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Thus far this column has been devoted almost entirely to administrative news directly relating to the city council. The Park Board is another administrative body operating within the city limits that we hear little about although it plays a very important part in our community life. There is a close relation between functions of the park board and the city council, which require the co-operation of both bodies.

Recently there appeared in another local paper a series of articles concerning the park board, which contained many mis-statements and unjust criticisms about this body, which in all fairness should be corrected. Therefore, your reporter is endeavoring in this article to give a true picture of the functions, administration and accomplishments of the park board.

The park board consists of a president and four commissioners, who are elected alternate years under the stagger system for a term of six years, thus providing experienced members on the board at all times. Mr. Milton Hardacre, who has been a member of the board since 1925, is the president. The commissioners are Mr. Clarence Witt, first elected in 1926, Messrs. Fred Gallagher and Arthur Olson, elected in 1933, and Mr. Edward Steele, who was elected in 1935. These men are all prominent members of the community having accomplished many improvements, for the betterment of the citizenry of Highland Park since being members of the board. They all feel that there are many additional improvements which they would like to undertake but cannot, because of the lack of finances. Economy has been an important element in their administration.

The board has the power and appoints a superintendent of the Park District to advise with them, supervise the projects and carry out their instructions. Mr. Edward Brown, who has worked for the Park District since 1926, has been the superintendent since 1931, when he succeeded Mr. Laing, and has provided a very dependable administration.

Are you aware that the park board was responsible for the following: Securing of an up to date pulmotor (in conjunction with the city) for use at bathing beaches, fires etc? The operation and upkeep of the rose garden in Ravinia in conjunction with the Ravinia Garden club? The purchase of Lincoln park and Roger Williams park, which parks were purchased largely for the benefit of the respective schools in the neighborhood? The operation and maintenance of the Central avenue and Roger Williams avenue bathing beaches, the Sunset Valley Golf club, Sunset park and its various playgrounds?

Aside from the above activities, the park board co-operates with the P.T.A.'s of the Lincoln and Ravinia schools in the operation of their ice-skating rinks to the extent of helping to clear the ice, loaning equipment, lights, etc.

Did you know that the Ravinia Garden Club wished to have a wild flower refuge in Roger Williams Park to contain the plants and trees native in this community to be properly fenced, but were forced to give up the plan due to the objection of the school authorities at Ravinia to the fence?

The Park board induced the North Shore R. R. and the City of Highland Park to contribute funds to beautify the east bank of the North Shore tracks from Beach street to the County Line road. The park board put the improvements in and have maintained them, which has turned an eyesore into a thing of beauty. The board contributed a site and a considerable sum of money toward the acquirement of the launching device and life boat recently installed on the lake front.

Did you know that the Park Commission has been trying for many months to help the Community Service in building a community house and agreed on a site in Sunset Park for the building and has made application to the government for funds for the construction of the building?

At the last meeting of the Park Board a resolution was passed for the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds for the construction of a combined field and warming house and sanitary toilet facilities in Sunset Park. This will not only do away with unsightly structures there, but from wreckage sufficient materials can be salvaged to erect a more suitable building in Lincoln Park.

A number of people have com-

Young Republicans to Attend Outing

Local Young Republicans as well as many of their more experienced elders will join with their neighboring political colleagues from all parts of the county at a Steak Dinner and Outing sponsored by the Lake County Federation of Young Republicans on the estate of L. E. Leverone, Deerfield, Ill., Sunday, August 27.

The individual notices which reached the hands of active Young Republicans announced that there would be no political speeches. Mr. Leverone's property is specially adapted for the planned activity. The steaks to be served will be broiled over open charcoal grills and will be supplemented by corn on the cob. There will be refreshments served at all hours, commencing at 2 p.m., when the festivities are scheduled to get under way. A blanket charge to cover a portion of the cost of the food and refreshments will be made.

Games, including softball, horseshoes and diversified novelty games for both men and women will occupy the spotlight until the steaks are served.

In general charge of the arrangements is Robert McClory, chairman of the Lake County Young Republicans.

Hugo Schneider Jr., chairman of the Highland Park Young Republican club, will lead a delegation from Highland Park to the picnic and outing.

Mrs. Grace Jacobson and Mrs. George Ray are members of the reception committee.

Deerfield Twp. Assessment Roll In Today's Press

The assessment roll for the Town of Deerfield, as fixed by the assessor, appears in another section of today's issue of the Highland Park and Deerfield Presses. Every resident of the Town of Deerfield, which includes Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Forest and Ravinia, should make it a point to check up on the amount of his assessment.

This is quadrennial assessment year, and the valuations fixed this year by the assessor will be the basis of taxes for the next four years. Any property owner who objects to the amount of his valuation should file a formal complaint with the board of review within ten days of this publication.

plained about the way the beaches in this city have been patrolled and maintained and have pointed out how much better our neighbor to the south has handled this situation. They have not taken into consideration that we have 14 streets ending at the lake, while Glenoco has but three, or that Glenoco charges \$3 for family beach tickets and we charge nothing for children under 12, 10 cents a season for children from 12 to 16, 25 cents for children from 16 to 21, and 50 cents for adults for the season.

The Park Board also wishes to inform the residents of this city that it does not pay Chief of Police Moroney \$300 a year for merely policing the American Legion carnival, but that he receives this pay as chief of police for the Park Board and his duties carry on through the year—policing parks, parking for bathing beaches, overseeing policing of street ends, etc.

The figures for the vacation activities conducted by the park board for this year to date shows as follows: Participation in playground activities, 48,211 persons; golf, 14,992 persons; ice-skating, 17,800 persons; Ravinia tennis, 2,400 persons; and users of the bathing beaches, 38,500. This makes a total of 116,903 participants in these activities, exclusive of picnics, carnivals and ball games. (Figuring on a population of 15,000 for Highland Park this means the average participation of residents at eight times).

The members of the board state that they have many future improvements in mind at such time as finances permit, but have followed the practice of trying to reduce rather than increase outstanding indebtedness. They realize that there are several unattractive buildings under their jurisdiction, which in due course they intend to replace. They realize that the bathing house at Roger Williams beach is not adequate, but feel they cannot do much about it as it is not a park property but merely allowed by sufferance and courtesy of the owners of the property. The board is always willing to lend an ear to constructive criticism from interested citizens.

A Proclamation

By the Mayor of the City of Highland Park

Whereas: The traffic accident situation in Illinois is such that it is of vital concern to each of our citizens, and
Whereas, statistics show that approximately 90 per cent of all traffic accidents result from the indifference, negligence, ignorance, and discourteous conduct of motorists and pedestrians; and
Whereas, The traffic fatality record for the first six months of 1939 has shown an alarming increase over the same period of 1938 largely because of the improper attitude of drivers and pedestrians; and

Whereas, The only means at the command of local and State authorities of overcoming this deplorable condition are education and enforcement;

Now, therefore, I, FRANK J. RONAN, mayor of Highland Park, in support of the State-wide campaign being conducted by the Illinois State Safety Commission, do hereby proclaim and designate the week beginning Sunday, August 27, 1939, as

TRAFFIC COURTESY WEEK

and I earnestly request and urge the citizens of this community to be especially careful during this period, and to practice courtesy in the operation of motor vehicles and while walking upon the public thoroughfares.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Highland Park to be affixed.

V.C. Musser, City Clerk

FRANK J. RONAN, Mayor.

All Star Match Features Lions' Charity Event

The Highland Park Lions Club, headed by I. C. Rasmussen as president, is sponsoring a benefit all-star wrestling match at Peg's Arena in Grayslake, tomorrow evening (Friday).

Organized in 1928, the Lions club have played an important part in furthering support and aid to local charities, and other worthwhile projects.

They are now undertaking to procure for the Dorcas Home, a station wagon which is greatly needed to carry on certain activities at the home.

Tickets for the match may be had at the Lions headquarters, 392 Central avenue, or from members of the organization. This is a worthy enterprise deserving the support of all members and friends. It not only offers the opportunity to perform a charitable act, but will permit you to enjoy a full evening of sporting thrill.

Mrs. Philip Johnson to Conduct Lecture Series at Y.W.C.A.

In the series of lectures on Today's Consumer, to be given by Mrs. Philip Johnson at the Highland Park Y.W.C.A. starting Friday, Sept. 29, at 10 o'clock, will be the answer to many questions that arise in the daily routine of every homemaker.

The following questions and many others of vital importance to every consumer will be answered during the fall series of six lectures on Food and Drugs:

1. Do you realize the importance of your position as a consumer today?
2. Do you know how to balance a menu on a balanced budget?
3. Do you know why you should always buy graded meat?
4. Is a storage egg desirable?
5. Do you realize the relationship between packaged foods and health today?
6. Do you know how the Food and Drugs laws affect you?

Have Narrow Escape When Car Leaves Pavement Sunday A.M.

Five young people narrowly escaped death early Sunday morning when the 1939 Buick sedan in which they were riding with Martin Glader, west on Deerfield avenue, swerved off the road onto the gravel siding and into a guy wire of a telephone pole, throwing the car into a sidewalk abutment. The accident occurred just west of the bridge, near Dorcas Home. Those riding with Glader were Ernest Hertle of Deerfield, David Zahnle and Mildred Berant of Highland Park, and Mildred Clavey of Glenview. All were taken to the Highland Park hospital and were later released with the exception of David Zahnle, who was the most seriously injured, having suffered facial bruises, and possible broken cheek bones. The Glader car was a total wreck.

Infant Welfare Board Will Meet

The regular business luncheon meeting of the Board of the Highland Park-Ravinia center of infant welfare will be held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Wible, 229 Cedar avenue, Monday, August 28. The meeting will convene at 10 o'clock kindly Tel. H. P. 2382 by Friday for reservations.

New State Legion Head Is Graduate Of Local School

Major Lee Bittinger, who was unanimously elected commander of the Illinois Department of the American Legion, Tuesday, at the closing session of the state convention held in Peoria, was formerly a resident of Highland Park. He graduated from Deerfield Shields High school (now Highland Park High school) with the class of 1913. He took an active part in school activities being especially prominent in athletics, as well as being musically inclined.

Mr. Bittinger is commandant of the Onarga academy for boys at Onarga, Ill., which was formerly headed by his father.

He assumed his duties as state commander at once, taking the gavel from Edward Clamage of Chicago, retiring commander.

William F. Waugh, Chicago attorney, was unanimously elected to the stepping stone office of senior vice commander; the Rev. F. C. Voet, Catholic priest at Warren, chaplain, and Karl Nash of Peoria, national executive committeeman.

Mrs. Joseph Mieczynski of North Chicago was elected first vice president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion. She is the only Lake county representative among state Legion office holders.

Mrs. George Cassidy of Chicago was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Heckencamp of Quincy. Mrs. Lowell Allen of Bellville was chosen second vice president; Mrs. William Schlupp of Chicago, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Brown of Benton, chaplain; Mrs. Moorman Schee of Rockford, historian, and Mrs. Mildred Knoles, Chicago, secretary.

Oak Terrace School Kindergarten Will Open September 6th

The Oak Terrace school in Highwood will open the new term on Wednesday, Sept. 6, with the addition of a kindergarten which will be directed by Miss Marjorie Andurski, former first grade teacher. Children who are five years old or will become five by February 1, 1940 will be accepted.

The teaching staff for the elementary grades will remain the same as it was last year.

Books will be rented to children under the same plan that has worked so well for the past two years. Those wishing to purchase new books should order them through the office of the school during the week preceding the opening as it is necessary to obtain them from the publishing companies.

Ten rooms of the building have been redecorated during the summer months and the entire building has been thoroughly cleaned in readiness for the return of the children and teachers.

Modenese Society to Picnic Sunday

The last picnic for the summer season will be given by the Modenese Mutual Aid society Sunday, August 27, at Santi's Grove.

The program of the day as arranged by the committee in charge will consist of games, including a bocce contest. Dancing will begin at sunset. Many prizes will be awarded, while refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening.

Gaidzik Pier at Lake Front Is Dedicated Sunday

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. brief memorial services were held at the North Shore Yacht Club, Highland Park for George Gaidzik and his son, Michael, who lost their lives in the sailing tragedy which occurred a year ago on the same date, August 20.

The services were conducted by Dr. Louis W. Sherwin of the Presbyterian church of Highland Park. As a part of the services a wreath, carried in the new life boat "Rescue" was placed on the water in the area in which the Gaidzik boat capsized.

Following the memorial services the pier constructed by the Highland Park Lake Front Safety Committee was dedicated as the Gaidzik Pier. The Honorable Frank J. Ronan, Mayor, was invited to name and dedicate the structure.

A large delegation of members of the Highland Park Lake Front Safety committee, the North Shore Yacht club and Sea Scouts were present at the dedicatory services.

The Highland Park Lake Front Safety Fund, Inc., is a permanent organization in cooperation with Highland Park Municipal authorities, Park Board and Civic government, formed to insure continuing the safeguard of North Shore water front activities.

Local People Hurt in Accident

Four persons were injured early Sunday when the automobile in which they were riding ran off the road and struck a culvert on Belvidere street east of Lewis avenue, in Waukegan, when the driver apparently fell asleep.

Andrew Prosen, Jr., 27, of 1040 Lincoln avenue, accompanied by his wife, Marie, 22, and Steve Nagode, 28, of 522 May street, Waukegan, and Miss Helen Burch, 20, of 530 N. Mayflower avenue, Lake Forest, was driving east on Belvidere street when the car collided with the culvert. All four were cut and bruised and were taken to St. Therese hospital, Waukegan.

43,211 Take Part In Play Program Of Park Board

Community response and appreciation of the Playground Program sponsored by the Park Board of Highland Park during nine weeks of the summer months is again evidenced by the registration and attendance figures. A total of 2115 individuals, both children and adults, were registered on the various playgrounds during the season just closed. The daily attendance figures show a total of 43,211.

Activities organized by the Park Board to provide recreation for both adults and children include such projects as baseball swimming instruction, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, volleyball, track and field events, story hours, handicraft classes, dramatics, and educational tours. The philosophy of the playground staff has been that children need a certain amount of time in which they may plan their own recreational needs. The summer vacation affords ample opportunity for this.

Leadership is necessary to keep the child on the right path, however, and to the wise choice of leaders is due the success of the program. In conducting the playground activities the staff has as in former years stressed the development of citizenship in the child as secondary to skills in athletic contests. It is felt that a program of this type in which the child is given fundamental training in democratic living the most good will result.

The Park Board has always been open to suggestions in carrying out its program and again invites the residents of the community to offer suggestions for future use in the Playground program. All suggestions will be evaluated and incorporated in the program for next season if possible.

Dr. N. S. Mayo to Attend Memphis Convention Aug. 28

Dr. N. S. Mayo, veterinarian, 484 Sheridan place, Highland Park, will attend the 76th convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association to be held from August 28 through September 1 in the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Mayo is chairman of the Association's Committee on Education which will report to the convention.

Schools to Open For Fall Term September 6th

Just one more week and the old familiar clang of the school bell will be heard in Highland Park. Grade schools of all districts as well as the local high school will open Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

This includes the Elm Place, Green Bay Road, Ridge, Ravinia, Braeside and Lincoln schools.

Several changes have been made in the teaching staffs of the various schools, and a complete list of the new teachers will appear in next week's issue of the Highland Park Press.

On Wednesday morning, Aug. 30, at 9 o'clock, all freshmen who have not as yet been registered at Highland Park high school, and who are desirous of entering school this fall, must apply at the school.

The bookstore at the high school will be open Saturday and Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 m. A faculty meeting will be held at three o'clock Tuesday, also.

Freshmen will report for class Wednesday morning, Sept. 6th, at 8:45 a.m. All other students will report for class Thursday morning at 8:45 a.m.

3 Day Horse Show to Open Sept. 2 at Fort Sheridan

Finishing touches are being placed this week on the most brilliant horse show in Fort Sheridan's history, a three-day event opening a week from Saturday. Five performances are scheduled, with programs on the afternoon and evening of both Sept. 2 and 3, and the finals on the afternoon of Sept. 4.

Maj. Paul H. Morris, manager; Capt. Cary B. Hutchinson, secretary-treasurer, and the other officers who comprise the show committee, have arranged a record number of classes, totaling 41, in addition to spectacular military exhibitions and other special features.

Prominent among the entries for the spirited competition in the Fort Sheridan horse show ring are Denison B. Hull of Winnetka, whose hunters and jumpers have scored heavily in shows all this season; R. C. Hyatt of Wadsworth and Norman W. Harris, who is bringing the pick of his Kemah Stock Farm at Williams Bay, Wis.

As a matter of fact, the entry list is growing rapidly and the contestants will include all of the leading exhibitors of hunters, jumpers, three-gaited and five-gaited horses of north shore owners, plus the best riders.

For ticket reservations and information regarding entries, contact should be made with the Horse Show office at Fort Sheridan, the phone number being Highland Park 880. The show will benefit a fine cause, the Associated Charities of Fort Sheridan.

Irene Dunne Stars in "Invitation to Happiness" 3 Days

There is to be a double-feature program at the Alcyon on Saturday with two interesting films. Striking a keynote of distinct originality, "Tell No Tales," featuring Melvyn Douglas, proves to be dramatic entertainment of the highest order, replete with breathless and suspenseful action. The United States Secret Service's unceasing war against counterfeiters is thrillingly depicted in "Code of the Secret Service," second feature attraction. Ronald Reagan, Eddie Foy, Jr., and Rosella Towne are the stars in this bristling and exciting story.

Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray will be co-starred for the first time in the drama "Invitation to Happiness," which will be presented at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Fred MacMurray is an ambitious prizefighter who works for, dreams about, and hopes to become champion. Charlie Ruggles and Billy Cook are outstanding in the featured cast.

Next week's double-feature program for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will offer two fine attractions. Virginia Bruce and Walter Pidgeon bring thrills and heart-throbs, comedy and human interest to the screen in a delectable blend in "Stronger Than Desire," their second picture together. Earl Derr Biggers' renowned Oriental detective, "Charlie Chan in Reno" has his cleverest cast to date. With Sidney Toler in the role of Chan, the cast surrounding the wily sleuth includes Phyllis Brooks, Ricardo Cortez and Slim Summerville.