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## Administration By ROBERT C. L. PRICE *Comments*

This week's council meeting was an extremely short meeting with very little new or old business to discuss. The attending record of the councilmen was perfect, but the audience was limited to about a baker's dozen. With the limited business that arises in the summer, it might be well to allow a little accumulation and meet every two or three weeks—if necessary a special meeting could be called for urgent matters that might need attention.

Many of the local builders, plumbers, contractors and members of the allied building trades have been complaining about the lack of work in this vicinity this year. With this in mind the report of the building department was very interesting for it showed a 22% increase in building valuation, according to permits issued, for the first seven months of 1939 over 1938 in Highland Park. The total value for the first seven months of this year amounted to \$621,525 as compared to \$508,402 for a like period last year. For the month of July permits were issued for seven dwellings, two private garages and six dwelling alterations for a total valuation of \$76,608 — in July 1938 the valuation was \$42,955. The fees for the above permits for July plus fees for water, storm sewer and sanitary taps and miscellaneous jobs gave the city a revenue amounting to \$644.57.

The mayor reported on the progress of the noxious weed department. He stated that a number of property owners have either had the weeds cut at their own expense by the city or have handled the nuisance themselves. There are still a great number who have not cooperated in cutting the weeds. These, according to the Corporation Counsel, will be cut after the owners are given notice by the city and if they refuse or fail to pay the costs, then the city will place a lien on the property.

Under the heading of new business, Commissioner Swanson reported on the disgraceful and dangerous condition of the sidewalks in Highland Park, more particularly in the business district. He stated that one of the worst places was in front of Walgreen's Drug store. He stated that Central avenue from Greenbay road to the North Western tracks should have new sidewalks. He called upon Mr. Cole, the city engineer, to tell the council just what needed to be done. Mr. Cole stated that if such a project was commenced, more than just sidewalk repairs would have to be done for the curbing on Central avenue was too high and curbs and catch basin tops had been damaged by automobile bumpers. He said that the gutters would have to be built up and the curbing repaired—in addition to the sidewalk repairs. The mayor asked Mr. Swanson to consult with the corporation counsel to determine the best legal manner in which the property owners could be made to pay for this improvement. (Continued on page 8)

## Ravinia Festival Ends Season With Jacques Gordon

The Ravinia Music Festival will come to the close of its fourth season with four final concerts this week by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the baton of America's front-ranking conductor, Artur Rodzinski.

Special event of the week will be the appearance of Jacques Gordon, virtuoso violinist, who for many years was concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. On Friday evening (August 4), Gordon will be heard in the world premiere of a new violin concerto by the distinguished composer, Leo Sowerby.

Gordon, who was born in Russia, became concertmaster of the orchestra in 1921—the youngest musician ever to achieve this post with a major symphony. That same year he organized the Gordon String Quartet and in 1930 he resigned from the orchestra to devote himself to solo playing and the ensemble. Recently Gordon was awarded the Congressional medal for distinguished service in the field of music.

## "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" Featured on Alcyon Screen

Outfitted again with the sombrero and silver-mounted pistols of his most famous character, Warner Baxter will bring O. Henry's lovable outlaw to the screen of the Alcyon on Saturday in "The Return of the Cisco Kid." This film will win its audience completely, Baxter's performance being easily on a par with his first portrayal of the role in "In Old Arizona."

Featured in "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" coming to the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are Edward G. Robinson, Francis Lederer, Paul Lukas and the German born Lya Lys as a siren. In making the picture, Warner Brothers have used all the facilities at their command to bring the danger of these activities out into the open, and although the story of the film is fictional, there can be no doubt that the dangers are very real.

The Alcyon has had many requests to again present the thrilling film "San Francisco," which made a great hit a few months back and so we are to see it once more if we choose on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. In it Clark Gable is starred with Jeanette MacDonald and Spencer Tracy.

## Dismantling of Old Goldberg Landmark Progressing Rapidly

Work is progressing rapidly on the dismantling of the old Goldberg landmark on Central avenue, which is being torn down to make way for the erection of the new Sears Roebuck store building. The third story and roof of the building will probably be completely demolished, leaving only its history as a memory.

## Fritz Kreisler in Concert Here



## Famous Artists To Appear Here In Concert Series

The Highland Park High School, 300 Vine avenue, will be the scene of five great cultural events this fall and winter, when five world famous artists appear here in concert under the auspices of the North Shore Series, according to an announcement made today by the North Shore Series committee.

The artists who will come to Highland Park that residents of the North Shore may hear them in their own community, are Fritz Kreisler, October 7, great violinist whose playing has thrilled countless thousands in five continents; Hertha Glutz, November 22, famous contralto of the Chicago City Opera company, the Salzburg International Opera festival; Donald Dickson, December 12, popular radio baritone and a star of the Metropolitan Opera association; Argentinita and her ensemble, February 14, internationally famous Spanish dancers; and Artur Rubinstein, April 2, one of the world's greatest pianists.

Announcement of the North Shore Series is made today as the result of an overwhelming reply to a questionnaire sent to a cross section of North Shore residents asking if they would be interested in such a cultural plan. Cards were returned with an almost unanimous "yes" according to members of the North Shore Series committee, and orders for many, many tickets, if such a series were decided upon, were received.

The committee then went ahead with their plans to bring some of the greatest musical attractions of the world today to Highland Park.

Tickets for the entire series will be sold and there will be reserved seats. The cost of each concert will be exceptionally low. Mail orders are being filled in the order received and may be addressed to the North Shore Series, Box 584, Highland Park. Tickets are also on sale in Highland Park at Gells and Highland Park News; Gells in Ravinia, Fells Men's Store and the Lake Forest News.

The committee for the North Shore Series includes Mrs. Ross J. Beatty, 260 Ravine drive; Mrs. Carroll Binder, 887 Forest avenue; Mrs. C. H. Kimball, 320 South Green Bay road; Mrs. C. W. Schauf, 200 Ravine drive; and Mr. Eugene Singer, 730 Princeton avenue.

## Rev. Louis W. Sherwin Back From Vacation To Preach Sunday

Rev. Louis W. Sherwin, D.D., minister of the Highland Park Presbyterian church, has returned from his vacation and will occupy the pulpit this Sunday, August 6. Dr. and Mrs. Sherwin with their daughter Virginia have been enjoying a vacation on the Jersey coast.

Mr. James Hatton, tenor, will be the soloist for this Sunday.

The church school continues for children in the beginners and primary departments, being held at the same hour as the church service, 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the church services.

## Testimonial Game Planned August 13 By Legion Team

The members of the Junior Legion baseball team and the membership of the Dumaresq Spencer Post No. 145 of the American Legion has planned a testimonial benefit baseball game with North Chicago for young "Buster" Olson, on Sunday, August 13.

After pitching a brilliant game on July 18 against North Chicago, "Buster" was taken home ill, and is now confined in the Evanston hospital.

The team-mates of "Buster" are just as anxious to do for him what the Chicago White Sox did for their star, Monty Stratton.

The Fort Sheridan Band, the Evanston Drum and Bugle Corps, the North Chicago Drum and Bugle Corps and the Highland-Highland Park Scout Drum and Bugle Corps will participate in the program.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the baseball team, or any American Legion member for 25 cents. Let's all help "Buster" play the hardest game of his life and win!

**DON'T FORGET  
BUSTER OLSON DAY  
Sunday, August 13  
SUNSET PARK  
IN HIGHLAND PARK**

## 87 Members of Chamber Enjoy Tourney Yesterday

Eighty-seven members of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce participated in the annual golf tournament held yesterday at Bon Air Country club. It was acclaimed the finest party held by this group in many years. Aside from an excellent golf course, swimming and entertainment were enjoyed by the members.

Much credit is due the committee, which included Howard Moran as chairman, assisted by Paul Branch, Ed Schweitzer and Cyril Duffy, for their excellent selection for the day's event.

In spite of threatening weather and a few scattered showers, the day turned out to be ideal for the occasion.

First low gross was won by Dick Martin with a 72. Ernie Belmont was second with a low gross of 76. Winners of the blind bogey were Cyril Duffy, Bill Denzel, Frank Lawrence, and Ed Menke.

All of the members had a "swell time" and from all reports the dinner was delicious, the servings so large that some of the members have gone on a diet for the rest of the week.

## Local Boy Sings on Sachs Amateur Hour Sunday P. M.

Daniel Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cobb of 284 Park avenue, was heard Sunday evening on Maurice B. Sachs' amateur hour over radio station WENR. He sang Wagner's "Evening Star" from Tannhauser. His many Highland Park friends who heard him on this broadcast say he sang very well.

## Men's Garden Club to Hear Discussion on Lawns, August 1

David MacMillan, nationally known gardening authority, will speak, Tuesday evening, August 1, on "Lawns, Their Construction and Maintenance," before members of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park. The lecture will be delivered in the auditorium of the Highland Park Woman's Club, and will commence at 8:15 p.m. It is announced by Eugene Pfister, Garden Club president.

Mr. MacMillan, who has been associated for a number of years with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has a wide experience as instructor and lecturer on gardening subjects, and is accepted in gardening circles as an authority on lawns.

Both the speaker and his subject were chosen because such a large percentage of the club membership indicated that care of the lawn is one of their chief problems, according to Pfister. An open discussion will be held immediately following the lecture, it is announced.

The Men's Garden Club of Highland Park, which is affiliated with the national association of Men's Garden Clubs of America, invites gardeners confronted with lawn problems to attend this lecture. There is no admission fee for interested gardeners, if accompanied by a club member, the announcement stated.

## Carnival Held by Parents Club in Full Swing in Highwood

The Parents' Club Carnival being held this week on the corner of Waukegan and Webster avenues in Highwood will continue tonight (Thursday), Friday, August 4, and Saturday, August 5. All proceeds derived from this carnival will be used for a most worthy cause.

Entertainment and fun for all is being provided by a variety of concessions and rides, including a Merry-go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Tilt-a-Whirl, and African Dip Concession. One of the outstanding features of this event is the fact that the spectacular array of merchandise being used is of the highest quality.

Among the various stands which are proving to be popular are a bingo game, refreshment booth, grand prize booth, registration booth, doll booth, electric booth, bottle game, shooting gallery, blanket booth, hardware booth, and dart game.

All prizes will be awarded Saturday night, August 5. At that time a 1939 streamlined bicycle, 1940 Motorola portable radio, Toastmaster, Hospitality set, Nesco electric oval roaster, Sunbeam Shavemaster, twin waffle maker, electric sparkler alarm clock, ladies' dresser set, and Silex glass coffee maker will be given away.

About two hundred prizes are listed at the Registration booth to be awarded Saturday night. The committee is very grateful to the many local merchants who have so generously contributed prizes for this both. The committee also wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted and cooperated in helping to make the carnival a success.

## D.A.R. Will Make Presentation Aug. 8 at C.M.T.C. Closing

On Tuesday morning, August 8th between 9 and 11 o'clock, the final military formation of the Citizens Military Training camp at Fort Sheridan will take place. As a project of the National Defense work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Warren Danley, regent of the North Shore Chapter will present a medal to the outstanding trainee who has had no previous military training. Miss Helen McMackin, state regent, will present a sash to the highest ranking trainee of the entire camp.

The return of the National Colors to the poet authorities and the presentation of awards will be followed by a parade under the command of student officers.

## A. G. Sinclair of Canada Dies While Visiting Friends Here

Andrew Glosen Sinclair, aged 53, who was visiting friends here, died Wednesday as the result of heart trouble, at 10 McGovern street. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Kelley mortuary. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mathilda.

## Local Merchants Plan Dollar Day Friday, Aug. 11

Again Highland Park merchants will offer a big semi-annual bargain event in Highland Park when they stage DOLLAR DAY, Friday, August 11. The date was chosen by the Retail Committee of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting. Thrifty shoppers are urged to take note of the date, for many outstanding values will be offered in this big one day event.

With all of the leading Highland Park merchants participating in the sale, bargains in commodities will be offered to meet every desire.

Everyone is vitally interested in values, especially during these times of steadily mounting prices, and Highland Park merchants, as has been their custom for many years, are offering real values to their customers.

Next week's HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will carry the advertisements of the many merchants participating in his dollar saving event. Check off your needs, and shop early so that you may not be disappointed by not being able to get the things that you wanted most.

Your local merchants are eager to promote good-will among their customers, and many spectacular savings will be offered on their high class standard merchandise. Nowhere in this vicinity can there be any greater bargains offered than right here in Highland Park. Shop where you may avoid the rush of the crowded loop stores, and at the same time save the added train fare.

This year's event is being held on Friday instead of Thursday as in the past. This will give the subscribers of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS a greater opportunity to read the advertisements appearing therein, and to make a list of the things which they need most.

Dollar Day, August 11, promises to be one of the outstanding sales events in the history of the local merchants.

## Playground Day to Be Held Aug. 16 at Sunset Park

The annual Highland Park Playground Day will be held at Sunset Park on Wednesday, August 16. On this day all the children from the various playgrounds in Highland Park will gather at Sunset for a full day of activities. The morning will be spent in track events and baseball tournaments while the afternoon will be used for tournaments in volleyball, checkers, badminton, tennis, jacks, and other games. The children will bring their lunches to the park. The noon hour picnic is always the high spot of the day for it is then that the children from the different playgrounds entertain one another with stunts that they have been working on for the event. A full schedule of the day's program will appear in next week's paper.

The schedule for next week beginning Monday, August 7, is as follows:

- Monday morning, August 7—Story hour and handicrafts on all playgrounds.
- Monday afternoon, August 7—Swimming at Central and Roger Williams Beaches.
- Tuesday morning, August 8—Baseball: Port Clinton at Ravinia; Sunset at Lincoln.
- Tuesday afternoon, August 8—Tournament program on all playgrounds.
- Wednesday morning, August 9—Swimming lessons at Central and Roger Williams Beaches.
- Wednesday afternoon, August 9—General program on all playgrounds.
- Thursday morning, August 10—Baseball: Port Clinton at Sunset; Ravinia at Lincoln.
- Thursday afternoon, August 10—Tournament program on all playgrounds.
- Friday morning, August 11—Swimming lessons at Central and Roger Williams Beaches.
- Friday afternoon, August 11—General program at all playgrounds.

## Fined \$25 and Costs For Drunken Driving

Kenneth Raff, 24 years old, of Park Ridge, was fined \$20 and costs for drunken driving by Justice of the Peace J. P. Shetley of Highland Park last Friday. Raff was granted a change of venue from Magistrate Henry Hansen's police court. He was arrested Wednesday when his car left Skokie Blvd. and ran into a ditch.

## Local Police Take Journalistic Ride For Being "Just Human"

Small town reporters find it very difficult during the summer months to find enough authentic news to fill the columns of their weekly paper. But not so with the large metropolitan dailies. When news in the big city is scarce, they scamper out to the suburbs, pick up the first story they can find, scramble it up a bit, slap it on the front page, and the public swallows it, hook, line and sinker.

Through an act of humanitarian kindness, the Highland Park police force took a journalistic ride last Saturday morning, at the hands of a reporter for one of Chicago's leading dailies. Emilich Lerner, a transient who has passed through Highland Park on several previous occasions, was enroute north on his yearly jaunt last Thursday. Being 75 years of age, police along the North Shore took pity on the old fellow and escorted him from city limit to city limit. Highland Park police were called by phone by the Glencoe police and out of courtesy went to county line where they picked up the panhandler and gave him a ride to the city limits. Highwood, Lake Forest, North Chicago, and other north suburb police followed suit, assisting the penniless old man to his destination, which was Milwaukee.

When the erstwhile newsgatherer heard the story, realizing that

it was the same day that Governor Horner was scheduled to arrive, coupled the two together. Using his vivid imagination he assumed that the local police were unfamiliar with their governor, and believed Lerner to be Mr. Horner, incognito. Believe it or not, Highland Park police do know Governor Horner, for several of them had seen him on previous occasions when he addressed a political meeting in this city. Others of the force were privileged to be at the Holmes residence when he arrived last Thursday. (Governor Horner has leased the S. S. Holmes residence on Sheridan road for the balance of the summer.)

Could it be that this avuncular reporter was refused the privilege of talking to the governor when he arrived in Highland Park or did he have another ax to grind with our local law enforcers. And since when were reporters equipped with short wave sets to converse with the governor's secretary (the governor's home cannot be reached by phone).

It is hoped the hungry news hound has gained his coveted reward for the story, which has left anything but a pleasant feeling with Highland Park residents who know the merits of their home force, during their long period of service in the community.