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## Deerfield C. of C. Proposes Election For Park Board

The proposal of the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce that an election be held in November next to determine whether Deerfield shall have a park district has met with enthusiastic approval. Forward looking citizens are agreed that the time is opportune to establish a park district, in fact several have inquired why such action was not taken long ago.

An election in November can be held with a minimum of expense and the fact that both state and federal representatives are to be selected at that time makes it reasonably certain that the result will be a clear cut expression of opinion.

The work of preparing the petition for the park district and the petitions for park commissioners is being pushed forward under the direction of W. R. Mitchell and his Chamber of Commerce committee. The committee consists of Edward H. Selig, Clarence Schmidt, Edward F. Segert and Raymond Meyer and Burton B. McRoy is sitting in as honorary legal adviser.

Voters are urged to come forward with suggestions both as to the territory which should be taken into a park district and suitable candidates for the first park commissioners. More than one opinion has been expressed that the park district should not run further south than the county line and that it should be limited to areas within the West Deerfield Township. Inasmuch as a majority of the votes in each township is required to establish a park district which includes land in more than one township, it would appear advisable not to take in too much territory at the first step. Additional areas can always be taken in later by annexation proceedings which call for two elections, one in the then park district and one in the territory proposed to be added. Affirmative results in both elections are required for the addition to become effective. The committee will ascertain and publish full information as to what territory on the east and the north of Deerfield is outside of existing park districts.

The following have already been suggested as being eminently suitable candidates for park commissioners: Arthur G. Gollits of Briarhill road; Fred W. Nolde of Meadowbrook road; Kenneth Towler, Harold Norman and C. V. Burghart all of Bannockburn; Harry E. Wing the former president of the Village of Deerfield; Carter M. Christensen of Sunset court; Frank M. Sturtevant of Beverly court; J. A. Benz a recent arrival on Warrington road; Ward Gauntlett of Deerfield road and Lewis E. Ashman also of Deerfield road.

Three or four other names were also suggested but as those men are engaged in businesses which could obtain contracts from a park district committee felt that the proposers should first of all ascertain if there was a willingness to serve, as a park commissioner would be barred from business dealings with the local park district. It can properly be assumed that, everything else being equal, local contractors would be utilized wherever possible.

Some questions have been asked as to the amount of bonds which can be issued by a park district and the probable amount by which taxes could be increased. Both these matters are governed by the total assessed valuation of property within a park district but the committee will investigate and publish the fullest possible information in the near future.

## Woman's Association Membership Tea

The Woman's Association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will have its membership tea on Monday, Sept. 15, at 4 o'clock in the parish house. There will be special music. Members and friends of the association are cordially invited to attend.

## Eastern Star Holds Card Party Friday

Campbell Chapter No. 712 O. E. S. are holding a card party tomorrow evening (Friday) at 8:15 o'clock in Masonic temple. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. Bridge and 500 will be played. Members and their friends are invited.

## Mission Services Open Sunday at Bethany Church

Beginning Sunday morning at 11 a.m. service, the Bethany Evangelical church will begin its "Farther with Christ Preaching Mission." Services will be held in the auditorium of the church each evening at 8 p.m., excepting Saturdays, for a period of two weeks.



Rev. E. M. Kerlin

Rev. E. M. Kerlin of Michigan City, Indiana, who served at Bethany a year ago, will again serve as the missoner in these meetings. Rev. Kerlin, has a unique manner in presenting the claims of Christ and the cause of the church, he uses many incidents out of current events to illustrate his message. In his younger days, Mr. Kerlin was a newspaper writer, through which he gained a wide experience of the needs of humanity. This has proven to be a great asset in his preaching. This mission has been carefully planned by the leaders and the pastor of the church. They have not only kept in mind those who already follow Christ and would go farther with Him, but attention will be given to the interests of those who do not follow Christ yet realize their need of Him. Good congregational singing and special music will be a feature of each evening's service. In addition to talent from the Bethany choir, visiting groups from churches will provide special numbers from time to time. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested, to attend his mission.

## N. S. Line Remains Closed; Students Are Inconvenienced

Many school students who have been solely dependent upon the North Shore line for transportation to and from school were forced to find other means of getting to school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

With the railroad situation still at a standstill and the prospects for reopening service as vague as it was two weeks ago when the strike was called, youngsters who attend Highland Park high school are faced with a serious situation.

Students from outlying districts, namely Highwood, Ravinia and south Highland Park either must walk or secure taxi service. If the road does not soon resume service it may become necessary to seek other means of transportation for the students.

Not only Highland Park is faced with this situation but other North Shore communities as well. The shut down has caused considerable inconvenience to large numbers of residents as well as loss of business to many merchants. It is hoped that the situation will soon be ironed out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

## Joseph Condon Sails on Test Trip Aboard New Cruiser

Joseph Condon, 240 Washington avenue, Highwood, sailed Tuesday from Brooklyn Navy Yards, aboard the Honolulu, on its first trip to Holland, France, England, Spain, Portugal and the West Indies. He will be gone until the fourth of November.

A graduate of Deerfield-Shields High school and Northwestern university, with a Doctors degree in the School of Engineering, Mr. Condon was appointed inspector of Navy material for the United States government. Much of the material used in the new cruiser had been inspected by him.

Last year Mr. Condon attended the coronation in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Condon of the above address. The elder Mr. Condon is engaged in the furniture repair business in Highland Park.

## Judge Braude To Be Heard Tuesday At C. of C. Meeting

The regular monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday at the Twig 'N Thistle (Green Tea Pot) at 6:30 in the evening.

Judge J. M. Braude of the Chicago Boys Court, will be the speaker and has chosen as his topic, "I Like Bad Boys."

Judge Braude has dedicated his life to the youth problem and has become an authority with the solution of the problems of juvenile delinquency. He has seen more than 12,000 boys in his court and has gained nationwide attention for his keen understanding and helpfulness in dealing with the youth.

In addition to the speaker, matters of business will be discussed and a colored film of the Chamber's annual golf tournament will be shown.

## Highwood Man Is Slashed During Argument Monday

As the result of a near fatal razor slashing of Charles Montecchi, Highwood laborer, early Monday morning, Joe Rovelli, 53, of 538 Central avenue, Highwood, was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, in a preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Joseph Ariano, Tuesday.

Montecchi is in a serious condition in the Highland Park hospital where twenty-one stitches were taken to close the gash in his neck.

Both men were intoxicated, police said, and Rovelli, the assailant, who was taken to the Highwood police station, could not remember a thing that happened.

Montecchi, who is 51 and resides at 125 North avenue, and Rovelli had attended a labor union picnic on B 22, and returned to Highwood shortly after midnight. They went to a tavern in Highwood, and while there began a bitter argument. Leaving the tavern about 12:30, still in a quarrelsome mood, walked toward the North Shore parking lot in the rear of the tavern. Bob Hastings, a WPA camp cook, followed the men a few minutes later.

Suddenly, police said, Rovelli whipped out a straight razor and slashed Montecchi across his throat. Hastings grabbed his arm before he could strike again, and was cut about the wrist.

Rovelli was taken to the Highwood jail where he was questioned but no real motive has been found for the quarrel. Montecchi is still in the Highland Park hospital.

## "White Banner" Is Outstanding Film At Alcyon Theatre

Don Ameche, Simone Simon and Robert Young are co-starred in a galli provocative comedy, "Josette," which is to be screened at the Alcyon on Friday and Saturday. Bert Lahr and Joan Davis head the assisting cast and of course you already know that these two are the sensational new comedy team that everyone is talking about.

A glorious successor to "Magnificent Obsession" and "Green Light" will be presented at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It is "White Banners," adapted from a best-selling novel by Lloyd C. Douglas. The film is a moving tale, entertaining and full of the idealistic fervor so characteristic of Douglas' work.

That the story seems to be lived rather than acted is a tribute to a splendid cast. Fay Bainter, Claude Rains, Jackie Cooper and Bonita Granville are the stars in this film which everyone should put on their "must see" list.

The age-old triangle of a man and two women still finds novel and up-to-the-minute treatment in "Woman Against Woman," screening at the Alcyon on next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the double-feature program. The second attraction is "We're Going to Be Rich," a broad, lusty story of life in Australia and South Africa. With Victor McLaglen, one of our favorite he-men, in his finest role as a somewhat irresponsible devotee of the "get-rich-quick" idea of getting on in the world is supported by Gracie Fields, famous British musical star and comedienne.

## Enrollment Shows Small Increase In Local Schools

Yesterday (Wednesday) nearly 3,000 children joined the annual "back to school" brigade in Highland Park. In the grade schools, little outside of the usual routine enrollment was accomplished, while at the high school the upper classmen received assignments and outlined their semester's classes. The freshmen were enrolled Tuesday.

Only tentative enrollment figures could be obtained due to the fact that many families have not returned from summer vacations. A full account may not be available for another week.

At the high school 316 freshmen were registered on Tuesday, but it is felt by those in charge that this number will be increased before the end of the week. The total enrollment including freshman was 1151, which compares to a great extent to last year's figures.

In District 108, which includes Ravinia, Lincoln, Braeside and Ridge schools, the first day's registration fell short a little of last year. Three hundred and forty-eight pupils were recorded at Lincoln against 353 in 1937; Ridge school enrolled 66, an increase over last year's 57. Ravinia fell short with 395 as compared to 1937 figures of 401. Braeside showed considerable increase, 179 against last year's 153. The Braeside district has been rapidly developing during the past two years, due to an extensive building program, many new homes being constructed in the south end of Highland Park. It is quite likely that final records will show a vast change in the next two weeks.

In District 107, Elm Place school enrolled 547 children the opening day, while the Green Bay school listed 179 pupils. This is approximately the same as last year's enrollment, although there may be some increase as soon as the families return from summer vacations. Forty-six new families were recorded in the district, not including the first graders never before enrolled.

## Rescuers Of Lake Storm Victims Are Awarded Medals

As an appreciation to the lake rescue of August 20th of Franklyn W. Chaffee and his son Walter, 7, his seven rescuers were honored with a luncheon at his home Sunday.

Valor medals were presented the rescuers by Chief of Police Edward Moroney. They were Hugh Reading, 17; Michael O'Brien, 16; Robert Earhart, 17; Milan Cobble, 16; Carl Johnson, 19; James Byrne, 52, and Robert Umbach, 25.

Mr. Chaffee, a magazine executive who resides at 437 Egandale road, and his son were in grave danger when a violent storm struck Lake Michigan while they were cruising in their sailboat and were towed to safety by the boys and men. Seven other crafts were also endangered by this storm which claimed the lives of George W. Galdzik and his son Michael.

## Dr. Gieser Leaves Soon to Resume Work in China

Dr. Kenneth Geiser, who with his wife and child is returning to China to resume his missionary work in the hospital at Tsingkiangpu, Kiangsu, will give a farewell address at the First United Evangelical church Sunday night.

They are sailing October 1 to Shanghai where Mrs. Geiser and the baby will remain because of the war while Dr. Geiser goes on to his hospital.

His many friends will be glad to have this opportunity to hear his address.

## Advise Protection Against Rabies For Highland Park Dogs

Owners of dogs in Highland Park are warned by Chief of Police Moroney to have their animals examined by a veterinarian if they show any signs of illness.

During the past two weeks three dogs have been found in Highland Park suffering from rabies and were taken to the city pound.

This precaution is urged so that there may be no difficulties caused by these animals attacking persons.

## Will Feature New Musical Program at Presbyterian Church

A new musical program is just being introduced in the services of the Highland Park Presbyterian church. This program promises to be of interest to a great many people. Helen Abbott Byfield, wife of Dr. Arthur F. Byfield, is the new director in charge. Mrs. Byfield with her fine musical training and rich experience will be in a position to make a very fine contribution to church music in Highland Park. The new male quartet appeared for the first time in the services on Sunday, Sept. 4th. The quartet consists of Ray Steiner, basso; Lewis Wareham, baritone; Bernard Banheft, first tenor; Leonard Balsamo, second tenor. Mr. Balsamo was the tenor in the church three years ago and his return is heralded with delight by his many friends in Highland Park. In response to popular request, during the month of September, Mr. Balsamo will sing a solo each Sunday morning.

A young people's chorus is being developed. This chorus will be made up from young people in the church school and the church. It is hoped to have the chorus ready for the services the first Sunday in October. The many favorable comments on this new development of the musical program in the church have been very gratifying to those in charge.

Auditions for the girls of the chorus will be held on Friday, Sept. 9, at 4:30 in the parish house.

## Mildred Haessler to Reopen Ravinia Studio of the Dance

Mildred Haessler's dance studio at 1737 Rice street in Ravinia will reopen Saturday, September 24 for its 14th season of training in ballet, tap, and elementary acrobatics. Two classes for special training will be featured on Saturdays. One will be for beginners and second year children between the ages of seven and ten; the other for advanced students who desire a thorough training both in technique and the creative side of the ballet. Special attention will be given to individual talent, and these groups will be chosen by direct contact with the parents.

Ballroom instruction will be given in the evenings for individuals or small private groups.

The Highwood classes will reopen in the Labor temple, North avenue, Highland Park, on Tuesday, September 13th.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning H. P. 1330.

## Lew Sarett, Jr. Is Awarded Marcey Scholarship at N.U.

Lew Sarett, Jr., 1732 S. Green Bay road, Ravinia, has been awarded the Marcey scholarship in experimental, observational, and mathematical sciences at Northwestern university, it was announced today by Addison Hibbard, dean of the college of liberal arts. The scholarship pays full tuition for the senior year.

Sarett is the son of Lew Sarett, poet, lecturer, and professor of professional speech at Northwestern university. He is a graduate of Deerfield-Shields high school, and already holds a four-year Hardy scholarship in forensics.

He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary society, Phi Lambda Upsilon, national honorary fraternity, and Phi Kappa Psi, social fraternity on the campus. He is also a member of the varsity wrestling squad. At present he is touring Europe with John Taylor, a fraternity brother and classmate.

The Marcey scholarship, the most distinguished award made to an undergraduate in natural science, is named for Oliver Marcey, former Northwestern professor of natural history and physics, dean of the college of liberal arts, curator of the museum and twice acting president. The scholarship was established in 1895.

## R. Lewis to Discuss European Conditions

At the regular meeting of the Dumasag Spencer Post of the American Legion Thursday evening, Sept. 8, Mr. Edward R. Lewis, a prominent Chicago lawyer, author and Legionnaire, will speak on the present European situation.

Mr. Lewis is well versed on conditions in Europe. All Legionnaires are urged to attend this meeting. An interesting and informative talk is assured.

Paul Webb, Commander.

## Rescue 12 From Drowning After Boat Explodes

Twelve persons, ten of whom were Highland Park residents, were rescued from drowning in Lake Michigan Sunday afternoon after a cabin cruiser exploded and sank about five miles off Waukegan. The men, wearing life preservers, floundered in the water for about forty-five minutes while the five women and two boys clung to a small dinghy until help arrived.

Those saved were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pease, 934 Waukegan avenue; Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Christensen and their son B. E., 50 Elmwood drive; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roeder, 369 Central avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Bert O. Brand, 360 East Park avenue; Dr. H. E. Lang of Highland Park; Miss Evelyn Gustafson, 2124 Lawrence avenue, Chicago, and Rod Gaenni, 15, of 505 N. Sheridan road, Waukegan.

The party left Waukegan harbor about eleven o'clock in the 36-foot cruiser, Lady Youth, for a cruise to Kenosha. The boat is owned by Lester Green of this city. As a precautionary measure a small dinghy was carried in tow.

The boat had gone only about five miles when a sudden explosion tore out the left side of the craft. Gasoline tanks were located on that side. Pease, who was at the wheel at the time of the explosion, and Brand, who braved the fire to get the life belts, were singed by the flames.

Efforts to extinguish the fire were made before the party deserted the burning craft. The boat was valued at about \$3,500.

A short time before the explosion a coal freighter, the Adriatic, bound for Detroit, was sighted, and a signal from one of the party brought help from the large boat. Deputy Sheriff Kennedy was notified by persons on shore who saw the burning craft and he sent a speedboat to bring the party to shore. All were brought to safety by the Kenosha Coast Guard.

Dr. Lang said, "none of the party realized how grave the danger until we were brought to shore. We just kept telling stories to keep our spirits up, and not one seemed to be the least panic stricken."

Both Dr. Christensen and Dr. Lang are optometrists in Highland Park, and Mr. Pease is proprietor of Pease Pharmacy. Mr. Roeder is manager of the Braun Bros. Oil company, Highland Park office. Mr. Brand is auditor for the Scully Steel Products company in Chicago.

## Young Republican Club To Elect New Officers Monday

The Young Republican club will meet Monday evening, Sept. 12 at eight o'clock in the club rooms in the Sher-park apartments at the corner of Sheridan and Park ave. As this will be the election of officers, all members are urged to attend.

A nation wide \$15,000 oratorical contest is being sponsored by young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 and every one interested in this contest is asked to attend this meeting when full particulars regarding same will be available.

Plans for the Tenth Congressional Young Republicans picnic to be held on Sept. 18 will be discussed.

Mr. Robert McClory, chairman of the Lake County Federation of Young Republican Clubs, Mr. Samuel Lasaine, chairman Tenth Congressional Young Republican club, and Mr. William Marks, chairman Lake County Central committee, will be the speakers.

## Mrs. Abbie A. Putnam Passes Away Monday

Mrs. Abbie Anna Putnam, aged 89, passed away Monday at her home 120 Lake ave. She had been a resident of Highland Park for the past thirty years, and was the wife of the late Abel A. Putnam who passed away about twenty-five years ago.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at two o'clock from her late home, and interment was in Rosehill cemetery.

Mrs. Putnam is survived by two sons, John A. and William Dudley, and three grandsons, Dudley A. John T. and Thomas R.