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The usual City Council meeting scheduled for Monday evening of this week was suspended as is generally the case during a holiday week. However, the council did hold an informal meeting in private chambers on Monday night to discuss numerous problems and questions that have come before the group in recent weeks.

As these meetings are attended only by members of the council, and individuals invited by the council to supply it with special information and advice, your correspondent sought out the Mayor on Monday afternoon to ascertain in a general way what was on the calendar for discussion at the Monday evening session.

The abundance and diversity of problems which Mayor Ronan so kindly outlined for us on this particular occasion readily explained why the council must once in a while gather together in private session to iron out the thousand and one details which confront them in discharging the city's official business. We might also comment here that the small remuneration paid those who direct the city's affairs in no way adequately compensates them for the time and effort spent on the job. When one considers that the members of the council must devote at least a nominal amount of time to their private affairs, he may well appreciate the sacrifices these men make for the cause of civic duty. At best, it is a thankless job.

One of the questions scheduled for discussion at Monday night's session was that of the two bids submitted at the November 13 meeting offering facilities to take care of the city's surplus refuse. The terms of these bids filed by E. A. Meyer Construction company and the Highland Park Fuel company were to be carefully reviewed and recommendations made for official action by the council at an early meeting.

Another question slated for careful perusal was the location of the new incinerator. The committee working on this pertinent problem, which has caused no small amount of discussion in recent months, has just about obtained all the necessary data and is about ready to submit a concrete and workable plan before the council for action.

The problem of enforcing the city licensing laws is also up for a thorough going over. At Monday afternoon's interview Mayor Ronan stated that heretofore collection of license fees authorized by statutes in the city code had been woefully neglected. The Mayor feels that if a continuous effort is made to see that all business establishments coming within the scope of these laws are properly licensed and the fees therefrom promptly collected, a long closed and much needed source of revenue will be reopened and made available for the city's use.

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Floyd Peterson to Head Highwood's New Water Works

Floyd Peterson, who has served as head of the water department of Highwood since 1937, was appointed superintendent of the new \$220,000 waterworks, at a meeting of the Highwood city council, last Friday evening. Peter Trucano, an honor chemistry student at Northwestern university, was named assistant at the plant.

The superintendent's salary was set at \$150 per month, a \$10 increase for Peterson, and his assistant, \$110. The position of superintendent of the water department was abolished.

Mayor Charles Portilia personally was responsible for breaking a 4 to 4 deadlock to nominate Bernard J. Juron of Waukegan, city attorney. Juron has been serving without appointment in that capacity for the past seven months.

The importance of the mayor likewise was felt in the third victory—a motion to have the Highwood city books audited monthly. He broke the same 4 to 4 deadlock. Aldermen Kenry, Fiochli, Pagliani, and Cowgill were for it. Aldermen Farneti, Simpson, Bork and Calcia were against it.

Following this action, Ald. Albert Bork, chairman of the finance committee, talked economy, warning the council that the city would face a \$10,000 deficit at the end of the fiscal year.

Then Ald. Edwin Cowgill's motion that the office of health inspector, held currently by Ray L. Unbehau, be incorporated in the chief of police's duties was passed by a 6 to 2 vote. Cowgill said the abolishment of this fee job would save \$60 a month.

James W. Martine to Conduct Dance Class at "Y" Friday

Next Friday night a group of High school students will gather at the Y for an evening of dancing, supervised and instructed by that fine teacher, and engaging personality, James Weckler Martine. Bob Bock's High School orchestra will



furnish the music, and at this time invitations are still available and may be secured, by calling or applying at the Y.

The plan is to begin instruction at 8:30 and last an hour, then follows two hours of informal dancing supervised by Mr. Martine. The very nominal charge will be within the reach of all, and doors will be closed at 9 o'clock so the young people are urged to be very prompt.

Churches Join In Thanksgiving Day Service Thursday

In addition to various services held by individual communions, there is a Union service at Trinity Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock in which the following churches are uniting: Bethany Evangelical, First United Evangelical, Grace Methodist Episcopal, the Highland Park Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal.

The Reverend Harvey F. Siemsen, pastor of Bethany Evangelical church, will preach on the subject, "Can we be thankful in 1939?"

Thanksgiving Day being one of the few national holy days, the churches are hoping very much that this year there will be an outpouring of those who thus publicly demonstrate a belief in the wisdom of George Washington when he called the nation to a remembrance of the fact that its government was founded upon the conviction that a nation's strength is related to its willingness to ask for the guidance of God. As George Washington years ago called our nation to bend the knee in prayer and thanksgiving, so today the same necessity and opportunity is definitely before us.

Fall "Round-Up" at Bethlehem Church Prove Huge Success

Circle X Ranch, headed by Mrs. Harold Giss was the victor over Circle T Ranch headed by Mrs. Chester Wessling at the annual Fall Round-Up at Bethlehem Evangelical church, Friday evening. There was keen competition shown between the two ranches which divided the congregation into competing groups.

The evening was planned to be entirely social, and consisted of games such as indoor hockey, indoor horse-shoes, in which individuals competed with individuals. Other group games included relay races for adults, and a special relay for the many children present. Refreshments were served in true ranch style, and the "Chuck wagon" brought chili con carne, crackers, doughnuts, and coffee. Serving on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Robert Page, chairman, Mrs. John Vetter, and Mrs. John Stryker.

Decorations were in charge of a committee of the young unmarried adults headed by Mrs. Earl J. Bruno. The committee included J. Kenneth Vetter, Clifford Stanger, Milton Merner and Miss Anna Marie Herrmann. The "Ranch" motif was carried out to every detail. Old lanterns, a covered wagon, and ropes lent atmosphere to the social rooms of the church.

A "ranch" orchestra headed by Mrs. Harold Giss provided musical interludes in the program and led in group singing. Others playing in the orchestra included Mrs. Harold Peterson, Mrs. Thomas Sliot and Mr. Erwin Dreiske.

Thanksgiving

On this day, which is set apart to acknowledge the goodness of God, let us give thanks for the mercies of the past year.

Let us not forget to dispense bounties as best we may and remember that every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving.

Let us as good American citizens do our part, and with a helping hand make it entirely possible for the sore and oppressed to be able to enjoy a yearly Thanksgiving Day.

Complete Drive In Record Time; \$272 Above Goal

The fifth annual campaign of the Highland Park Community Chest reached its goal of \$45,000 Wednesday of this week, with an actual total of \$45,272.69 being turned in to the Chest Headquarters at that time.

General Campaign Chairman Mason G. Armstrong in announcing that the campaign had gone "over the top," also stated that several hundred dollars additional was expected from absentee citizens and a few who have been unable for other reasons to make their subscriptions promptly. "We are counting on these citizens to make their subscriptions within the next few days regardless of the fact that the established goal has been reached. The additional money will be very helpful in meeting emergencies expected this winter."

"Highland Park's Good Neighbors who have helped through their generous subscriptions and volunteer services may be proud and thankful indeed at this Thanksgiving season of the fine and prompt response to this annual appeal for our Highland Park Welfare Agencies," said President Herman A. Zischke last night. "The fine volunteer campaign organizations, organized by General Campaign Chairman Mason G. Armstrong, and Special Gifts Chairman William T. Jones, has achieved a record in our local Chest campaign by completing their work considerably ahead of former years. Our citizens too, share in this record for the prompt and generous response which they gave the volunteer workers, which made it possible for the goal to be reached quickly."

Bing Crosby's Latest Film at Alcyon Thanksgiving Day

Edith Fellows plays brave little Polly Pepper in the film version of the world-famous juvenile classic, "Five Little Peppers and How They Grew," by Margaret Sidney at the Alcyon on Friday and Saturday this week. Dorothy Peterson and Clarence Kolb are also seen in this rollicking story of the famous fiction family. On this same program is the return engagement of "Charge of the Light Brigade," starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. Here is a vast and impressive film and one that you will surely want to see again.

With an excellent cast and a story of breathless speed and excitement, "Stagecoach" is a screen presentation we look forward to seeing. Too much praise cannot be given to the cast of the story for the unusual and convincing characterizations they enact. On the Alcyon screen for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Local audiences will laugh loud and long when "Topper Takes a Trip" is unreeled at the Alcyon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. With this sequel to the vastly successful "Topper" of last season, Hal Roach has again rung the bell, and provides us with another ninety minutes of solid entertainment. Roland Young is back again as topper still harassed by saucy Constance Bennett. Billie Burke and Alan Mowbray again have their old roles of Mrs. Topper and Topper's man.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas bazaar of the Ladies Aid of the Redeemer Lutheran church on West Central avenue has been set for Thursday, Dec. 7. The sale will open at 10 o'clock and continue throughout the afternoon.

Luncheon will be served at noon and tea at 4 o'clock, both at a nominal price. Combined with the bazaar will be a bakery sale.

Woman's Club Exhibit Works Of County Art League

The Highland Park Woman's club is sponsoring for two weeks an exhibit of the works of the late Pauline Palmer in conjunction with a selected exhibit of paintings by members of the Lake County Art league.

The Lake County Art league was founded in Waukegan in 1934 by a small group of artists and patrons of art. The purpose of the league has been, from the beginning, to further the appreciation and encourage the pursuit of art in Lake county. The growth of the organization has been remarkable. From the original small group it has developed into an interested organization of active participants with a membership numbering about 100.

Among the members are such well-known personalities as Elizabeth K. and Frank C. Peyraud, Rudolph Ingerle, Tom Wilder, Dudley Crafts Watson and Charles O. Longabaugh. Mr. Longabaugh of Grayslake, whose "Farm Yard in Spring" hangs in the current exhibit discussed the pictures on November 1st at the Woman's club. Of especial interest is some work of Hubert Ropp of Lake Forest who was the only middle western artist represented at the San Francisco Fair where his "Margo and the Right Angle" was given a wall to itself in showing. This picture which aroused much comment is now being shown in Canada, but among Mr. Ropp's paintings hanging at the club are a Self Portrait and a portrait of his wife.

Richard J. Lyons to Address Young Republicans Monday

Richard J. Lyons, of Libertyville, who is Republican candidate for Governor in the coming primaries on April 9th, will address the Young Republicans of Highland Park, Monday evening, November 27th at 8 o'clock in their club rooms in the Sher-Park apartments. The meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Lyons, served ten years as a member of the State Legislature, most of which time he served as a member of the important appropriations committee. In the beginning of his second term he became one of the foremost leaders in that body, and served so well that the "Legislative Voters League," a non-political organization which watches the action of members of the Legislature, many times has endorsed him as "one of the most intelligent, forceful and valuable members of the legislature."

In 1938 when Lyons was nominated for the Senate, had it not been for the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago, he would have won the election, for he carried the Republican vote by 190,000 majority to the city limits of Chicago.

Joys Wanted

When Thanksgiving is past — Christmas is but a few weeks away.

WANTED:

Toys for distribution to needy children in our community. Please give them to us early that they may be renovated and ready for distribution through the Highland Park Social Service by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Community Service assisting. Santa Claus has promised to accompany the truck as last year. Call or deliver to Highland Park Social Service Old City Hall, or Tel. 4600.

West Ridge Drama Club to Present Popular Farce Dec. 9

Highland Parkers are promised a show with many a laugh when the West Ridge Drama club presents "The Whole Town's Talking" Saturday evening, Dec. 9, at the high school auditorium. This popular farce, written by John Emerson and Anita Loos, enjoyed a long run on Broadway several seasons ago and has been the vehicle for lavishly wholesome entertainment in many little theatres throughout the country.

The West Ridge group will be remembered for its successful production of "Dulcy," several years ago. Its members are unusually active in civic and school affairs and with their emergence from a "vacation" in the dramatic field Highland Park is assured of a fresh hilarious "hit."

"The Whole Town's Talking" captivates every audience because its engaging plot and clean, delightful repartee hold the mirror up to American comedy at its best. Chester Binney, our dubious hero, finds himself confronted with love and marriage. It appears that Henry Simmons, a wealthy paint manufacturer, as a not too typical American father, arranges a plot to marry his daughter to the honest, but unromantic Mr. Binney. When movie stars, dancing instructors and cab drivers rush into the scene you will wonder if Simmons hadn't better stick to his knitting—or his paint business.

Rehearsals for the West Ridge show are now under full steam under the direction of Joseph Shippen. Carrying the difficult part of Chester Binney is Carl Christiansen. Mr. Simmons will be portrayed by John Robinson and Hattie Simmons his wife will be played by Edith Flynn. Dorothy Dunham will creditably handle the role of the attractive female lead, Ethel Simmons. Other players completing the cast and well known to many Highland Parkers are: Wallace Hatcher, Vernon Fox, Benjamin Bruce, Eunice Harter, Ann Jennings, Joel Fox, Ruthe Gould, and Malcolm Jennings.

Mrs. Charles Hatcher, president of the West Ridge Drama club, said this week: "We will have a finished production on the ninth and we are expecting a large audience to see this very engaging farce."

Oak Terrace P.-T.A. Sponsors Benefit Dance November 29

The public is invited to attend a dance at the Oak Terrace school on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 8:30. The dance is sponsored by the P.T.A. Proceeds are to go to the maintenance of a school nurse. Refreshments will be served at reasonable prices consisting of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and cake.

The following committees were appointed: general chairman, Mrs. G. Kenry; ticket committee, Mrs. V. Walecka, chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. Benson and Mrs. R. Suzzi. The club room committee, Mrs. Roy Russell, chairman, and Mr. Frank Lichwalt, assisting.

Music chairman, Mrs. K. Croveti. Music will be furnished by Virgil Lenzini and his orchestra.

Hawthorne-Melody Farms Six Horse Hitch



Seen in the above picture is a six horse hitch, owned by the Hawthorne Melody Farms of Libertyville, breeders of Suffolk thoroughbreds, which are to be shown at the International Live Stock show to be held at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, opening December 2 and continuing until December 9. The horses were driven by Karl Reichmuth, who formerly trained horses for Annheuser of St. Louis, Mo. These six thoroughbred geldings were imported from England, July 5, 1935, and have never before been shown, with the exception of their appearance at the State Fair in Springfield in August. Here they were not shown as a six horse team. They were awarded first and second prizes as two horse teams and fourth as a four horse team. Haxton, one of the "sextettes," won first in all classes in the larger breed or graft horses.

Deerfield Youth Turns Hero When He Averts Wreck

A crashing noise as the fast streamline "Hiawatha" of the Milwaukee road passed through Deerfield Saturday at 10 a.m. caused young Bill Cruickshank to investigate. His curiosity averted a train wreck. Bill, age 16, and a junior at the Highland Park high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cruickshank of Forest avenue. The father is an employee in the Deerfield post office. Bill has had charge of the sale of newspapers at the depot for a number of years, and was at the station when the Hiawatha went through Deerfield.

As he walked south from the depot he found a piece of rail which had hit the radiator of Eldon Frost's car parked there. He continued his investigation and came to the viaduct where the tracks are elevated and Deerfield road is below. Here he found where the track had broken and where the ties had been splintered and gouged by the breaking of the rail. The viaduct is one block south of the depot. He got on his bicycle and traveled about a mile south down the tracks to where the section foreman, George Hawkins, and his crew were working. Dan Intranuvo (Drano), a worker, was instructed to go north of the depot and flag a freight train which was coming south on the east track (the damaged one) and he reached Hazel avenue, one block north of the depot and stopped the train. Had the broken rail gone unnoticed, the freight train would have hurtled over the railing and piled up on the street below, possibly crushing any autos or pedestrians who were passing through. The crew repaired the tracks and so a serious accident was averted.

Dr. Dorothy Sugden Davis took a snapshot of Bill with the piece of rail in his hand and this picture appeared in Sunday's Herald-American. Today Bill is Deerfield's hero.

C. Eugene Pfister Is Re-elected President of Men's Garden Club

A complete slate of officers for 1940 was re-elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Garden Club of this city, held last week in the lounge of the Highland Park Woman's Club. The principal speaker for the evening was David Hall, who exhibited his unusual collection of color slides on Irises.

Re-elected for the next year were the following club officers: President, C. Eugene Pfister; vice president, D. A. Kittermaster; secretary, Irving E. Meyerhoff; treasurer, Bernard Joseph.

"During the past year, the first of its existence, the Mens Garden club of Highland Park has grown rapidly. Today there are over 60 active members. The rapid increase in this organization indicates the keen interest men in this community have in gardening, flowers and civic improvement," stated Irving Meyerhoff, secretary.