which are the High School Band, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, and the School Boy Traffic Patrol. All of these units have been instructed by Major Ronan to gather in front of the high school auditorium promptly at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The line of march will go through the business district of Highland Park. Mayor William M. Dooley will be one of those who will head the Safety Parade.

Next week, literature pertaining to safety will be distributed throughout the community and through the schools, and a number of organizations will give special attention to safety matters during their own meetings. A general meeting of the complete committee of the Highland Park Citizens Safety group will be called and notices will get out at the end of this week.

The Highland Park Citizens Safety Committee wishes to announce that they have been making a study of a modern traffic ordinance which will be recommended to the City of Highland Park. The Ordinance Committee is under the direction of Edward M. Steele, of Linden Park place. Other members of this committee are as follows:

Miss Minnie Buzard, Chief of Police Edward Moroney, Harry B. Aiston, Philip E. Cole, Harry D. Pertz, and Frank R. Ronan.

A recommendation to the City Commission of Highland Park for bringing up to date a traffic ordinance will be made immediately. The last traffic ordinance adopted by the City of Highland Park was in 1929, and there have been many changes since that time, particularly in the State of Illinois Traffic code. It is also the opinion of the Ordinance Committee that the City of Highland Park should spend at least \$500 a year for the upkeep of standard traffic signs, these signs to be placed at the schools and important intersections after consultation with the Police Department.

Under the direction of Harry D. Pertz and Philip E. Cole, work has been started on the Highland Park Safety maps. By using different colored ink on the maps, the maps will give a permanent record of accidents in the City of Highland Park. The record will be taken from the Police Department beginning January 15, 1938. One of the maps will be brought up to date so that it will be available for public observation during next week.

A further study is also being made covering the possibility of "stop" and "go" lights at the corner of Green Bay road and Central avenue. There are many angles involved in this problem and it is necessary to have a thorough investigation of this situation.

Supervisors Keep "Hands Off" Slot Machine Issue

Slot machines gave the board of supervisors a headache late yesterday, but the board dodged the issue by failing to vote on a motion to disapprove the gambling devices in taverns.

"Let the people who don't want them make their complaints to the sheriff," said Supervisor William Witten of Highland Park. "He'll remove them."

Chairman Daniel Hentges of the board ruled out of order a motion by Assistant Supervisor J. Russell Miller of North Chicago that the board go on record opposing the slot machines in county taverns and refreshment stands. Miller's motion was seconded by Assistant Supervisor Arthur Swanson of Highland Park.

"Why should any syndicate be permitted to place the machines where they want to?" Swanson asked. "I think there is protection being paid for them. There is no reason why the county should not get some of that money." Chairman Hentges said that he did not think the board should enter into the controversy.

"Olivet to Calvary" To Be Sung Sunday In Highland Park

The Community Choral Club cordially invites the citizens of Highland Park to its rendition of the sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" at the Presbyterian church, Laurel avenue, next Sunday, May 15, at 8 p.m.

George R. Faulds, the director of the chorus, will direct the cantata, Miss Helen Taylor is the pianist, and Mr. Anschutz, choirmaster of the Episcopal church, has kindly consented to play the organ accompaniment.

"Olivet to Calvary" is the story in music of the last few days of Christ's life on earth and some reflections suggested thereby. There will be no charge, but an offering will be taken to enable those who wish to do so to contribute something towards the support of the chorus.

Members of the Choral Club are: Mr. Wallace, William Pearce, Henry Pearce, Frank Ronan, Kenneth C. Bennett, Michael Quinn, Walter Meierhoff, Mr. Windsor, William Howard, Ted Marks, T. H. Morris, Garfield Canright, George Morris, Mr. Shupe, G. J. Dinkeloo, Joseph Redine, Dr. Earl Fritsch, Mr. Immerwahr, and Jerry Baum.

Mrs. Frank Austin, Mrs. Louise Schemmel, Mrs. Mustrick, Mrs. Dorothy Haskins, Mrs. Charles Brooks, Mrs. G. S. Canright, Mrs. F. J. Spaulding, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Wm. Howard, Mrs. John Witten, Mrs. E. R. Baum, Mrs. Geo. Hinn, Misses Elizabeth Morris, Joan Dexter, Marie Santi, Cereza Longstreth, Frances Drabek, Tessie Golden, Blanche Thompson, Mrs. Fred Okey, Mrs. Chas. Nixon, and Mrs. Earl D. Fritsch.

The soloists from the Choral club are: Mrs. Irma J. Nixon, soprano; Frank Ronan, tenor, and Joseph Redine, baritone. One hymn will be sung by a quartette: Mrs. Dorothy Haskins, Mrs. Mary Spaulding, Walter Meierhoff and William Howard.

E. G. Rivers Buys Share in Deibler Motor Sales Corp.

E. G. Rivers, active in the automotive business for many years, has purchased an interest in the Deibler Motor Sales corporation at 22 S. First street.

Rivers' association with the motor industry dates back to 1912 when he was associated with the retail selling of Durant motors serving as branch manager until 1924. In 1928 he became associated with Chrysler Motors serving as branch manager in Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati and Chicago.

He recently resigned as sales manager of the Chicago branch of Chrysler Motors to become affiliated with Mr. Deibler in the automotive business here.

"Our product is especially adapted to the neighborhood and I know of no finer community in which to make a permanent home," Mr. Rivers stated.

Garden Class Holds Plant Sale May 21

The annual plant sale of the Garden class of the Highland Park Woman's club will be held Saturday, May 21, on the grounds between the North Western tracks and First street at Central avenue.

Motorists May Get Free Road Maps at "Press Office"

Local motorists will be interested to learn that the Highland Park Press has received a supply of the 1938 Illinois Official Highway maps for free distribution. They may be obtained by calling at the office of the Highland Park Press, 536 Central avenue.

F. Lynden Smith, director of the Department of Public Works and Buildings, points out that the new maps contain the route changes that have been made to eliminate short routes and to give a more continuous marking of highways. Some of these changes affect Lake County roads.

This year's map follows the revised form introduced last year. Besides the highways, the map lists railroads, electric lines, state parks, monuments, game preserves, state institutions, colleges and universities, airports, highway police headquarters, and an index to the location of cities and villages.

"Pride & Prejudice" Ready to Present Next Friday Night

A talented cast of 26 characters, a thousand lines of salty sayings and biting repartee, appropriate music from 19th Century England, 44 new and striking costumes, three pretentious and authentic settings—all these are in readiness for Highland Park high school's all-school play, "Pride and Prejudice," the dramatic version of Jane Austen's novel, to be given in the school auditorium next Friday night, May 20, at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Robert Schneider, industrial arts instructor at the High school, has directed the construction of three distinct sets for the play, each hung from the ceiling to facilitate the quickest change of scenery. Mr. Robertson of the Alden Studio has assisted Miss Rinkenberger in the collection of authentic antiques for the stage while Mr. Drieske will select appropriate flowers for the setting.

Rosemary Russo and Pete Wolf and their twenty-four co-members of the cast will appear in forty-four carefully designed authentic 19th Century costumes including everything from black boots to white breeches for the men, and from spring bonnets to bouncing bustles for the ladies. Painstaking care has been exercised by the Milwaukee Federal Handicraft project which has made these costumes especially for this production.

Mrs. Helen Mayer Mannings will direct a selected orchestra for the play which will include in its numbers "The Dashing White Sergeant," "London Air," "God Save the King," and other minuets, polkas, and gavottes of that period.

The Girls club at the High school will sponsor an unreserved seat sale for "Pride and Prejudice," while reserved seats will be sold at the box office beginning next Wednesday at 8 a.m.

A large staff has assisted Miss Rinkenberger in staging this production of a true Broadway favorite. The following deserve special recognition:

Assistant directors—Ruth Chalmers, Verna Mae White.

Make-up crew—Mary Loing, Mimi Reeb, Betty Bowen.

Wardrobe—Phyllis Udell, Rosemary Schiff.

Properties—Beverley Frisbie, Maxine Renner, Germaine Walsh, Otilie Neumer, Betty Kugel, Gunter Schwandt.

Electricians—Ardis Martin, Myra Bevins, Sarah Jane Murfey.

Stage manager—Alden Harris.

Deerfield School Board of Education Reduces Faculty

At the regular monthly meeting of the Deerfield Grammar school Board of Education on Monday evening it was decided that due to the fact that school expenditures the past year had been more than the income, three members of the faculty would not be given contracts for the coming year. Those to be released are Mrs. Leta Toll Lindhout, Mrs. Margaret Callan Williams, and Miss Helen Louise Patton.

Superintendent C. E. Bates reported that the WPA project now in force, which supplies a school nurse and a secretary, is to be discontinued on May 18, according to information received last week. Thought the office of Supervisor James O'Connor and the board of education, a delegation is to meet with the district director of Women's and Professional projects in Chicago to petition for the continuance of the project.

The board unanimously approved the participation in the Pupil Testing Program to be inaugurated in all grammar schools in the Highland Park High School district. The expenditure will not exceed sixty dollars.

A letter from former directors of the school was read which told of finances in the past few years.

With a few well chosen words of appreciation to the interested audience, President B. B. McRoy asked for suggestions from the floor. An executive session to discuss next year's contracts was held following the adjournment.

Bingo Party At Elks Club May 14

A bingo party is to be held Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Elks club under the direction of Highland Park Lodge No. 1862, B. P. O. E. There will be door prizes, besides a host of other prizes to help make the evening a most enjoyable one. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. C. W. Balke Is Honored For Work With Rare Metals

The Edward Longstreth Medal, which is awarded by the Franklin Institute (Philadelphia) for "inventions of high order and for particularly meritorious improvements and developments in machines and mechanical processes," has been awarded to Dr. Clarence W. Balke, director of research at Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation "in consideration of his scientific work in chemistry and metallurgy which re-



sulted in the development of processes for the production and commercial utilization of Columbium and Tantalum."

The medal will be formally presented to Dr. Balke in Philadelphia May 20.

Dr. Balke is one of the world's most eminent authorities in the field of rare metals and rare earths. Born in 1880, he was educated at Oberlin college and at the University of Pennsylvania.

The work he has done has been almost exclusively in the field of the so-called rare elements. At the University of Pennsylvania, under the inspiring direction of Edgar F. Smith, he became attracted to this peculiar field of endeavor, which has held his attention ever since.

While there he determined the atomic weight of columbium, and later at the University of Illinois he determined the atomic weight of the sister metal, tantalum. In both cases the values he obtained were accepted by the International Committee on Atomic Weights, and have been the accepted standard values for these elements. While at Illinois, where he was first associate professor and later professor of inorganic chemistry, he began an extensive study of the rare elements, which has been continued by his associate and successor, Dr. B. S. Hopkins. This work has led to the discovery of the new element, Ilinium.

Dr. Balke has been associated with the company which is now Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation since 1916. His time has been devoted to the study of the metals tungsten, tantalum, columbium and molybdenum. His first important contribution was the development of a commercial process for the production of tantalum, a metal characterized by its great resistance to corrosion and its peculiar properties when heated to high temperatures in vacuum tubes. Out of this development has grown an

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Woman's Association Presents Dr. Foster in Illustrated Talk

The May program-meeting of the Woman's association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will be held on Monday, May 16, at 2 o'clock.

Dr. O. Delmer Foster, noted educator, writer, and world traveler, will give an illustrated talk on Mexico. He is an archaeologist and authority on Mexico and its problems, having just returned from another year's travel, research, and study of that country. Dr. Foster has become acquainted with practically all of the archbishops of Mexico, even living in hiding with some of them.

An added attraction will be the musical program of Mexican songs, given by Mrs. R. F. MacFadden in costume.

The usual hospital dressing tables will be ready in the morning at 10 o'clock, followed by luncheon and a short business meeting at 1 o'clock. The women have been divided into new groups since the last monthly meeting and tentative reports and plans for the new year will be given.