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WILL OPERATION CONTINUE

Now that the North Shore Line is running again, the question being asked by the communities which benefit by its services is: "Can the railroad continue to operate under present conditions?"

Everybody along the north shore was overjoyed when the differences between the workers and the management were ironed out sufficiently to allow the railroad to resume operations, but a vague feeling seems to exist that the future is not entirely rosy.

The recent closing emphasized the importance of the railroad to the many communities between Chicago and Milwaukee. That is why the businessmen and their families are fearful that another financial crisis may loom in the history of the line in the near future if the operating revenues of the line are not sufficient to meet expenses.

New building development is greatly hampered by this feeling of uncertainty. People will not build in the subdivisions lining the railroad's right of way unless they can be assured of adequate transportation in years to come. Business enterprises will not be established in those areas until the promoters are able to rely on dependable rail service. School children and shoppers are others who would find their daily lives disrupted by lack of transportation.

Another point to consider is the job situation. If the railroad closes again, because of financial difficulties, more than a thousand employees will be thrown out of work. Their payroll amounts to more than \$2,000,000 annually.

It is the opinion of The Highland Park Press that a considerable investment will be needed to enable the North Shore Line to modernize its equipment, speed up service, and retain the prestige it enjoyed as the fastest and most convenient railroad between Chicago and Milwaukee.

Officials of the North Shore Line might agree that such an investment is necessary, but their first question would be: "Where are we going to get the money?"

We feel that a government loan is the solution to the railroad's plight. Once the cars are streamlined, the roadbed improved to provide faster service, and other equipment brought up-to-date, the railroad cannot but regain the service it has lost to competing forms of transportation.

The railroad is a necessity as far as real estate and industrial development are concerned. It has a definite and important place in the social, economic, and industrial life of this great north shore territory. For the sake of all these benefits, some action should be taken at an early date to insure continued operation of the railroad.

What is the situation?

Can the answer be supplied by Colonel A. A. Sprague, receiver, and his associates who are charged with the responsibility of operating the North Shore Line?

It seems to us continued operation of the railroad is essentially a public problem and that the many shore communities which depend on the North Shore Line for transportation should be given the answer as to the future prospects of the line. So long as an element of doubt remains in the public mind whether or not the railroad will continue to operate, real estate and industrial development will be greatly hampered.

Mrs. Brazelton Will Present Second Of Current Events Series

"Full Spread Ahead" is the topic of the next current events talk to be given by Mrs. F. M. Brazelton on November 9 at the Y.W.C.A.

This is only the second in the series and it is not too late to buy course tickets. These are interchangeable and as many admissions can be used for guests at one time as desired.

It is cheaper to use course tickets than to pay each time at the door. A large audience heard this clever and fascinating and authoritative speaker at the first meeting and it is hoped that many more Highland Park women will attend and thereby support the very worthy cause of the endowment of the Park Ridge School for Girls.

The girls in this boarding school come from broken homes, sent mostly by Illinois courts. Some are supported either by father or mother or a relative. Some have no one. They pay only part of the tuition and board, and the school assumes the rest. It costs the small sum of \$40 a month to board and

educate a girl, and yet the school does not have enough to carry on its party. It needs your interest and support.

Hallowe'en Parade Staged In Highwood

Over 400 children of the Oak Terrace and St. James schools participated in the second annual parade conducted by the W.P.A. Recreation Project in Highwood Hallowe'en night.

Hundreds of parents gathered outside their homes at the sound of the approaching noise and at the sight of the huge spectacle. The paraders, led by a witch of enormous proportions and ugly mien, wore costumes of every description. Many wore masks and interesting grotesque heads which they had made in the project craft groups this past month.

The parade was led by torch light provided by Chief John DeSmidt and Mr. Clyde Cameron who acted as escorts. Gandolfi and Sheridan Grocery stores donated apples and Mr. Paul Muzik led the paraders in a beautiful fire ceremony and singing.

Lincoln School Clock Broken By Pranksters

It is gratifying to note that aside from a few serious offenses, Highland Park witnessed practically a quiet and uneventful Hallowe'en.

Naturally in a town as large as Highland Park, there are always a few who cannot see the difference between fun and destruction. One of the most destructive occurrences was the breaking of the glass on the large clock at the Lincoln school. This type of fun (if that is what it is termed) is most costly and certainly cannot be classed as good sportsmanship.

A poll book with this year's registration which according to law had been hung outside one of the polling precincts for the convenience of the voters, was taken, causing a complete loss to judges and resulting in a great loss of time to workers to compile another book. If the youngsters, or possibly oldsters who took this book have an ounce of decency left, they will return it to its original location.

Several windows of homes were broken by vandals, who really

thought it a practical Hallowe'en joke.

In many vacant lots, real estate signs were removed, and in some sections of the town, rolls of "soft as silk" were tossed over trees, presenting a most unsightly scene.

If Highland Park could boast a Community House, with organized play, Hallowe'en might be handled in a different manner, minus all destruction, plus clean, wholesome fun. What about next year?

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