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## John Gourley Is Instantly Killed Early Yesterday

The tragic death of John Gourley, prominent Highland Park lumberman, early yesterday morning, came as a terrific shock to the citizens of this city. Mr. Gourley was instantly killed by an early morning Northwestern southbound train, as he was enroute from his home at 379 Elm place to his place of business directly west of the tracks at 507 Elm place.

Whether he was deeply engrossed in thought, or due to the severe cold, did not seem the impending danger, the aged man walked directly into the path of the train which arrives in Highland Park at 7:02 a. m. His body was discovered by a crossing watchman shortly after the train had crossed the Elm place crossing. He had apparently been struck on the head by the right side of the engine. Mr. Gourley's watch, found later a short distance down the tracks, had stopped at 7:12 a. m.

The deceased was born Sept. 24, 1858, in L'nagh county, Ireland, and came to America when a young man of 20.

On March 21, 1881, he was married to Miss Margaret McKenney, also of Ireland. He and his wife settled in Chicago where Mr. Gourley went to work for the S. K. Martin Lumber company, one of the earliest and foremost lumber concerns in Chicago, serving as yard foreman and shipping clerk. He later became associated with the Green Lumber company in a similar capacity. It was during this period that the lumber business was at its height in Chicago, and the early training during this pioneering period gave Mr. Gourley an excellent education and foundation for his life work.

In 1896 the family moved to Waukegan where he went into the lumber business for himself. In 1911 he sold the Waukegan business to the Hussey Lumber company and came to Highland Park, where he founded the John Gourley Lumber company. Associated in business with him were his son, A. Lyle Gourley (at present a Highland Park commissioner) and his son-in-law, Leonard W. Nietzer.

A firm believer in the future development of Highland Park, as a residential center, caused this valued citizen to choose this city as his home and place of business.

In spite of his advanced years, he was a familiar figure in his place of business, where he maintained an active interest and shouldered responsibilities as he had in earlier years. A healthy physique, he could boast of barely having a sick day in his life.

He was devoted to his family, and enjoyed the association of his five children and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Gourley was a life member of the Art Institute of Chicago. He had served as an elder in the Highland Park Presbyterian church, since coming to Highland Park in 1911.

Besides his wife, Margaret McKenney Gourley, he is survived by three sons, William of Lake Forest, A. Lyle of Highland Park, Edward of Northfield, and two daughters, Miss Lida and Mrs. Helen G. Nietzer, both of this city. Two brothers, Joseph Gourley of Owasso, Mich., and William Gourley of Ireland, also survive. His nine grandchildren are: Phylee Jane and Robinson B. Gourley of Highland Park; Margaret Louise and Arthur John Gourley of Lake Forest; Edward Drew and John Haydon Gourley of Northfield, and Leonard W., Jr., Joan Lenore and Margaret M. Nietzer of this city.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Highland Park Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Lake Forest cemetery.

## Lenten Sermons to Again Be Featured by Press, Weekly

With the cooperation of the ministers of this community, the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will present a series of Lenten sermons appropriate to the Lenten season each week during this period.

The custom of running a sermonette each week was adopted a few years ago and was so graciously accepted by Highland Park citizens that THE PRESS feels it a great privilege to over a similar series to their readers, during this present holy season. We are deeply grateful to the Ministerial society for their contribution.

## Attilio Baggiore World Famed Tenor to Sing Here March 3

The Elm Place School Parent Teachers Association is having a benefit recital for the P.T.A. at the Jesse Lowe Smith auditorium in the Elm Place school on Friday, March 3, at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Attilio Baggiore, one of the world's favorite tenors, will sing, while Mr. Robert Macdonald, pianist, will accompany him.

Mr. Baggiore is an American of Italian ancestry. Determined to be a singer, as a young man he journeyed to Naples to study. After two months in Italy, the famous Luisa Tetrazzini heard Baggiore and booked him for thirty point concerts through England, Scotland and Ireland. While in Sorrento preparing for this tour, Enrico Caruso heard the youthful student and gave him invaluable coaching and inspiration.

Upon his return to Rome, he made his debut at the Royal Opera and "command" performances before King Victor Emmanuel and Benito Mussolini followed. These successes resulted in a tour of all the leading opera houses in Europe.

In 1931 Baggiore made his debut with the Chicago Civic Opera company singing "Lucia de Lammermoor." He was received with such enthusiasm that he was immediately booked for fifty-five concerts from coast to coast. Each year he has duplicated these transcontinental tours with startling success. Audiences everywhere marvel at his exquisite voice and his faultless, clear diction. A voice of conspicuous beauty, robust and dramatic, yet topped with a feathery pianissimo of entrilling loveliness.

Mr. Macdonald is very well known and established as a pianist.

The evening should be an unusual rare treat for all.

Mrs. Clarence Schaaf is the energetic president of the Elm Place P.T.A. She is assisted by an able board of directors, including Mrs. Robert Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Lester Britten, secretary; Mrs. Walter Neisser, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Smith, social; Mrs. Barton Sackett, program; Mrs. Edwin Gilroy and Mrs. Henry Getz, chairmen of Room Mothers; and Mrs. Harold J. Schumacher, lunch room chairman.

## High School P.T.A. to Hear Discussion on Adult Education

The March meeting of the high school P.T.A. will be a program on Adult Education in charge of Arthur Thurston of the high school. At 3 o'clock on Thursday, March 2, tea will be served in the cafeteria so that parents and teachers may see the exhibit of the work of the Adult Education classes which will be on display there. It will include the crafts, metal, clay and leather work; products of the woodworking shop; sewing, painting, mechanical drawing; typing papers, bookkeeping sets, and shorthand exercises.

The program in the English club-room will start promptly at 3:30, when Mr. Scheuchemppf (M. X.), the first director of any adult education work in Highland Park, will sketch briefly his work before the high school took over the project. Mr. Thurston will follow with a discussion of adult education at the present time.

H. M. Genskow, director of the Shorewood Opportunity School of Milwaukee, which spends \$50,000 annually, will describe the work of his school which is said to have the largest and best adult education project in the United States. It has day classes as well as evening ones and include all the things offered by the Highland Park project and many more. It sponsors a large recreation program also and it is all paid for primarily by taxes, with only a small fee from those taking the courses.

Mr. Genskow will tell also what he considers the future of Adult Education. The time of this program is advanced a half hour of so that Mr. Genskow will be able to get back to Milwaukee for his evening classes.

## Karl Schuessler To Address Lions Club

The Highland Park Lions Club will meet this noon at 12:15 in Hill's Tearoom on N. Sheridan road for their weekly luncheon and meeting. Karl Schuessler, instructor in social science at Highland Park High school, will speak. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and former sociologist at Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet.

His subject will be "Crime."

### Again—Lent

Originally the word Lent meant springtime. The ancients thought of it as coming after a season bleak with winter, ushering in the first tender green of new life and growth. But of more importance than the grass of the field and the first balmy breeze of spring is the new birth which the true Lent means for man's soul. For Lent is the season of a Story, a Story of new life. The Story comes to hearts bleak, deserted, barren, hopeless. That Story calls forth peace, warmth, light, and life. For it is the Story of Jesus Christ, sent by God the Father into an undeserving world at odds with God, giving Himself into death to pay the penalty of man's sin, to purchase forgiveness and peace. That Story is for all men. It is the Story of God's rich grace, His utter mercy.

Annually Lent comes with this demand for special time, for full attention to the Passion Story. We need those moments, hours, days. We need to be snatched from our preoccupations and from the cares of life and to listen to this Story. Last year we lived in Lent, too. Or did we? This is the first real Lent for some, the first time to view the story in Christ's great Passion with the eyes of faith, to look at the cross and say: "He died for me." But for most of us there was a Lent a year ago. Last Lent—time of precious pondering and of quiet peace! Then came a year; a year of walking with the Christ; a year too, of lapse, of failure, of weakness. And yet He has granted us another Lent, another offer of full forgiveness, another period in which He desires to strengthen our faith and enlarge the powers to lead a Christian life.

W. F. SUHR, Lutheran Pastor.

## Ezekial E. Farmer, Local Contractor, to Be Buried Today

Ezekial E. Farmer, 63, president of the Highways Construction company of this city, passed away Monday evening in a Milwaukee sanitarium. He suffered a stroke about six weeks ago. His home was at 495 Sheridan place.

Mr. Farmer was born in Tennessee, Ind., May 29, 1875, and came to Highland Park in 1898. Last September, he and his wife, who was the former Margaret T. Rafferty, celebrated their forty-third wedding anniversary.

The deceased was Highland Park's first fire chief serving the city in that capacity for twenty years. He took an active part in the city's early affairs, and was deeply interested in the growth and rapid progress of the community.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Modern Woodmen of the World.

He founded the Highways Construction company twenty-five years ago.

Surviving are his wife Margaret Rafferty Farmer, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Olson of Chicago, and one son, John T. of Highland Park.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock this morning (Thursday) in St. James church, Highwood. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

## Jack Benny and Joan Bennett at Aleyon Theatre

Papa Jones has let himself in for a peek of trouble, and there are bushels of fun and excitement as the whole family pitch in to help him out in "Down on the Farm," latest of the delightful Jones Family series which will be at the Aleyon on Saturday. Louise Fazenda, as Aunt Ida, whose farm they are on, and Eddie Collins, her hired man, and perennial suitor, are a new addition to the family. The Jones family goes down to Aunt Ida's farm for peace and quiet, and instead there's more fun and excitement than back in Maryville!

Jack Benny, equally at home on stage, radio and screen, is at his wise-cracking best in a hilarious story about the escapades of American vaudeville troupers stranded at the Paris Exposition. He is given ample assistance by a top-notch cast, which includes Joan Bennett, the Yacht Club Boys, Mary Boland and others. Against the glamorous background of the Paris Exposition, "Artists and Models Abroad" follows the adventure of Benny and his flat-broke gang of American hoofers. This hilarious comedy is interspersed with a number of new hit songs, all of which do credit to the lavish production. On the Aleyon screen this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

On the double-feature program for next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we shall be able to see two most interesting features. Joan Crawford, Robert Young and Melvyn Douglas are starred in an emotional drama called "The Shining Hour," in which there is everything in the way of good entertainment. The second attraction is "Say It in French," a delightful light comedy. Some of the situations in this film are so comical that they provoke uproarious laughter.

## John O'Connell Is Victim of Monoxide Gas; Funeral Friday

John O'Connell, aged 29, an employee of the Vogue Cleaners, Inc., was found dead of carbon monoxide gas early Tuesday morning in the garage of the establishment.

A verdict of death due to monoxide poisoning was returned at an inquest held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in the funeral home of Seguin and Logan, on N. Second street.

According to police, the tragedy was discovered by William Heiler, a driver for the plant, who resides above the Vogue Cleaners establishment on N. Green Bay road, about 7:20 in the morning. The motors of two cars were running and O'Connell's body was lying in the front seat of one of the trucks. Heiler shut off the motors of the cars and opened the garage doors and then called the police.

Artificial respiration was given by Patrolman Mike Bonamarte, until the fire department arrived with an inhalator. All efforts to revive the victim were futile.

O'Connell was last seen driving into the plant about 6:45 a. m. by Fred Zahle, 615 Vine avenue, a driver for the Bowman Dairy Co.

Johnny, as he was familiarly known in Highland Park, was born in Chicago. When a mere child, his mother died, and he was brought to Highland Park where he was reared and cared for by an aunt, Miss Tessie McClory, 130 S. First street.

He was chairman of the Highland Park Young Republican club and was a precinct committeeman.

A wife, Bernice Williams O'Connell, and a three year old son, Dennis, besides other relatives and friends survive the deceased.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock from St. James church, Highwood. Burial will be in Everett cemetery.

## Bishop Stewart to Visit Trinity Church

Again as in former years, the Rt. Rev. George Craig Stewart, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, will visit Trinity church on the first Sunday in Lent—February 2.

Bishop Stewart, but recently recovered from a long illness, has expressed his desire to come in person to Highland Park again this year. He will confirm a class presented to him at the 11 o'clock service, and will also preach the sermon.

The seating capacity of Trinity church has been somewhat increased due to the opening of the new chapel, but as always for the Bishop's visit, an overflowing congregation is expected.

## Colored Movies to Be Viewed Tuesday by Garden Class

Colored moving pictures of Yellowstone Park taken last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Prior, will be shown by Mrs. Prior, supplemented with slides of Luray cavern by Mrs. E. H. Harvey at the next meeting of the Garden class of the Highland Park Women's club at the home of Mrs. John L. Udell, 102 N. Sheridan road Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Assisting Mrs. Udell will be Mrs. Richard Mansell and Mrs. Paul Udell.

## City Primaries Next Tuesday, Polls Open 6 a. m. to 5 p. m.

### Review Candidates in Pamphlet To Be Sent Local Voters

A carefully prepared questionnaire was recently sent to all candidates seeking office in the City Primary election on February 28. This material has been compiled in pamphlet form by the Citizens Progress committee and is being mailed this week to all Highland Park voters.

Any local voter who does not receive a copy and wishes to have one, may secure it at the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS office where the pamphlet has been printed.

The summaries of the three candidates who are seeking the office of Mayor, which are contained in this pamphlet are being reprinted for the benefit of the readers of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS.

#### WILLIAM M. DOOLEY

589 Elm Place  
Candidate for Mayor  
Age 76. Born in Chicago. Educated in Highland Park grammar schools. Resident of Highland Park since 1866. Pays real estate taxes. Business: property renting. Is now Mayor of Highland Park and Treasurer of Deerfield Township schools.

Public offices held in past: Mayor, City Treasurer, Alderman, Tax Collector.

Mr. Dooley refers to his experience in public office as qualifying him for the office of Mayor. He states that he has a working knowledge of all the city departments. Also, he emphasizes his belief that public officials should always pay major attention to the rights of the taxpayer.

#### SAMUEL FRANK KNOX

547 South Sheridan Road  
Candidate for Mayor  
Age 70. Born in Princeton, Ill. Educated in public schools at Northwestern University. Resident of Highland Park since 1893. Pays real estate taxes. Before retirement, was an attorney.

Record of public office: Has been City Attorney of Highland Park; City Attorney of Highwood, and President of the School Board, District No. 108.

Mr. Knox states that his legal experience, especially with respect to special assessment, ordinance, and corporation work, fits him for the office which he seeks. Also, he expresses the following views: I would propose to "do away with grade crossings; improve garbage conditions; obtain new post office; reduce cost of city government, and find work for our idle workers."

#### FRANK J. RONAN

324 Park Avenue  
Candidate for Mayor  
Age 69. Born in Albany, New York. Educated in public grammar and high schools. Resident of Highland Park for 20 years. Pays real estate taxes. Business: retired. Was for many years associated with Swift & Co.

Holds no public office at present. Recently completed two-year term on Lake County Board of Review.

Mr. Ronan is an officer and director of Community Service, Inc. Is active on Highland Park Safety Committee. Represents American Legion in field of Community Relations.

Mr. Ronan refers to the following as fitting him for the office of Mayor: Long and successful experience in business. Ability to handle men. Intimate knowledge of the city and its needs. Mr. Ronan points out that he has an income commensurate with his needs; that he is in perfect health, and that, accordingly, he can devote whatever time is necessary to the work of the city. Also, he makes the following policy statement: "I believe the Mayor of Highland Park should concentrate on getting all the departments of the city to function properly. This should be possible with the right men as Commissioners. My aim will be to make Highland Park the ranking city on the North Shore, and this, for me, will be a pleasant task, indeed."

## N. W. Settlement to Meet March 1

The North Western Settlement meeting for March is next Wednesday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Wright, 934 Lincoln avenue, at 1 o'clock. Bring the mittens you are knitting for the children of the Settlement.

Next Tuesday, February 28th, the Highland Park city primaries will be held. Twenty one candidates will seek berths on the official ballot, when they go to vote on election day, Tuesday, April 18th.

Of the twenty-one office seekers, only 12 will be selected to fight for the final honors. There are three running for Mayor, 14 for commissioner and four for police magistrate.

Polls will open at 6 a. m. and will close at 5 p. m. The polling places are as follows:

- 1st precinct — Highland Park High school, 900 Vine avenue.
- 2nd precinct—North Shore Radio, 10 N. Sheridan road.
- 3rd precinct — North Shore Gas Co., 47 S. St. Johns avenue.
- 4th precinct—Bigley's residence, 623 S. St. Johns avenue.
- 5th precinct—Ravinia school, 1655 Dean avenue.
- 6th precinct — North Shore station, Roger Williams avenue.
- 7th precinct — Ravinia Fire station, 1612 Burton avenue.
- 8th precinct—Lincoln school, 495 Lincoln avenue.
- 9th precinct—Haak's Garage, 29 S. Second street.
- 10th precinct—Old City hall, 549 Central avenue.
- 11th precinct—Green Bay Grocery, 506 N. Green Bay road.
- 12th precinct — Densel Building, 1205 Deerfield avenue.

Those who are seeking the official offices are: Mayor, William M. Dooley, Samuel Frank Knox, and Frank J. Ronan; Commissioners: William J. Brown, Jerome P. Bows, Jr., Daniel J. Davitt, A. Lyle Gourley, Robert Greenslade, Eugene Edward Kern, William Mooney, Wm. Fred Nelson, Robert C. L. Price, N. S. Sharp, Clarence J. Shetzley, Arthur H. Swanson, Joseph H. Taylor and Fred Tucker; police magistrate, Henry A. Hansen, Gerrit T. Thorne, William H. True and H. C. Warren.

The present city officials, Mayor William Dooley and Commissioners, Brown, Gourley, Greenslade and Taylor are all seeking reelection.

In a previous issue of THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS it was stated that a brief biography of each of the office seekers would be published previous to election. Due to the fact that a Citizens committee is covering the same ground, and that the voters will be informed through another medium, THE PRESS felt it unnecessary to duplicate, and will not carry any further publicity regarding the qualifications of the candidates.

## "Student Stunts" to Be Presented Saturday, March 18

The 1939 edition of "Student Stunts," the most popular entertainment offered the public by the students of the Highland Park High school, has begun its second week of preliminary rehearsals and will be ready for presentation Saturday night, March 18.

Miss Elyse Rinkenberger, who has recently proved her versatility by whipping "Stooges Stunts" (the P.T.A. take-off on the high school show) into shape with but two sketchy rehearsals, will again direct "Student Stunts." With more time in which to prepare the presentation, the cast for the students' show should please an even larger audience than that which cheered for the adult show last week.

## Highland Park Press to Give Returns on Election, Tuesday

The advertising office of THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will be open next Tuesday evening as has been the custom in past elections) to receive the final returns on the Primary Election. Two telephones, H.P. 557 and H.P. 558, will be used exclusively for the results.

Up-to-date results will be maintained by THE PRESS staff in the local drug stores and depots. You may get the results by telephone or come to the office, located in the Highland Park Print shop at the rear of the main office on Central avenue. Entrance to the office is on Second street.