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Comments

Following the Thanksgiving week recess, the city council again resumed its regular weekly meetings on Monday evening. An unusual number of visitors were present in the council chamber when Mayor Ronan called the meeting to order. All commissioners were present with the exception of Mr. Bowes.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read by City Clerk Musser, he read to the council a petition from the park board requesting the refunding of a building permit fee recently obtained for the construction of a field house. In the discussion following the reading of this request, Commissioner Sharp asked the city clerk if it had been the custom in the past for such refunds to be made. Upon receiving a reply in the negative, Mr. Sharp recommended that the petition be refused. Upon a vote of the council, the park board request was officially denied.

In a prelude to his report Commissioner Sharp invited the members of the council and all those interested to attend a meeting of the officers of the various taxing bodies in the Highland Park area to be held at the city hall on Tuesday evening at which ways and means of collecting delinquent taxes are to be discussed. Mr. Sharp stated that Okel Fuqua, Assistant States Attorney in charge of tax matters, would be present to address the gathering. An invitation had also been extended to Lawrence Mills of the Chicago Bar Association and chairman of the Tax Committee of Cook county, to attend.

Commissioner Sharp reported that the committee on the selection of a location for the new incinerator was making every effort to complete its work in time to make a report at the council's next meeting.

Commissioner Swanson opened his report by stating that investigation of means of eliminating danger of collision at the intersection of Sheridan road and Lambert Tree road led to the recommendation of himself and City Engineer Cole that the entrance of Ravinia Park be moved back approximately thirty feet.

Seek Means To Collect Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Under the chairmanship of Commissioner Sharp, representatives of the various taxing bodies in the Highland Park area and members of the City Council met at the City hall on Tuesday evening of this week to seek ways and means of collecting at least a part of the hundreds of thousands of dollars due in delinquent taxes and penalties on both improved and unimproved property in this city.

The round table discussion on the tax problem was led by Okel Fuqua, assistant states attorney in charge of delinquent taxes, and Lawrence Mills, representative of the Tax Committee of Cook county. Both Mr. Okel and Mr. Mills outlined for the group the advantages as well as the short comings of collecting delinquent taxes through foreclosure suits. In most cases, Mr. Okel pointed out, where the back taxes penalties and special assessments approximated the value of the property involved, little success was attained. However, in the case of Highland Park where there is little property in arrears to this degree and where there has been an active real estate market during the past few years, Mr. Okel was of the opinion that foreclosure proceedings, when all else failed, should be highly in order and undoubtedly successful.

Of particular interest were the statements of Mr. Okel and Mr. Mills that in Lake county there are 49,000 tracts of land delinquent in taxes and that in Cook county out of 1,200,000 parcels of land, more than one third are in arrears. Mr. Mills stated that where the officials in Lake county cooperated wholeheartedly in the collection of delinquent taxes, in Cook county where the County Board benefited directly from the penalties imposed on such property there was no incentive on its part to see that delinquent real estate in Cook county was again placed on the regular tax rolls.

At the conclusion of the meeting another gathering of the same group was ordered for Thursday, December 7, when more concrete steps will be outlined for the collection of delinquent taxes on Highland Park property.

League of Women Voters to Honor New Members Dec. 8

A tea party in honor of the thirty three new members of the League of Women Voters will take the place of the regular December program on December 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bernard Nath, 288 Hazel avenue. Mrs. Lee Supple, membership chairman has personally invited all Highland Park women who have joined the league this fall to attend the tea. Mrs. Marc Law, Mrs. Robert Walker and Mrs. Bernard Nath are in charge of arrangements. The committee is planning for an informal discussion on the subject "What can the league mean to me a new member."

Executive members of the board of directors of the league will act as hostesses as well as the hospitality committee. These are Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. Jay Glidden, Mrs. Douglas Boyd and Mrs. Philip Ringer. Any new members of last year who were unable to attend the tea given in their honor last year and would like to take advantage of this one are asked to communicate with Mrs. Supple.

A field trip to the Lake County
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Dr. Watson Gives Third Lecture Dec. 5 at H. P. High School

"Nowhere," says Dr. Watson, "does color photography grasp the brilliance and color of a country as it does in Scandinavia."

The astonishing greatness of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark is due to their people and the co-operative spirit of their governments. To know them better is to have a fuller understanding of the part they play in all human affairs, as well as to realize their strategic importance in the Baltic.

These lands are full of excitement, drama, and legends, and here the ideals of democracy have proved their worth, where the people have learned the art of living and the enjoyment of play.

Dr. Watson takes his audience to Helsinki; through the Land of Thirty Thousand Islands; to Stockholm, Copenhagen, Tivoli, Oslo, Bergen; up into the Fjord country; to Trondheim, Hammerfest; into the glory of the Arctic; Land of the Midnight Sun. Dr. Watson also shows many works of the great Scandinavian artists—Zorn, Larsen, Milles, and correlates the music of Sebelius, Ibsen, and Grieg in with his glorious color movies and stills.

This is Dr. Watson's third lecture in his series at the Highland Park High School—Scandinavian lecture date—Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8:15 p.m.

"Trade Winds" Will Be Shown on Alcyon Screen Three Days

With the glorious tradition of the Blue Grass country as its background and the famed Kentucky Derby as its spectacular climax, "Kentucky," the production which has been filmed in brilliant technicolor is having a return showing on the Alcyon screen this Saturday.

"The Man in the Iron Mask," one of the world's great adventure-romances, a story treasured by millions of readers and awaited by multitudes of screen-thrill-lovers comes to the Alcyon theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in a new, glamorously exciting production. You will see Joan Bennett's breathtaking beauty as the Princess Maria Theresa and Louis Hayward in the most spectacular dual role ever created. Here, indeed, is a story excitingly different.

Fredric March and Joan Bennett are featured in the fast-moving, romantic melodrama "Trade Winds" an Alcyon presentation for next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The screen play for this film was written by practiced pens which explains the continuous flow of sparkling dialogue and crackling wit as well as the convincingly dramatic situations which make the film rich in suspense, drama and humor.

Service League to Present Mrs. Byfield in Program Dec. 6

Miss Jessie Harding, accompanied by Miss Priscilla Carver, gave a most delightful reading of "The Man Without a Country" on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the home of Mrs. William Barker, under the sponsorship of the Service League of Trinity church.

Guests are looking forward to an equally delightful morning on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the home of Mrs. M. D. Vail, 190 Lakewood place. Mrs. Helen Abbott Byfield will read "The Family Portrait," a play which will be in Chicago later this winter.

Music Department Of High School To Give Concert

Those in this and the neighboring communities who enjoy good music are always eager to hear about the concert given by the Music Department of the Highland Park High school as a prelude to Christmas festivities. Everyone is welcome to attend this varied musical program, and especial invitations are given to the children in the grade schools and their parents to enjoy the music produced by their older sisters and brothers and friends.

Mr. Harold Finch, head of the Music Department, is conducting both the orchestra and the band this year, during the absence of the orchestra leader, Mrs. Helen Mayer Mannings. Mr. Finch demonstrated his ability as an orchestra leader most favorably when the orchestra played so charmingly at the High School play a few weeks ago. During his many years of leadership of the High School band, he has developed it to become one of the leading bands in the state, and his fine musicianship makes him a splendid conductor for the orchestra, as well. He promises some favorites on the program, which include the Introduction to Act Three, of the opera, "Lohengrin" by Wagner, and the Emperor Waltz by Strauss.

The chorus this year is directed by an enthusiastic leader with a fine voice himself, Mr. William Fischer, and its program will be in keeping with the spirit of the Christmas season, while some of their soloists will render some well-known songs which will delight the audience.

The concert will be held in the school auditorium, St. Johns avenue, on Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 3:30 o'clock, and this musical treat is free to the music-loving public.

Radio Entertainers to Appear in Program at Highwood Dec. 2

An entertainment of unusual interest will be given Saturday evening, Dec. 2, at 8 o'clock, in Oak Terrace school, Highwood, under the sponsorship of the Highwood Methodist church.

Shelby Jean and Jackie Davis, popular radio singers who are heard every evening on the Supertime Frolic program over Radio Station WJJD, Chicago, will sing solo and harmony numbers and featured songs. Shelby Jean is 12 years old and has been on the radio for four years. Her brother, Jackie, is nine and has been heard over the air for more than a year.

D. Bonetti, well known local musician, assisted by an orchestra, will present several numbers. Eileen Risjord will give several readings.

African Sound Film to Feature Men's Fellowship Meeting

The next Men's Fellowship Club dinner and meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, at 7 o'clock at the Highland Park Presbyterian church.

The feature of the evening will be an African sound film "Treking to Timbuctoo," produced by Mr. John F. Jennings, who spent nine months in Africa working on the filming of this picture. It is an outstanding picture and one every man will enjoy. A short picture "Ski Revels" will also be shown.

Students from the Highland Park High school will furnish a musical program.

Adorn Business District With Lighted Trees During Holidays

Highland Park will again witness a beautifully lighted business district, during the coming holiday season. The Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Highland Park merchants began several days ago the task of installing these decorations in the heart of the business section.

Similar to last year's attractive festive array, 12 foot trees will be placed at intervals along both sides of Central avenue, from Green Bay road to the east end of the local shopping district. Forty varied colored lights will be placed on each tree, giving our city a most festive appearance during the holiday season.

Beginning Saturday evening, Dec.

Bishop Stewart of Chicago to Address H. P. Woman's Club

On Tuesday, December 5th, the Right Reverend George Craig Stewart, Bishop of Chicago, will be the guest of the Highland Park Woman's club, and at 2 p.m. will give a talk before the club members on "Scotch Poems and Poets." Bishop Stewart is a personality well known to everyone, for his rare wit and sparkling humor are second only to his sincerity and deep religious feeling, and his lecture on the Scotch poets is one long to be remembered.

At 10 a.m. on this same day the Collectors' Study Group will meet at the club house to hear Mrs. Robert Wyness Millar give an informal talk on "Saints and Symbols." Mrs. Millar is the wife of one of the faculty members of Northwestern university and is the Curator of Ceramics of the University guild in Evanston. She has lived abroad at various times in Italy, Spain and France while studying the history of art, and it was there that she became interested in and acquired her first "saints." She has long been interested in the meaning behind the symbols used by spiritual teachers and artists from earliest times, recognizing the differing schools of thought in the matter of Symbols, one holding that such forms as the Cross, the Spiral and so on are the result of man's instinct for design; the other that holds, to quote Dr. Breasted: "Such symbols disclose to us a vanished world of thought and speech." This discussion will be illustrated by a beautiful collection of icons, figurines of the saints and examples of early religious art as well as other art objects such as ceramics, paintings and textiles. Mrs. Millar will be glad to have any of her audience bring to her lecture examples along these lines that they think worthwhile. Again, this program of the Collectors' Study Group is open to all who may be interested in this field at a nominal fee. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Also on December 5th, the club's Drama Group will have a meeting at 12:45 p.m. Their program on this occasion will consist of brief biographies of actors and actresses, reviews of current plays, a discussion of Folk and Dialect plays by Mrs. Eugene P. Barnes, and a lesson in Pantomime given by drama group members.

Following the afternoon program on which Bishop Stewart is to appear tea will be served in the lounge of the club. Mrs. F. B. Carpenter, Mrs. F. V. Collinge, Mrs. Armand McFee and Mrs. William Gartside will pour.

Social Security Representative at Local P. O. Dec. 12

For the convenience of employers and employees in this vicinity, who desire assistance and information relative to the Social Security program, Mr. Albert S. Lewis, manager, of the Waukegan Field Office of the Social Security Board, will be at the local post office in Highland Park, Ill., on December 12, 1939, from 10 a. m. to 3 p.m. The manager stated this personal service will be given regularly to the people of this area by his office. Inquiries may also be made by letter or telephone at the field office of the Board, located in the new post office building, Waukegan.

"Many employers and wage earners wish information concerning old age and survivors insurance and other phases of the Social Security program," Mr. Lewis said. "We are glad to be able to make direct contact possible for them."

Miss Anne Guthrie of Foreign Division of "Y" to Speak Here

Miss Anne Guthrie, world traveler and good-will ambassador to many nations as a member of the foreign division of the YWCA, will speak at the Highland Park Y on "China and the Philippines," Monday evening, Dec. 4. She will bring costumes from these countries to be modelled by some of the club girls. Representatives from all the busi-

ness girls clubs, the Friendship club and Mothers' club will be hostesses at a social hour following Miss Guthrie's talk. The program is open to anyone interested. Members especially are invited to come and hear about the many far-away lands where the blue triangle sign means friendship for all women and girls. An informal reception at 8 will precede the talk in the Assembly room. Five years in the Philippines, preceded by five years as continental adviser to all the Y work in South America, have been augmented by



living and working with women in many countries. Miss Guthrie has a knack of always being where interesting things are happening; she was in Shanghai during the first blackout, landed in the Philippines just as the new commonwealth was being born, talked to Gandhi in India and a Christian African chief-tain in South Africa, represented

the United States in League of Nations conference in Java. Wherever she has gone Miss Guthrie has made friends and she speaks eloquently and sympathetically on the struggles of many nations for peace and right. Anne Guthrie's series of travel letters "Dear Friends Everywhere" have been enjoyed by many friends all over the United States and she writes of the color and adventure of far-away places. While in Highland Park Miss Guthrie will be a guest at the home of the Everett Fontaines.

Mayor Ronan Issues Delinquent Tax and License Warning

Mayor Ronan made an earnest appeal this week to the citizens of Highland Park to pay all taxes and license fees due the city or render themselves liable to court action. In a statement issued at the City hall, the mayor said:

"We have ordinances requiring restaurant owners, pool room and bowling alley proprietors, ice dealers, garbage collectors, catch basin cleaners and many other lines of business to pay license fees. In addition, the law requires taxes be collected on such items as water consumption, ownership of dogs and operation of motor vehicles. All licenses in city taxes, with the exception of the water, dog and vehicle tax are due on May 1st of each year. Water taxes are due three times a year when billed. Vehicle and dog licenses are payable on January 1st and July 1st, respectively.

"There is no reason," the mayor continued, "why the time of the police department should be taken up with issuing summons and making arrests for non-payment of taxes and license fees. However, if this appeal to those who come under these laws fails, we shall have no other recourse than to resort to court action. December 5th has been set as the deadline for payment of delinquent taxes and license fees."

In concluding his statement, the mayor wished to differentiate between a tax and a license. The latter, he pointed out, was not primarily for revenue purposes but was designed to allow the municipality to have some sort of control over the operation of the various types of business organizations coming under the license laws.

Change in Hours For Red Cross Unit

During the pre-holiday and holiday season, the Red Cross Unit meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday from the first of December to January 8. As customary they will be at Trinity Church Parish House on Laurel avenue. No coffee will be served during these short meetings.

Hospital Receives \$5000 Gift From Mrs. W. H. Baldwin

A gift of \$5,000 has recently been made to the Highland Park hospital by Mrs. Walter H. Baldwin, 126 Lake avenue, and her sons. The gift is made in memory of their husband and father, Walter H. Baldwin, the first president of the hospital.

For some months the Board of Managers at the hospital has been confronted with an increasing need for additional space in which to house patients. Plans have been submitted by Schmidt, Garden and Erikson, architects specializing in hospital planning, for a third floor addition to the west wing of the present hospital structure. This future expansion is indicated by the growth of the community and the increased use of the hospital's facilities.

Mrs. Baldwin's check was accompanied by this letter which will be of genuine interest to the many friends of the hospital:

"I understand that your board is facing the problem of increasing the facilities of the hospital in the near future and that plans already prepared call for the building of a third floor on the west wing of the present structure.

"Since I have had in mind for some time making a \$5,000 gift to the hospital in memory of my husband, it occurs to me that this sum might now appropriately be the beginning of a building fund and provide specifically for the building and equipping of one room.

"My check for \$1,000 is enclosed herewith as an initial payment and I, or my estate, will complete the gift of \$5,000 by four additional payments within the next five years.

"No doubt there are many other friends of the hospital who may wish to create similar memorials, especially as I understand it is satisfactory to you that such bequests be made either in a lump sum or payable in equal portions over a period of three to five years.

"If this is agreeable to the Board,
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