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### Comments

This week's council meeting was not one which would thrill or excite an audience but merely the expected routine summer meeting. At this time of year one should expect rather dull meetings, as seldom do matters of importance arise in the summer. The councilmen, however, are to be congratulated on their perfect attendance record at the last two meetings and also the promptness of calling the meetings to order.

Commissioner Swanson had numerous reports, suggestions and queries to make. He reported that he could get the dirt free from Winnetka for the fill at Beach street and Edgcliffe road but the hauling costs made the project too expensive. He wanted to know if the street department had the right to cut and remove shrubbery on the parkways in cases where the shrubs caused a traffic hazard. The corporation counsel stated that the city had the right, by ordinance, to remove such shrubbery. He also wanted to know that in a case where there was a sidewalk on only one side of the street and the walk needed repairs or replacement, if the owner on the opposite side of the street couldn't be charged with half of the expense. This question was unanswered although the other members seemed to think the suggestion good. Mr. Swanson also suggested that in the case of an outside contractor wrecking a building in Highland Park that he should be required to pay for dumping privileges at the city dump or else dump the refuse at some other place. He also stated that shrubbery should not be permitted around fire plugs. The mayor thought this an excellent idea, stating that the fire department should check this matter and remove the shrubs when found.

Mr. Sharp, in reporting on accounts and finance, moved that the city's share in the amount of \$98.62 for the truck legislation be paid and that Furland and Wilson be paid for the new police car. The motion was carried and payment was ordered by the council.

A communication from John A. Putnam was read by the clerk in which he tendered his resignation from the Civil Service Commission of which he was chairman. The mayor stated that he had talked with Mr. Putnam and that the latter felt that he had served the city long enough and did not have the time to spend that is required for the job. His resignation was accepted with regrets by the council. Mr. Sharp moved for the appointment of Byron C. Howes as chairman of the Civil Service Commission and Bowers moved for the appointment of Francis C. Bard to that committee to fill the vacancy to 1941. Both motions were carried.

An ordinance was presented, read and approved providing the First National Bank of Highland Park and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago to be the depositories for the money of the City of Highland Park.

A written opinion was rendered by the Corporation Counsel in which he stated that the carbon machine, needed by the water department, could be purchased as a special measure, without previous appropriation, but it would be necessary for the city to publish for bids.

Upon motion the Highland Park News was named the official paper of the city for the purpose of city advertising. This was made in accordance with the discussion at the last meeting in which it was agreed by the council and the publishers of the PRESS and the News that the business would be divided on the basis of the first and third years for the News and the second and fourth for the PRESS. This arrangement was agreeable all the way around and the fair thing in so far as the bids of the two papers were the same.

Commissioner Sharp suggested that an ordinance be passed requiring all persons who rent homes in Highland Park be required to make a \$10 deposit to the water department in order to eliminate people moving away owing a delinquent water bill. This ordinance would require people who did not come under an ordinance passed several years ago, requiring new residents to make the deposit, to now make the deposit. Commissioner Gourley was very much opposed to such an ordinance. He stated that he would like to have the money already deposited by the water users returned to them, thereby relieving the city of the responsibility of these trust funds. It was decided that there was no need for such an ordinance and the matter was tabled.

Mr. Fontana entered a plea for a special permit to build a home on

## "Rose of Washington Square", Feature at Alcyon Theatre

Lionel Barrymore, as the cantankerous but human old doctor, guides Lew Ayres through another tempestuous adventure in "Calling Dr. Kildare," second of the new medical-detective series showing at the Alcyon tonight, Friday and Saturday. Barrymore extracts the last morsel of both comedy and drama from his role of the crippled old physician who tries to teach the boy to follow in his footsteps. Nat Pendleton and Marie Blake again provide the comedy as the ambulance driver and telephone girl in the hospital.

Two romantic stars, Tyrone Power and Alice Faye, are joined by Al Jolson, the star who sings back the past everyone wants to remember, in "Rose of Washington Square," which is hailed by critics as the entertainment highlight of 1939. Featuring the heart songs and hit songs of today and yesterday, the film opens the gates of memory, rich with the emotion of years of beloved melody, and tells the stirring dramatic story of Rose, a girl on the level about love, no matter how it tricked her.

Combining hairbreadth escapes and suspenseful action with high hilarity, "It's a Wonderful World," presenting for the first time that new and auspicious team, Claudette Colbert and James Stewart, will be launched on its merry engagement at the Alcyon next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In sprightly dialogue and zany complications the picture reveals the efforts of Stewart, as an amateur detective, and Claudette, as a rhyming miss, to solve a murder mystery wherein Stewart is innocently involved. Everyone concerned with "It's a Wonderful World" may take a bow. And our advice is, make haste to see this breezy and gripping murder mystery.

## Police Radio Again Proves Worth in Record Time

Tired of the routine, Delores Rigotti, 18, a student nurse, Tuesday afternoon July 18, ran away from the Columbus Memorial hospital in Chicago.

Hospital authorities notified her father, August Rigotti of Norway, Mich., who started by auto to Chicago.

In Lake Forest Wednesday night Rigotti was stopped by Sgt. Paul Jensen of the city police for a traffic violation. Intrigued by the radio in the squad car, he asked the officer to broadcast a message about his missing daughter.

Jensen did so and the call was picked up and given wider circulation by the sheriff's office system. At 8:30 p.m. the notice reached Highland Park.

Fourteen minutes later Policeman Rolly Demgen saw a young woman attempting to thumb a ride at the intersection of Sheridan road and County Line road, Ravinia.

The girl admitted she was Delores. "I'm tired of a nursing career," she explained, "and want to go to California." Notified, Rigotti called for his daughter at the station.

## Meierhoff's Hardware Bankrupt Sale Continues

The entire bankrupt stock and fixtures of the Meierhoff Hardware Co. was sold to the highest bidder at auction, Wednesday, July 19, and is now offered for sale over the counter at their present address, 521 Central avenue, two doors west of their old location. The entire stock will be sold at half price. Store will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. so that shoppers may have an opportunity to see the many bargains on sale.

his property in Ravinia. He had been refused a permit by the building inspector because his lot was a little short of the required area of 7620 square feet. He had purchased the lot, not knowing that it did not fulfill the building requirements. He was advised by the council to take the matter up with the Appeals Board because of special facts, which might tend to give him special consideration. The mayor stated that people who buy property in Highland Park should check with the City Hall and find out what the building requirements are before accepting the property. Matters such as in the Fontana case cause a great percentage of the difficulties that the administration must face. He further stated that if special favor is shown one person then everybody expects the same and plans and rules are then worthless.

## Sears-Roebuck New H. P. Store



## Artur Rodzinski To Conduct Final Ravinia Concerts

Artur Rodzinski, front ranking American conductor, will be on the podium at the Ravinia Music Festival for the final fortnight of concerts by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in the north shore park, beginning Thursday evening, July 27.

On Friday, July 28, four celebrated opera stars—Grete Stueckgold, Eyvind Lohalm, Susanne Fisher and Suzanne Sten—will join the orchestra in Ravinia's gala, an evening of Wagner and Strauss.

The first half of the gala program will be devoted to excerpts from Richard Wagner's great works, "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," and "Die Meistersinger." The second half presents portions of Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier," including the brilliant trio in Act 3. During his second week, Rodzinski will have as soloist, on Friday, August 4, Jacques Gordon, violin virtuoso who for many years was concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Gordon will be heard in the premiere of a violin concerto by Leo Sowerby, a Chicagoan who is one of the foremost American composers. The Sowerby work was specially commissioned by the Ravinia committee. The programs follow:

- Fifth Week**  
**RAVINIA FESTIVAL**  
Artur Rodzinski  
Guest Conductor  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Thursday, July 27, at 8:30  
1. Toccata and Fugue, B minor, Bach-Wertheim  
2. Symphony No. 6, B minor, Op. 64, Tchaikowsky  
3. Suite from "Petroushka"—Strawinsky  
4. Overture to "I Vespri Siciliani"—Verdi
- Friday, July 28, at 8:30  
**GALA CONCERT**  
Wagner and Strauss Program  
Excerpts from "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" and "Der Rosenkavalier."  
Soloists: Grete Stueckgold, soprano; Susanne Fisher, soprano; Suzanne Sten, mezzo soprano; Eyvind Lohalm, tenor.  
**WAGNER**  
LOHENGRIN  
a) Introduction to Act III  
b) Love Duet, "Lohengrin"  
c) Lohengrin's Narrative—"In fernem Land"  
2. TANNHAUSER  
a) Introduction to Act III  
b) "Die Meistersinger" Tannhauser's "Home Narrative"  
c) Entrance of the Apprentices  
d) Dance of the Apprentices  
e) Finale  
**STRAUSS**  
4. DER ROSENKAVALIER:  
a) The Marchallin's Monologue  
b) The Marchallin and Octavio Duet  
c) Entrance of the Rosenkavalier  
d) Duet: Octavio and Sophie  
e) Entrance of the Rosenkavalier  
f) Final Scene:  
Trio and Finale  
Stueckgold, Sten, Fisher
- Saturday, July 29, at 8:30  
1. Prelude to "Lohengrin"—Wagner  
2. Symphony No. 4, E flat minor, Op. 96, Mahlowsky  
3. "El Salon Mexico"—Copland  
(First Performance by Chicago Symphony Orchestra)  
4. Overture to "Die Fledermaus"—Strauss  
5. Perpetuum Mobile—Johann Strauss  
6. Waltz—"From the Vienna Woods"—Johann Strauss
- Sunday, July 30, at 4:00  
1. Overture to "Euryanthe"—Weber  
2. Symphony No. 2, D major, Op. 73, Brahms  
3. Rhapsody for Orchestra—"Rhapsody in Blue"—Gershwin  
4. Symphonic Poem No. 3—"Les Furies"—Liszt

## Gov. Horner Leases Highland Park Home For Summer

Governor Henry Horner has leased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Holmes, 903 North Sheridan road, Highland Park, for the months of August and September, and is expected to arrive some time next week.

The Holmes family have leased an apartment at 70 East Cedar, Chicago. The house where the governor will continue convalescing from his illness of last November is on Sheridan road, about midway between the Moraine hotel and Fort Sheridan.

**Residence Well Secluded**  
Located on a bluff about 75 feet above the lake, the house is of English architecture. Trees and flowers cover the surrounding two acres, and the only approach is by a private road.

The house was built twelve years ago at a cost said to have been about \$40,000. It has six bedrooms and four baths and is three stories high. The property has a lake frontage of 270 feet.

**Study on Second Floor**  
The second floor, where the governor is expected to spend much of his time, is on a level with the front door. On this floor are the master bedroom, with eight windows and an uninterrupted view of the lake, the study, and the one and a half story living room.

The house itself is covered with ivy and surrounded by shrubbery and flowers. There are roses, hollyhocks, petunias, zinnias, larkspur, marigolds, and many other blooms. It is not known how many of his staff the governor will bring with him. Springfield sources close to Mr. Horner said he probably would be busy considering recent legislation there for at least another week.

Mayor Frank J. Roman last night said the beach in front of the Holmes residence, which has been more or less free to the public, would be closed from now on to all except the governor's party.

## Former Pastor at Bethany Sunday

Rev. John G. Schwab of Chicago, well known in Highland Park, having been a former pastor, will occupy the pulpit at the Bethany Evangelical church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Schwab also was a chaplain at Great Lakes during the period of the World War and at that time lived in Highland Park. For a number of years he was a District Supt. of the Chicago Area of the Evangelical church and in that capacity frequently visited Highland Park. His many friends are invited to hear him next Sunday morning: Mrs. L. R. Hawley, the director of music at Bethany, has arranged for special musical groups who take the place of the choir during the summer period.

## Richard J. Lyons to Entertain at Golf and Barbecue

Richard J. Lyons, Republican candidate for Governor, will entertain Lake county Republican precinct committeemen, officials and other prominent Lake county Republicans at the Libertyville Country club Saturday, July 29. Arrangements have been made for a day of golf, with a barbecue in the evening.

## Sears, Roebuck & Company To Have New H. P. Store

### Board of Health Warns of Danger of Rabid Rogs

The Board of Health wishes to remind the people of Highland Park of the danger of rabid dogs, particularly during the summer season, and to a less extent throughout the year. There have been two such cases in this city during the past two months. The cooperation of all dog owners is urged, not only in keeping dogs from running at large, but also in placing them under observation when a person is bitten. In case of a dog bite, the offending dog is to be kept under observation, either in the city pound or private kennels, for a period of two weeks. If the dog is in good health at the end of this time, it may be returned to the owner. A dog having rabies when a bite is inflicted will not survive this two weeks' period. Highland Park has a large population of both children and dogs, and naturally there are many bites, either in play or self defense; but in order to give full protection to the children, the Board of Health considers all bites as potentially dangerous, and the dog must be observed in the manner referred to above.

### Old 3-Story Landmark Being Razed to Make Room for a New Building

Plans for a new store which will approximately quadruple the space now occupied by Sears, Roebuck and Co., 554 Central avenue, have just been announced by F. J. McDonough, manager.

The new establishment, which will carry a considerably greater amount and range of merchandise, will be located at 517 Central avenue.

The First National Bank of Highland Park, representative of the property owner, held under Trust No. 122,—will rebuild the structure now standing at 517 Central avenue according to Sears specifications and create a modern one-story and basement retail store building. It will have a frontage of 50 feet on Central avenue and will extend back into the lot for a distance of 175 feet.

The store's present lines of tires, tubes, batteries, automotive supplies, hardware, sporting goods, electrical equipment, paints, radios and radio accessories will be substantially extended and will contain a much greater variety of items. To these will be added complete lines of plumbing and heating equipment and housewares.

The free tire and automobile servicing provided by the company as part of the automobile accessories division will be handled at a garage to be erected at the rear of the new building.

To harmonize with the architectural design of the new Sears store, the remainder of the property extending west for a half block will be remodeled and modernized. The property, after the completion of the modernization program, will be valued in excess of \$150,000.

Dovenmuehl, Inc., is making a \$60,000 loan at 4 per cent interest to finance the combined cost of construction and modernization. The mortgage is set up to amortize itself over a period of 15 years according to George H. Dovenmuehl, vice president. The mortgage will be purchased by one of the large midwestern life insurance companies, for which Dovenmuehl, Inc., acts as loan correspondent, Mr. Dovenmuehl said.

The real estate negotiations were handled by Herman F. Anspach of the firm of H. and R. Anspach, Highland Park, who will act as managers for the property in which the new store is to be located.

Bertrand Goldberg, architect, who has planned the new development, stated that the three-story building which is in process of being torn down to make way for the new Sears store was built in 1894, during the depth of the Cleveland depression. Isaac H. Goldberg, pioneer Highland Park merchant and brick manufacturer, who owned the old structure, built it out of brick from his own kilns, which were located on the site now occupied by the Deerfield station. The lumber he used for the floors and trusses was obtained from the lumber exhibit at the World's Fair of 1893. The pioneer Goldberg was a grandfather of the architect who is now wrecking the building.

Sears' Highland Park unit was opened at its present location on April 11, 1931. F. J. McDonough served as manager from 1933 to 1935 and was transferred back to this post in July, 1937.

"Full credit for our new store rightly belongs to our friends and customers in and around Highland Park—for it is their loyal support during the past nine years which makes the project possible," said Mr. McDonough. "We are confident that our customers will be extremely well pleased with these new shopping facilities. The increased selling space will not only allow us to expand our present merchandise lines and to add new lines, but will permit a more attractive and convenient store set-up. When completed the new unit should be a distinct asset to Highland Park's business section."

## Rev. M. F. Stuart of Galesburg to Preach Here Sunday

At the Highland Park Presbyterian church next Sunday at the 11:00 service, the Rev. Marion F. Stuart of the First Presbyterian church of Galesburg, Ill., will preach and conduct the service. Mr. Stuart's theme will be "Life Begins with Christ."

In keeping with the summer schedule Messrs. Leonard Balsamo, tenor, and George Grammer-Smith, baritone, of the Orison Quartet, will sing two numbers at the service.

At the same hour as the church service, sessions of the Beginners and Primary departments of the church school are held in the Parish House.

The church rejoices to extend a very friendly invitation to all to attend this service.

## Half Price Sale at Thrift Shop

The next few days are to be busy ones at the Thrift Shop. Friday and Saturday are special bargain days, all goods being sold at just half the marked price. On the following Monday and Tuesday, July 31 and August 1, the shop will be closed for remodeling. Because of greatly increased business during the past few months it has been found necessary to make some alterations, both for the convenience of the greater number of customers and to make room for the larger stock of merchandise. The shop will reopen Wednesday, August 2.

## Annual Outing of Highland Park C. of C. at Bon-Air Club

The annual golf tournament and outing of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held at Bon-Air Country club on Milwaukee avenue next Wednesday, August 2. Golfers will play all day, but the afternoon round only will count for the numerous prizes. In the evening a chicken dinner will be served and those present will enjoy entertainment by the regular Bon Air orchestra and stage production.

## Highwood Police Get New Squad Car

There was an ill-concealed smile on the faces of the Highwood cops Friday.

Reason: Their new 1939 Chevrolet squad car was delivered by the William Ruehl agency of Highland Park Friday night and immediately commissioned.

For the benefit of motorists, the automobile is dark blue and is a two-door model. It is equipped with a radio to receive broadcasts from the sheriff's office.

## Highland Park Dollar Day to Be Held Friday, Aug. 11

At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee it was decided to hold the "Annual Dollar Day" on Friday, August 11. Further announcement will be made in our next issue.

## Local Police Dept. Get Three New Squad Cars

Three new Ford squad cars have just been delivered to the Highland Park police department to replace old cars which had "served their time." Police Officer Roland J. Demgen, the force's radio man, is busy installing the one-way radio receiving equipment.