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Comments

The city council met in an informal session on Monday evening of this week. However, as the meeting was not a regularly scheduled one, no formal action on the many problems facing Mayor Ronan and his cohorts was taken. The council's time at Monday's closed gathering was largely taken up with working out the details of projects upon which formal action will be taken at later regularly scheduled meetings. Number 1 on the list of these is, of course, the location of the new incinerator. The incinerator committee duly made its report at last week's meeting and definite action by the council as a whole is among the first orders of business on next Monday evening's schedule.

Although at intervals something comes up to interrupt the continuity of council meetings, death and taxes are always with us. With this thought in mind your reporter thought it apropos that he check into the results of the city's campaign to do something about the collection of delinquent real estate taxes. As the readers of this column will no doubt recall the various taxing bodies of the community gathered together in solemn conclave last November and vowed by the Great Horn Spoon something was going to be done about corralling the elusive delinquent tax dollar.

Under the chairmanship of Commissioner Sharp, who always seems to come up with the tough jobs, representatives of the various taxing bodies in the Highland Park area met with the city council on several occasions to map out a definite plan of action. Tax talent galore, such as Okel Fuqua, assistant states attorney in charge of delinquent taxes, and Lawrence Mills, representative of the Tax Committee of Cook county, were on hand to counsel the local group as to the best methods of procedure.

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Hanya Holm, Noted Dancer, to Present Program February 13

Hanya Holm, who gained success in Europe as a dancer, and who has been appearing with her company of ten girls at the Goodman theatre, Chicago, will appear in a program sponsored by the High School Girl's Athletic association at the Highland Park High school, Tuesday evening, February 13th at 8:15 o'clock. The proceeds of this affair will go toward their scholarship fund.

Miss Holm's program to be given in Highland Park, cannot be termed dance recital, but rather an educational lecture with demonstration. During the early part of the entertainment Hanya Holm will describe the various steps, using members of her dance group to demonstrate the graceful movements. This should be intensely interesting to those interested in the art of dancing.

The second half of the program will be a short recital by Hanya Holm and her dancing group.

Eugene Stinson, a Music Critic for a Chicago newspaper said in a recent review "What she obtains is a serene and flawless beauty; this is enhanced by the mute and virginal energy of the charming young women she has trained and is crowned by the symmetry, strength and eloquence of her own exquisite dancing."

"Hanya Holm in her concert program actually offered something novel in a field that has been exploited almost universally," was the tribute paid this talented young dancer by another Chicago music critic, Herman Devries.

Each year the H. G. A. conduct candy sales, and various other fund gathering activities for their scholarship fund, which is used to send deserving girls to college. This year in order to swell this fund to an even greater degree, the girls have undertaken the task of presenting Hanya Holm and her dancers. It is a great undertaking, but a very deserving one, for aside from the artistic and educational phase offered it is a means of helping some girl to secure an education which she might otherwise be unable to get.

Tickets for this entertainment may be procured from members of the High School Girl's Athletic association or at the main office in the high school. The box office of the High school auditorium will be open between 7 and 8:15 p.m. the evening of the presentation when tickets may also be procured.

The parking lot at the high school will be available and will be policed and well lighted.

There will be bus service from Deerfield and North Shore trains will stop at Vine avenue, the evening of the program.

Mrs. Ruth McCarn To Address Lincoln School P.-T.A. Feb. 7

Ruth McCarn, counselor to women at Northwestern university, will be the speaker at the Feb. 7 meeting of Lincoln school P.-T.A. This is a real opportunity for mothers to hear from a psychologist who knows the problems of child training for



Mrs. McCarn's former positions were educational director of the Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene and lecturer for the Chicago Association for Child Study and Parent Education. As a teacher at the University High School of Minneapolis she also supervised student teachers. Her master's degree in Educational Psychology included special work in child psychology.

As the mother of two children, an 11-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, Mrs. Davis McCarn also speaks from the point of view of the mothers in her grade school audience.

Mrs. Dean McCormick, program chairman, will introduce the speaker. Tea will be served by mothers whose children are in the fourth grade. An important proposition will be submitted to the P.-T.A. members for vote by the president, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, so it is hoped every mother will make a special effort to attend this Feb. 7 meeting, opening at 3:15 p.m. Small children will be taken care of in the kindergarten room during the program.

Wilfrid Husband Popular Lecturer To Speak Feb. 6th

With a growing realization of the importance of adult education in strengthening democracy, what more attractive event could be offered Highland Park Woman's club members than to see and hear about the achievements of a country where adult education is more highly developed than any other nation?

That opportunity becomes a reality Tuesday, February 6 at 2 p.m. when Wilfrid Laurier Husband, of New York, popular lecturer and student of North European affairs, gives his current impressions of Sweden under the title, "Can Sweden Stay Out?" The lecture will be illustrated with his own color motion pictures.

Interviewed, Husband stated, "But for the internal failures of one proud nation after another, the world would not be facing war today. Sweden knows her greatest strength lies in a strong internal democracy which, in time of crisis, is also her best defense against aggression!" He believes, therefore, it is of utmost value right now to study reasons back of Sweden's success with unemployment reduction, control of high prices, social security legislation, low-cost medicine and other democratic achievements.

These achievements sky-rocketed Sweden to well-won fame and brought to her shores the past several years an ever-increasing number of observers from the United States and other countries, an influx that only the outbreak of war cut short.

An audience of 4,000 people attended Husband's lecture on Sweden recently in Los Angeles. Besides intensive study of the Scandinavian countries and Finland, the speaker has traveled widely in many other countries. He is noted for his forthright, fearless presentation of facts and his ability to correlate the experience of other nations with American problems and interests. This program is presented by the Home and Education Department.

Luncheon Although no meetings have been scheduled for the morning of February 6th, luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock. Reservations for this may be made with Mrs. Anna Dan-

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Fashion Show And Card Party To Aid Student Aid Fund

Friday, February 9 has been marked in red letters on the Highland Park High school calendar for on that day the P.-T.A. is sponsoring a big Fashion Show and card party, its first venture of this kind. Beginning with dessert, which will be served at 1 o'clock in the girls' gymnasium, there will be a full afternoon of entertainment.

For the Fashion Show, some of the leading women's shops along the north shore are co-operating in showing their smartest and most recent arrivals in women's apparel and accessories. Bob Middleton, whose voice as "family banker" is pleasantly familiar to the devotees of the Northerners' radio program, will announce and describe these models, while music will be furnished by an orchestra culled from the very fine high school talent.

Following the Fashion Show there will be tables of bridge and other games. Although the individual table prizes must remain a secret for the time being, it is known that they are unusually attractive and desirable, both from the standpoint of usefulness and beauty.

The general committee, working with Mrs. Harry Pertz as general chairman, is: Mrs. Aaron Bauer, Mrs. Henry Foreman, Mrs. Leonard Kugel, Mrs. Roy Nereim, Mrs. Roderick Macpherson, Mrs. Kent Wonnell, Mrs. Claude Dyer, Mrs. Grover Grady and Mrs. Harry Earhart.

In charge of tickets are Mrs. George Cummings and Mrs. Herman Pomper. Assisting, and representing each school district are: Mrs. Arthur Swanson, Mrs. Leslie McCaffrey and Mrs. Anna Daniels for Elm Place; Mrs. Joel Starrels and Mrs. Emery Curtis for Lincoln; Mrs. Clayburn Jones and Mrs. R. H. Morris for Ravinia; Mrs. R. K. Macfadden for West Ridge; Mrs. Lee Supple for Braeside; Mrs. Oscar Ahlberg for Oak Terrace; Mrs. C. W. Boyle for Deerfield; Mrs. J. D. McDermott for Bannockburn; and Mrs. Harold Bingham for Wheeling.

The proceeds from the afternoon will benefit the Student Aid fund.

Thrift Shop Gives \$150 Toward High School Memorial Fund

The Board of the Thrift Shop is very gratified to have been able to lend a helping hand to meet a need in our own high school. An unsolicited contribution of \$150 has been sent to the Richard L. Sandwick Memorial Fund to help supply hot lunches for students who otherwise would have to go without. This is only one of the many instances of such help being given in the needs of our own community, over and above the regular contributions to charities of Highland Park interest, by the Thrift Shop.

Begin Transformation Of Old City Hall for Community Center

Highland Park's Community Center, a vague dream for many years, began its emergence into the realm of reality this week when the halls and rooms of the Old City Hall building fairly resounded with the ring of workmen's tools. Carpenters, plasterers, plumbers and decorators descended upon the ancient portals of what was once the site of the city's government, and in a few weeks will transform it into a convenient and practical headquarters for the City's community activities.

The various committee chairmen recently appointed by President Renslow P. Sherer already have held, or have scheduled, meetings to work out the many details attendant with the operation of the center. First, and perhaps foremost at the moment, is the Committee on Furnishings and Equipment. This committee, with Mrs. George R. Jones as chairman, and including Adele Everett, Leon F. Harris, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. Thomas M. Marks, Mrs. F. C. Noerenberg, Mrs. Charles Rubens, Mrs. Ben K. Goodman, Mildred Turpin, Mrs. H. L. Kennicott, Franz Plunder and Mrs. Tom Wyles, held their first meeting on Saturday, January 27. Sub-committees to work on furnishings for kitchen, dining service, and crafts room were appointed at this time. This committee has also obtained the services of three women from the Federal Sewing Project to work on curtains, slip covers and rugs.

The Furnishings and Equipment committee plan to follow the Early American style of design as far as is possible from a practical stand-

Commander Albert To Speak at Dinner Of Troop 324, Feb. 8

Commander Francis L. Albert, U.S.N., now serving at the U. S. Naval training station, Great Lakes, will speak next Thursday evening, February 8, at the Boy Scout Troop 324 annual dinner. The evening entertainment and activities will be held as usual in the Highland Park Presbyterian church.



Commander Albert, formerly a member of the Department of State at Washington, D.C., has held the position of chaplain in the U. S. Navy 1918, during which time he has visited 21 countries on five continents. An outstanding speaker, a graduate of the University of Richmond, George Washington university, and the University of Chicago, he will draw from his wealth of practical experience to present a subject appropriate to the month of real interest to all persons present among Commander Albert's best known literary achievements are "A Collection of Seventy Five Poems," "The Hawaiian Islands," "Camorro Legends from Guam," and "Life's Best Philosophy."

Magician A magician has been secured to present a one-half hour show of magic entertainment for the Scouts and guests alike. A number of the Scouts and Scouters were fortunate in seeing a preview of this phase of the program, and well as a presentation by Captain John Craig, undersea diver, at the last Troop 324 Green Bar patrol meeting.

Scout Craft Exhibition A large exhibit of Scout materials, methods, requirement, literature, and handicraft will be displayed on the entire first floor of the church. Attendance of the public is cordially invited to the exhibition, as well as to the dinner and entertainment. The 1940 Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan colored movies will be shown, a public address system will be installed for the convenience of all, and a dinner musical program presented by the Scouts.

Dollar Day Semi-Annual Sales Event To Be Held February 8th

Sudden Death of August Benson Is Shock to Friends

August Benson, one of Highland Park's oldest citizens, died early Sunday morning at his home, 116 S. Green Bay road, following a heart attack. Of the residents of Swedish descent, he was the first one to settle in Highland Park. Mr. Benson, who had celebrated his 79th birthday December 23, was apparently in the best of health, and his passing came as a great shock to his family and a host of friends and relatives.

Born in Karlshalm, Sweden, December 23, 1860, Mr. Benson came to America when 21 years of age. For a short time he worked in New Mexico and Arizona, coming north to Northern Michigan, and settling in Highland Park in 1886.

On July 6, 1889, he was married in Highland Park to Miss Bernera Carlberg, who had also come to America from Karlshalm, Sweden. They were married at the home of the John Freberg's, which was located on the present site of the Public Service company plant at Elm place and St. Johns avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson have resided in this community continuously, with the exception of a few years spent on a farm in Michigan. In 1890 they bought their home at 116 S. Green Bay road, where they have resided for nearly 50 years. Mr. Benson retired from active business life at the age of 45.

Last July Mr. and Mrs. Benson celebrated their golden wedding at an open house for their friends and relatives. All of their children were present at the celebration. Seven children were born to this union, two of whom passed away at the time of the world war. Miss Mable, the eldest, was a victim of the flu epidemic, while Edward died while in service in France. Those who survive with their mother are: Astor Benson, Mrs. Gussie Trigstad, Mrs. Ruth McClure, Mrs. Olga Nash and Mrs. Alice Darrow, all with the exception of Mrs. Trigstad are residents of Highland Park. There are also 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the family residence, followed by service at the Highwood Swedish Lutheran church at 2 o'clock. Interment was in Memorial Park cemetery.

Mr. Benson was a highly respected citizen, very quiet and unassuming in his manner, deeply sincere. He was devoted to his family, and was an active member of his church. Although he did not take an active part in civic affairs, he was deeply interested in the progress and welfare of his city.

His passing will not only be deeply felt by his family and close relatives, but by a host of friends who had learned to respect his kindly, understanding character. He lived a full life, and a good life, thus shall be his reward.

Fathers Hold Fort Green Bay P. T. A. Meeting February 7

"Fathers Night" will be observed next Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, at Green Bay road school.

This does not mean that the evening is exclusively for the fathers. It does mean, however, that the fathers will assume full responsibility for the evening, while the mothers, teachers and friends, who usually attend and have full swing, will have a day off from the routine P.T.A. meeting. Of course that isn't to infer that their meetings are drab or the least bit uninteresting, it's just a chance for the "weaker sex" to get a few real pointers from the "head of the house."

Hans Bahr will serve as acting president of the evening, while Richard Seitz will preside as secretary with Elmer Hecketsweiler in the capacity of treasurer. Daniel Davitt, acting program chairman, announces a very entertaining evening. Music will be furnished by high school talent, and Mr. Scheuch-enflug, better known as Mr. X, will discuss "The Highland Park Community Center—Its Value to Each and Every One of Us." This should be of vital interest to everyone.

Mr. William Henning, refreshments chairman, announces there will be refreshments following the meeting and William E. Bush, publicity, urges all to come.

Remember the date—Wednesday evening, February 7, at 8 o'clock.

Outstanding Values Offered in One Day Event

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Highland Park merchants is announcing next Thursday, February 8, as this community's semi-annual bargain sales event.

Until recently this event extended over a period of two days, but as its name implies, this will be strictly a dollar day (one day) event.

Hundreds of remarkable values will be offered by the stores of Highland Park who participate in this gigantic savings event. Quality merchandise will be offered at reduced prices, far below those offered anywhere else.

This is your opportunity to stock up on food supplies, household needs and furnishings and clothing for the family. Even those luxuries which you hesitate to indulge in will be within your reach on Dollar Day.

If you are a newcomer to this vicinity and want to get acquainted with your local merchants, this is your opportunity to discover just what splendid values are available in the Highland Park stores.

In your community stores you can take your time, examine the merchandise in comfort, and purchase goods which have not been hauled over by milling crowds of bargain seekers.

Twice a year, Highland Park business houses, in appreciation of the patronage given them, stage a dollar day event for the purpose of passing on savings to their customers.

Good will is the foundation of any established business and by offering their patrons values of this nature, they aim to increase good will among Highland Park residents.

Watch the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, which will be published a day earlier next week, for advertisements for Dollar Day Bargains. By coming out on Wednesday with dollar day values, your local paper will give you advance opportunity to study the advertisements, so that you may go to the stores early to make your selections.

Don't forget that THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, is DOLLAR DAY.

Double Feature at Alcyon Theatre 3 Days Next Week

On Saturday the Alcyon will present a double-feature program with Jackie Cooper and Betty Field appearing in "What a Life", a picture that will amuse everyone. See, also, The Dead End Kids co-starred with Mary Carlisle and Buster Crabbe in "Call a Messenger," a screen adventure that blends laughter, action and suspense.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will bring to us that famous stage play "The Cat and the Canary," starring that pre-eminent gangster, Bob Hope, and lovely Paulette Goddard. On the same program we are going to show "Our Neighbors—The Carters," featuring Fay Bainter, Frank Craven and Genevieve Tobin.

An unusual screen romance, one in which the young man and the young lady are attracted to each other gradually, in a manner definitely in keeping with their temperaments and characters, develops in the course of Frank Lloyd's screen masterpiece, "Rulers of the Sea," epic story of the triumph of steam over sail, at the Alcyon next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In the supporting cast are Margaret Lockwood, Will Fyffe, George Bancroft and many others.

Once in 28 Years—PRESS Will Have 5 Issues This Month

For the second time during the past twenty-nine years of its existence, the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will publish five issues during the month of February. In spite of the fact that February is the shortest month in the year, there will be five Thursdays during 1940.

The last time that this occurred was in 1912, twenty-eight years ago, and will not occur again until 1968 which is twenty-eight years hence. This information was gained from a series of calendars, covering a period of 100 years, from 1861 to 1961.