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Administration By ROBERT C. L. PRICE Comments

The first special meeting of the present city council was held on Wednesday, August 9, for the purpose of awarding the contract for a chemical dry feed machine for the city waterworks. There had been three bids submitted, which were opened and placed on file at the previous council meeting, of which the lowest bid was by the International Filter company in the amount of \$783. The meeting was called to order about two minutes after eight by Commissioner Sharp, who acts as president of the council in the absence of the mayor. Commissioners Swanson and Gourley were also present. A vote was taken and the contract was awarded to the International Filter company. Mayor Ronan arrived at about four and one-half minutes after eight, just in time to call for a vote on adjournment, so we believe that this meeting establishes some kind of a record for speed—a three minute meeting.

Review

There being no council meeting this week your reporter thought it might be interesting to review the business and accomplishments of the present administration, which has been in office approximately three and one-half months.

There have been fifteen meetings of the council in this short space of time. The attendance of the councilmen has been good, considering the frequency of the meetings, and the audiences have been considerably larger than in the past. With the exception of the first two or three meetings, the meetings have been called to order very promptly at the hour set for convening. The first order of business was the passage of ordinances switching various departments among the commissioners, mainly giving the commissioner of Public Buildings more duties.

During the election campaign there was a great deal of talk about numerous changes in the appointment of city officers, but with the exception of appointments of the city treasurer and corporation counsel there have been no changes in the city officers. However, there were a few changes in the appointments on the various committees and boards. There has been one new committee formed, which is called the "Recodification committee" and was appointed for the purpose of rewriting or revising the city code. Former Mayor Ben Lewis heads this committee. The job of revising the code is a long and tedious venture and we cannot expect to see any actual results in some time. A weed ordinance was passed and in accordance therewith a weed commissioner has been appointed.

Some residents may feel that the new council has not accomplished a great deal, but those who are familiar with the city finances realize that the crippled condition of the city treasury prevents the accomplishment of desired and hoped for public improvements. The councilmen have inspected a number of the incinerator plants in other communities and it is planned by them to obtain bids and start construction of the new plant before winter sets in. The council is still undecided as to the location of the new garbage plant.

The water plant is operated very efficiently under the direction of Mr. Prindle and with the installation of the new chemical dry feed machine, there is no town on the North Shore which can boast of better water. The city will lose some of its water revenue upon the completion of the Highland plant in the near future. This should not mean an increase in water rates for the plant has always been a money maker and shows a nice profit on the revenue received.

The fire department is functioning in an orderly and efficient manner under the supervision of Chief Fire Marshal Hoskin. Since the new administration took office the police department has been making a vigorous drive against traffic violations, which has increased the city's revenue from this source. Three new squad cars have been purchased for this department. The city has for many years been proud of its efficient police department under the able leadership of Chief Moroney.

The council recently contracted for the purchase of a new oil burner for the city hall and the reconditioning of the oil burner at the city garage—both were necessary expenditures and in the long run should affect some saving. The streets are now well marked and several more powerful street lights have been placed in important locations.

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N. S. Garden Club Flower Show to Be Held Saturday

On Saturday, August 19, all flower lovers will be following the arrows that lead the way to the Northmoor Country Club on Green Bay road in Highland Park to attend the annual Flower Show of the North Shore Garden Club.

The Flower Show Committee has tried particularly this year to select classes of arrangement that would be suitable for the home. A piano arrangement with gladioli predominating is most appropriate for this season of the year, while an arrangement of yellow in a metal container and foliage in a corner or wall washstand should be of general interest.

Whether you are planning a breakfast for two, or a luncheon table for six, you certainly will see a variety of ideas; while the hostess serving a buffet supper for twelve or more is sure to get some pointers.

The entrants of specimen blooms, both annual and perennial, have had ideal weather conditions during the past few days to assure a magnificent display. Entries, which are open to all, are pouring in rapidly and can be made through Thursday, August 17, by getting in touch with Mrs. James H. Freudenthal, 616 Crescent Court, Highland Park (H. P. 390), chairman of the Flower Show Committee.

Ribbon awards will be made in all classes. The show will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door. Be sure to plan to see the finest in flower arrangements next Saturday.

Alcyon Presents Henry Fonda in "Young Mr. Lincoln"

Returning to the screen of the Alcyon on Saturday of this week is the greatest of all sea dramas, "Mutiny on the Bounty." Three of the greatest actors head the cast of more than fifty featured players. They are Charles Laughton, as Captain Bligh; Clark Gable as Fletcher Christian, leader of the mutineers; and Franchot Tone, as Midshipman Byam.

Not the story of Lincoln's life, but the story of his heart—his wit, his courage, the two loves he knew—is told in the production of "Young Mr. Lincoln," which the Alcyon will present on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Henry Fonda does an excellent job in the title role. Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver are co-featured with Fonda and both give fine performances.

A drama whose picturesque setting in the tropical Andes Mountains of South America lends increased credence and vividness to an exciting tale of adventure and romance. "Only Angels Have Wings" will be the Alcyon screen attraction on next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cary Grant and Jean Arthur are co-starred in this tense, fresh and completely enjoyable narrative of frank human passion. Grant is completely the daring pilot and, more, a representative of that breed of armen whose restlessness and cockiness have contributed so much to aviation. Richard Barthelmess returns to the screen after an overlong absence an adores a brilliant triumph with his sympathetic interpretation of the renegade flier.

Creative Writing to Be Resumed at Y.W.C.A. October 5

The response to a survey made of last year's members of the class in Creative Writing was so enthusiastic that the Y.W.C.A. of Highland Park is again sponsoring the course this fall. Everyone who is interested in authorship either as a vocation or as an avocation is welcome to join. Under the leadership of Rowena Bennett, the class will begin its weekly meetings October 5th at 10 a.m. Mrs. Bennett, a resident of Ravinia, is the author of numerous children's books and has recently become an editor of Jack and Jill Magazine.

For information about the term telephone Highland Park 675.

THANKS A LOT!

Brandt (Bus) Olson wishes to thank his buddies on the Junior American Legion Baseball team, their manager, Mr. Harry Chambers, the Junior Legion Baseball team of North Chicago, the members of the Dumaresq Spencer Post, and all his other friends, big and little, for their kindness and loyalty during his recent illness.



Mayor Ronan watching a high fly at "Buster" Olson Day game at Sunset Park, Sunday.

—Photo by Hecketsweiler

Delinquent Taxes May Be Paid Off In 5 Installments

Lake county property owners who pay their current tax bills on or before Sept. 1 and who owe back taxes may avoid the payment of penalties and interest on the back taxes by contracting with the County Treasurer to pay delinquent levies in five yearly installments. This procedure is made possible by House Bill 51, which became a law without Governor Horner's signature.

The Delinquent Tax Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Lake County, Illinois, wish to inform owners of real estate, on which there is any amount of past due taxes due as of January 1st, 1939, desiring to take advantage of a recently enacted law entitled, "An Act to Provide for Installment Payment, in Counties of Less Than 500,000 Inhabitants, of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and the Remission of Penalties, Interest and Costs Accrued and Accruing Thereon" that they must proceed as follows:

1. File a petition on or before September 1st, 1939, with the County Collector for benefits of this Act on a form which may be obtained from the County Collector at his office in the Court House at Waukegan, Illinois, which petition shall contain a description of the land to which the owner desires to have the benefits of this Act apply.

The taxpayer agrees in this Petition

- (a) To pay all delinquent taxes in five annual installments.
- (b) To pay 1938 taxes on or before September 1st, 1939.
- (c) To fix a date on or before October 15th, 1939, on which he will pay the first installment of the delinquent taxes.

2. The taxpayer in his petition agrees to pay his current tax regularly each year between now and 1943, in addition to paying the installments on his delinquent taxes.
3. Delinquent taxes may be paid in a lump sum without penalties and interest however, the property of the taxpayer is not free of the tax penalty lien until he has paid his current taxes regularly each year including tax due in 1943, at which time he will be entitled to a County Court Order freeing his property of the tax penalty lien.

4. While the taxpayer is carrying out the agreement to pay current taxes with annual installments on the delinquent taxes his real estate on which the tax is being paid will not be offered for sale by the County Collector.
5. When and if the taxpayer fails to pay any of the installments of the past due taxes in accordance with his agreement together with the current year's taxes he will not receive the benefits of the recently enacted law. Any amount paid prior to the breach of the agreement will be credited to the past due taxes on the collector's books, and no further installments of past due taxes will be accepted by the county treasurer unless the total of such past due taxes (together with advertising costs, if any) and the interest accruing subsequent to the breach of the agreement, will be tendered in one amount.

6. The benefits of the law will apply to any grantee or subsequent owner of the tract or tracts of lands described in the taxpayer's petition so filed with the County Collector.

Lions Club Will Put On Wrestling Match, Aug. 25

An all star wrestling program is being sponsored by the Highland Park Lions club, at Peg's Arena in Grayslake, Friday evening, August 25. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The Highland Park Lions club which was organized in 1928, has justified its existence by giving valuable support and aid to local charitable and other worthwhile projects.

From the proceeds of this enterprise the Lions Club hope to procure a station wagon for the Dorcas Home. Without this vehicle, certain of their activities have to be suspended.

Women Will Not Be Eligible on Grand Juries; Prepare Lists

Lake county women may serve on trial juries in circuit and county courts, starting with the October term, but they will not be summoned for service on the October, December or March grand jury panels, according to decision made by the board of supervisors recently.

Because many Highland Park and Lake Forest women, as well as other women of the county have expressed a desire to serve on the grand jury panels, the advice of Assistant States Attorney Fuqua was secured. "The Women's jury law" only applies to petit juries, he said. The statute referring to petit juries was changed to include both sexes, while the grand jury provision was not altered.

Supervisors from the 18 townships, whom are responsible for the selection of voters for the trial juries have prepared lists of petit jurors from the poll books in their townships, selecting ten per cent of the men voters and an equal percentage of the women voters. These lists will be presented to the meeting of the committee this morning in Waukegan. These lists will be checked and prepared for the approval by the board at the Sept. 9 meeting.

Dick Martin Loses Club Championship to Ernest Belmont

Ernest (A) Belmont, secretary of Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, won the Club Championship Sunday at Sunset Valley Golf Club.

Belmont defeated last year's champion, Dick Martin, 4 and 3, shooting a 69 which is 8 under par. Martin's score was 74.

Ernie was exceedingly modest about the whole affair. In fact, so much so he preferred to have Martin give the results to the local paper.

Martin was naturally a trifle embarrassed, for as everyone knows, he really plays super golf. He attributed his loss to the fact that he used the regulation ball as all good golfers do, while Belmont used a small heavy ball to buck the wind.

John D. McDougall Long Time Resident Passes On, Sunday

John D. McDougall, 77, 522 N. Green Bay road, passed away Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Highland Park hospital following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mr. McDougall, who had been a resident of Highland Park for over thirty years, was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade for fifty-three years. He was the son of the late Alexander McDougall who died in 1913. He was also a member of the Board of Trade, and the younger Mr. McDougall declined to sell his father's membership, paying dues on it until 1934, when government regulations required that it be sold.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence. Rev. Karl A. Roth of Lake Forest college officiated. Interment was in Lake Forest cemetery.

Mr. McDougall is survived by his wife, Elsie, and two nephews, John A. McDougall of Colorado Springs, and Hubbar McDougall of Longmont, Calif.

A Tribute by Nickels

I first met John McDougall while still a boy during visits to my father's office. Even then I was impressed by his kindly and helpful manner.

Many of you have known John longer than I have and some of you have known him better, but a few of you, perhaps, have not had the good fortune during a period of illness, as I have, of being the recipient of his daily notes of cheer and mirth.

I have often heard him say that a man needs the help of another man when he has mental, physical or financial troubles and a strong motivating force or philosophy in his life was to aid and encourage his fellow men at such times.

On many occasions John has reached the sublime poetic heights, and I shall always remember him as a poet, a philosopher and a friend in need, or humanitarian.

His best ideas are still with us and their influence will long be felt. I feel very much about John, as James Whitcomb Riley must have, about a friend, when he wrote:

"I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there
And you—O you—who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of his facing on as dear,
In the love of there as the love of here,
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away."
—I. E. NICKELS.

Head of Orchestra Department at H. S. Is Granted Leave

Helen Mayer Mannings, head of the orchestra and string department at the Highland Park High school, has been granted a year's leave of absence for further study. However, she will continue her private teaching.

Mrs. Mannings has spent four years abroad, a pupil of the late Ottokar Sevcik, Suchy and Michael Press. She was also a pupil of Hugo Kortschald of New York City. Her wide experience as a concert artist and teacher has endeared her to all who have had the pleasure of hearing the Highland Park High School Symphony Orchestra play under her direction. The climax of her achievement was at Columbus, Ohio, when in competition with 18 class A orchestras they were placed in first division at the National Contest.

Mrs. Mannings was a guest conductor at Northwestern University Summer School Clinic Orchestra, a newly formed group of High School students, this summer.

Sonnenschein's Escape Serious Injury in Train Wreck Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Sonnenschein, 327 Egandale road, who were aboard the ill fated streamline train "City of San Francisco" which was wrecked Saturday night while crossing a bridge in Nevada, arrived in San Francisco, Calif., Monday. Mr. Sonnenschein called his business associate, Maurice Berkson, also a resident of this city, at once, to notify him that they arrived safely. They were bruised and badly shaken up, but had escaped serious injury. Their experience was too terrifying and ghastly to relate.

An earlier wire had been sent to the Sonnenschein home to notify the household that they were all right.

Volunteer Crews Are Trained To Handle Life Boat

Announcement has just been made by the Highland Park-Lake Forest Safety committee that as a result of many hours of careful instruction, ten volunteer life boat crews of three each are now ready for duty. Under the careful instruction of John Peters and Edward Brown with the assistance of J. Byrne, the crews have been taught to launch and operate the new life boat which was purchased by public subscription and installed early this summer at the foot of Central avenue.

John Peters, in charge of training personnel, Edward Brown, in charge of equipment and maintenance and J. Byrne vice commodore of the Yacht club have all cooperated and devoted many hours of their time during the summer months in both instruction and the great amount of practice that is necessary in order to reach the safe degree of efficiency necessary under varied conditions.

Although plans for a formal dedication and program were discussed it was thought best to postpone this and concentrate on the more important task of making the boat and its facilities highly efficient. Members of the crew had to be carefully selected from the many volunteered, bearing in mind the importance of having half or more men who are available at any hour during the day or night.

Each man and each crew had to be trained in life saving procedure, operation of the boat and the most difficult part which is launching and coming in especially in rough weather. The committee states that it was most fortunate in having the services of John Peters and Edw. Brown both of whom were in the United States Navy during the war attached to torpedo boat and mine laying fleets and saw much of their service at sea in small boats almost identical with the type installed as life boat. Of equal importance has been the assistance of J. Byrne expert authority on great lakes small boat seamanship.

The committee further states that with the installation of the life boat, its launching facilities and the training of personnel, the major part of the program has been accomplished and a valuable contribution has been made to the plan for lake front safety. The facilities are for every type of emergency along Highland Park's lake front and are available at any hour of the day or night by telephoning the Highland Park Police department.

Musically Inclined? Join Orchestra Now Under Organization

Have you a musical instrument tucked away in the attic? If so, dust it off and join the amateur musicians of Highland Park and neighboring towns and become a member of an orchestra.

Plans are under way by a group of local amateur musicians to organize an orchestra including all popular musical instruments and to play semi-classical selections and "twilight music."

The organizing committee have chosen Darlo C. Donetti of the Euterpe School of Music as director. Mr. Donetti is a popular figure in radio, stage and social circles. His wide experience and knowledge of music makes him highly qualified as a conductor in musical organizations.

Rehearsals will begin early in September. The exact date will be announced in this publication very shortly.

Anyone who owns a popular musical instrument and would like to play with a large orchestra is welcome to join this group.

Auditions and further information may be had by telephoning Highland Park 3852, or calling on Mr. Bonetti at his studio which is located at 518 Central avenue, Highland Park.

Ross J. Beatty Feted at Dinner

A birthday dinner was given Saturday evening at the home of John T. Beatty in Winnetka, celebrating the eighty-fifth birthday anniversary of his father, Ross J. Beatty of this city.

There were fourteen guests gathered for the occasion. An original entertainment featuring various phases of Mr. Beatty's life were portrayed, making the evening a very enjoyable event.