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Because of the holiday season no regular City Council meetings were scheduled for this or next week. At the last regular session on Dec. 18, Mayor Ronan stated that if necessary a special meeting would be called during the holiday period, but at that time he did not consider such an action likely. In lieu of the ordinary column devoted to the council meeting your reporter is going to make use of this space in a discussion of perhaps the most knotty problem that is facing the city administration at this time, namely, the incinerator and refuse disposal problem.

Ever since the days when the city's garbage was turned over to nearby farmers to be used as feed for their hogs, the problem of garbage and refuse disposal—like death and taxes—has always been with us. Prior to 1915, most of the garbage went to the pigs. In that year with the community already taking on the aspect of a city, the town's first and only garbage disposal plant was built. It was of what is commonly known as the Dutch oven type and had a top capacity of some eight tons consumption over a 24 hour period. In those days when the community's population numbered only a few thousand, this size plant was of more than sufficient capacity to take care of the city's needs. However, as Highland Park continued to grow it soon became apparent that additional facilities would have to be provided to meet the ever increasing refuse tonnage. With other problems of more immediate import taking up the time and money of the various city administrations down through the years, nothing much was done about the refuse question until 1930. At that time the present plant was rebuilt and its tonnage capacity practically doubled. The new plant, admirable enough in itself, was only considered a move to forestall the emergency of the moment and in no way was meant to be construed as a permanent solution to the problem. It was not long afterwards that the new capacity was considered inadequate and ways and means were constantly being sought to bring about an acceptable and workable solution to the question. Of primary importance of course, was the raising of sufficient funds to pay for a new plant. Because of the fact that the city was bonded to practically its legal limit, the usual avenue through the floating of a bond issue to finance the venture was closed. To circumvent this blockade, a special garbage fund was created, and through efficient management was nursed along to a point where a start on a modern incinerator could be made.

This resume brings us down to the present time. The city has at its disposal a fund sufficiently large enough to make a more than respectable start at solving a problem that has been vexing the community for many years. Unfortunately, the financial angle is not the only nut to crack before "finis" can be written to the problem. The fly in the ointment at the current writing deals largely with location. Shortly after the present administration took office, a committee was appointed by the City Council under the chairmanship of Commissioner Sharp to select a site for the new incinerator. This committee made numerous field trips throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin to view at first hand the types and locations of modern incinerators serving communities comparable to Highland Park. The committee realized at the start that unless the citizens of the community were informed as to what constituted a modern incinerator and had concrete examples to back up their statements, they were bound to come in for a barrage of criticism regardless of the location they selected. With this thought in mind the committee visited such communities as Shorewood, a suburb of Milwaukee where the incinerator is in the residential district; Racine, Wisconsin, where the plant is attached to the city hall; and Oak Park, where it is practically in the center of town. In none of these places, the committee reports, did they run into any evidence that the various refuse disposal plants were considered detrimental to the neighborhood. The committee found that modern refuse disposal was both odorless and noiseless and far removed from the type of operation that is associated with the old time methods.

With this experience in back of them the committee proceeded, as it were, to put out feelers on contemplated sites for the Highland Park plant. In spite of its assurances,
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Harold Richardson to Address P.T.A. on Vocational Guidance

A topic of considerable interest to parents and future wage earners. Mrs. Earl J. Hyett, program chairman of the Highland Park High school P.T.A. announces a panel discussion conducted by Mr. Harold Richardson, Mr. Edward Burwell, vocational advisor for boys, Mrs. Frank Peers, vocational advisor for girls, Miss Minnie Buzard, as inquiring teacher, Mrs. Harold Norman, inquiring mother. "What our High school can give your child by way of vocational guidance" is the topic Mr. Richardson will tell about vocational tests made here. For many years Mr. Richardson has prepared and given the High school entrance tests to the 8th grade pupils of all the township grade schools. These tests have enabled the High school to place the incoming student into the group which best meets his or her needs. The P.T.A. membership very much appreciates the sympathetic understanding with which the teaching faculty try to meet the students' problems.

Conference with teachers and tea will take place at 3 p.m. in the English club room, followed by the program at 3:45 p.m. On Thursday, January 4, 1940.

Alcyon Presents Jerome Odium's "Dust Be My Destiny"

The high, wide and handsome adventures of a streamlined social register who causes considerable eyebrow lifting in Washington's upper crust when she "middle-classes it" with a roving cowboy from the western plains is both humorous and dramatically unfolded in "The Cowboy and the Lady," starring Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon, which is to be on the Alcyon screen Thursday and Friday of this week. The new slyph-like Patsy Kelly heads a handpicked cast. Another gay and fast college romance will reach the Alcyon on Saturday when "Winter Carnival," co-starring Ann Sheridan, America's oomph girl, and Richard Carlson will be presented. This is an exciting tale of an American-born Duchess who is taking life on the run and returns to Dartmouth college and the arms of her first love just when carnival time is at its height.

Outstanding screen entertainment at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be "The Roaring Twenties," featuring James Cagney and Priscilla Lane. The film which deals with the turbulent and eventful decade following the World war, is based on an original story by Mark Hellinger, ace columnist. "Dust Be My Destiny" is the heart-and-soul story of two young people, newlyweds, who never get a break in life. They're real people. They get their share of bad breaks just as you and I, but they hope and trust that sooner or later things will go right. John Garfield, as the boy, gives a most brilliant performance and Priscilla Lane offers another real-life portrayal at the Alcyon next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Bethany Church To Hold Prayer Mission During Week Jan. 7-14

The Bethany Evangelical church of this city will observe the National Week of Prayer by conducting a National Week of Prayer Mission which will be held each evening from January 7-14. Dr. R. H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been invited to be the special speaker for the occasion. Dr. Mueller is a very gifted speaker and will present both interesting and challenging subjects from evening to evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

N. S. Hadassah to Hear Program Jan. 3

Mrs. Meyer B. Meins of 141 Rob-sort road, Kenilworth, will be the hostess for a Tiffo Brunch, of North Shore Hadassah, at her home on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon's entertainment will include Wanda Paul, gifted young Chicago pianist, whom during the past few years has appeared as a soloist with leading symphony orchestras including two performances with the Chicago Symphony orchestra under Dr. Frederick Stock and one appearance under Dr. Artur Rodzinski at Ravinia. She has been soloist on four occasions with the Illinois Symphony under Isler Solomon. Ben Cronin, the well known lecturer, writer and poet, will be the speaker of the afternoon.



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Death Claims Wife Plan To Celebrate And Husband Within Week Semi-Centennial Of High School

Death entered the home at 585 Glenview avenue and took both Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Arnsward during one week. Mrs. Arnsward passed away on the 19th and her husband followed her on the 23rd. In devotion to each other neither wished to outlive the other and now they rest side by side in Mooney's cemetery.

Both came to Highland Park over fifty years ago from East Prussia, Germany. Here they became acquainted with each other and were married on March 13, 1890. They looked forward to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in a few months, but that was not to be. Mr. Arnsward was an aggressive person, taking an active interest in his home, his city, country, and his church. He was an interesting character, well known and respected by many in this community. He was one of the charter members of the Redeemer Lutheran church which was organized in 1891. He held office in the church, active or honorary, during practically 50 years. He is the last one of the old guard of officers to pass away.

At the beginning of the World War four of their sons volunteered for service with the consent of their parents, and had Mr. Arnsward been young enough he would also have gone to the front in allegiance to the oath he made when he became a citizen of the United States.

Mrs. Arnsward, nee Ottilie Piske, was of a more quiet type, devoting her time to her children and her home. However, she was keenly interested in many matters, and a regular attendant at church. She kept an open house, and many found sympathy and friendship there.

Funeral services for Mrs. Arnsward were held Friday afternoon at the Zion Lutheran church, while services for her husband were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Zion Lutheran church, Rev. W. F. Suhr officiating.

This couple raised a family of seven children. Four of them preceded them into eternity. The survivors are Mr. Carl Arnsward and Mr. Theodore Arnsward of Highland Park and Mrs. Margaret Simpson of Ohio.

Candlelight Service at Bethany Sunday

A Candlelight Vesper service will take place at the Bethany Evangelical church Sunday at 4:30 p.m. The pastor will deliver a message relative to the closing of the old year and challenge the congregation to go forth into the new year with new courage and great faith. Special music and congregational singing will be featured in the service.

Six Local People Hurt When Auto Crashes Pole

Six Highland Park residents were injured Friday night when their car left the pavement and crashed into a telephone pole on N. Green Bay road at Elm place, as they were returning from a party in celebration of the engagement announcement of two members of the party.

The members of the party were Mr. Bert Berube, 30 of 318 North Green Bay road, and Miss Lois Cleal, 22, of 333 Park avenue, his fiancée (whose engagement had just been announced); Leonard Steffens, 35, and his wife, Bonita, 33, of 526 Walnut street, and Sam Bernardi, 35, and his wife, Katherine, 33, of 66 Elmwood drive.

All were taken to the Highland Park hospital where they were treated for cuts and bruises. Mrs. Bernardi was the most seriously injured, she having received a broken arm. The six have all returned to their homes.

Berube, was headed south on Green Bay road, when, it is said, he lost control of his car while attempting to make a slight bend near the Elm place intersection. His car left the pavement and hit the telephone pole.

That same day, Mrs. Anna Berube, 26, of 318 Green Bay road, a sister-in-law of Bert Berube, escaped injury when the car she was driving was hit by a car driven by Robert Boller of Waukegan, at Washington and Genesee streets in Waukegan.

Boller's car struck the left side of Mrs. Berube's machine, and Boller failed to stop. A spectacular chase by the Waukegan police ended in his arrest. He was charged with tipsy driving, causing an accident, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Robert Manning, 22, of 215 Woodland road, Lake Bluff, is in a critical condition in a Waukegan hospital with a depressed skull fracture suffered Sunday night when the automobile in which he was riding rolled over into a ditch.

Manning and Richard Knoblock, 21, of Fort Sheridan, were riding with Hugh Klaren, 21, of 1 Stone-gate road, Lake Forest, south on Green Bay road, when near Eighteenth street, west of North Chicago, the car ran off the pavement.

The car went into a ditch on the west side of the road and turned over, pinning Manning underneath. Klaren and Knoblock were also removed to a hospital suffering from cuts and bruises, but were later released.

Fire Department Responds to Five Fires Christmas Day

The Highland Park fire department responded to a call to the Moseley home at 700 N. St. Johns avenue, Christmas morning, where a defective chimney caused about \$150 fire damage to the home and contents.

The same day they responded to a call to the Stanley Rosenbaum home at 138 Ravine court, where a defective oil burner did about \$100 damage to the residence.

Three grass fires were also answered on Christmas day.

Seguin and Logan Display Attractive Christmas Decoration

A very attractive Christmas display, which has caused considerable comment and has been viewed by many, has been exhibited in front of Seguin and Logan Funeral Home on N. Second street.

A manger, expressive of the Nativity, tends to give one the feeling of the real meaning of Christmas. It is a very commendable and timely Christmas decoration.

B. J. Buckmaster Dies Suddenly Sunday

Funeral services for Benjamin F. Buckmaster, manager of the Pfanzstiel company of Waukegan, who died suddenly Sunday in his home, 121 North Linden avenue, were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Highland Park Presbyterian church.

Mr. Buckmaster was formerly a resident of Kenosha, Wis., and was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He was a junior lieutenant in the navy during the war and was assigned to a submarine chaser.

He is survived by his widow, Lila, a daughter, Lila Jean, and a son, Albert. Interment was in Memorial Park cemetery.

Christmas Trade Volume Large Say Local Merchants

Highland Park merchants are highly elated over the large volume of business which was conducted in Highland Park during the holiday season.

In spite of most unseasonal weather, due largely to the lack of snow, Highland Park shoppers seemed to grasp the Christmas spirit early.

Several reasons were given for the increased volume of business by the local merchants. One believes that the early installation of Christmas decorations in the shopping district helped to inspire early buying, while others feel that the gradual uplift in the business outlook, with better conditions being evidenced everywhere, had its share in creating better conditions.

The J. B. Garnett dry goods company reported the Christmas season exceptionally good with the largest volume in the history of their store being recorded on Saturday.

Art Olson company claimed there was "nary a dull moment" during the past two weeks, and were deeply pleased with the season's trade.

Bahr's greenhouses played a tremendous share with the "say it with flowers" gift buyers, as did William's Flower Shop and Dreiske's Flower Shop.

The best season in the history of our store was the report of Sam Fell, clothier.

Mr. McDonough, manager of the Sears Roebuck store, said business was very good, in fact, far better than their most optimistic hopes.

Earl W. Gsell and company, drugs, and Robert W. Pease store both reported excellent business, with an exceptionally busy day Sunday.

These were just a few of the comments made by Highland Park business men, who were interviewed by the PRESS representative, but from all reports the food markets and other business houses came in for their share of increased business.

Even with increased help, several of the Highland Park stores said it was difficult to offer their customers their usual service.

It is hoped that this report will reflect the outlook for the coming year, and that business in Highland Park will increase daily during 1940.

Highland Park residents are becoming more conscious of the value of their home stores to the community, and are trading at home. No where can one receive more courtesy than in their home town, where your merchant knows you, is familiar with your needs and is ready and willing to serve you to your satisfaction.

25 Highland Park Families Eligible For Old Age Payments

The Social Security Board Field Office at Waukegan, Ill., has notified 25 Highland Park residents that they may be eligible to receive monthly payments under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act, beginning January 1, 1940, according to a statement made today by Albert S. Lewis, manager of the Waukegan field office.

Mr. Lewis also stated that it is advisable for all wage earners 65 years of age or over who have secured six calendar quarters of employment after December 1936 in jobs covered by the provisions of the Social Security Act, and who have become unemployed or contemplate retiring, to contact an office of the Board to familiarize themselves with the requirements necessary to become entitled to old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

The amendments to the Social Security Act provide that survivors of workers may be entitled to monthly payments where death of the wage earner occurs after December 31, 1939. Payments may also be made to an eligible worker's wife if she is age 65 or more. Mr. Lewis stated that detailed information may be obtained by calling or writing to the Waukegan field office, Room 4, Post Office building.

Robert Pyle Will Be Speaker at Men's Garden Club

Mr. Robert Pyle, president of the Conard-Pyle Co., will talk to the Highland Park Men's Garden club on Tuesday evening, January 9th on "Roses and Rose Gardens."

The meeting will be held in the Highland Park Woman's club house and will be open to members and their guests.

Firemen Grateful

Fire Chief E. C. Hoskin and other members of the Highland Park Fire Department are deeply grateful to their many friends for their many Christmas remembrances. Through the columns of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS they wish to express their sincere appreciation and to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.