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Comments

Monday evening's City Council meeting started out to be a strictly routine affair bordering slightly on the dull side when things were enlivened considerably by a delegation of members of Highland Park's League of Women Voters who came to obtain the council's endorsement of its petition for a Public Policy Referendum on the City Manager form of government. Each member of the council present signed the petition and the body as a group graciously posed for pictures with the league's representatives.

Before going into detail concerning the League of Women Voters' petition your reporter will dwell briefly on the affairs of the city brought up at Monday evening's session. These comments will of necessity be brief because very little of moment was brought up for discussion at this particular meeting. Besides discussion of several real estate plate and approval granted thereupon either tentatively, conditionally or finally, most of the council's time was taken up with the question of enforcement of the local motor vehicle tax ordinance. The vehicle tax deadline has been set for March 1st and to date a little more than 2,100 licenses out of approximately 3,500 automobiles have been applied for. A bit of rapid calculation by Mayor Ronan revealed that if licenses were issued for the 1,400 unregistered cars the last three days of the month it would necessitate considerable overtime work on the part of the license bureau. The majority of the council was in favor of "cracking the whip" on the delinquents but by dint of further discussion agreed to extend the deadline one more day. No arrests will be made on March 1st for violation of this ordinance but Highland Park motorists who do not have both local and state 1940 plates on March 2 will find themselves subject to a fine of five dollars and costs.

The League of Women Voters petition for a Public Policy Referendum on the City Manager plan was presented to the council by Mrs. Philip Ringer of Highland Park, the League's State chairman in charge of this activity. Co-chairman, and in charge of this phase of the league's work in Highland Park is Mrs. Robert Grinnell who was un-

Talented Musicians Appear in Concert At Braeside School

Braeside School Auditorium will be the musical mecca for residents of Highland Park on Sunday afternoon, March 2, at 3:30 o'clock when Amy Neill, violinist, and Agnes Conover, pianist, appear in recital to signalize Braeside's purchase of a grand piano. The Braeside Parent-Teacher Civic Association, as sponsor of the recital, is extending a cordial invitation to all music lovers in the Highland Park area to hear these two talented artists who have delighted so many audiences throughout the nation and whose fine musicianship is acknowledged everywhere.

Miss Neill and Mrs. Conover will present the following program:

- Sonata, D Minor, for Violin and Piano... Brahms
- Allergo... Debussy
- Un poco presto e con sentimento... Debussy
- Presto agitato... Debussy
- Reflexions on the Water... Debussy
- Dancing Chorus... Scherzino
- Trotto, G Sharp Minor... Bachmanoff
- Concert Etude... McDowell
- Agnes Conover

- Tango... Poldowski
- Sevillana... Lanza
- Autumn... Gustav Strahe
- Roma... Monastyrsky
- The Gentle Maiden... Arranged by Cyril Scott
- Caprice... Herbert Hyde
- Amy Neill

Tickets for the recital are priced at \$1 and are being handled by a large committee under the direction of Mrs. Edward M. Knox and C. Eugene Pfister. The proceeds from the recital will be applied toward the purchase of the piano. The children of Braeside school, as their contribution to the piano fund, are making a weekly collection of old papers and magazines in the neighborhood.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All motor vehicle owners of Highland Park are hereby notified that the period of grace allowed to secure your 1940 City motor vehicle license will expire as of midnight, February 29th. All persons not having secured their 1940 license by March 1st will be subject to arrest and fine.

Signed: FRANK J. RONAN, Mayor.

Students Invited to Hear Justice Cline At P.-T.A. Meeting

Recreational activities is one part of the program theme of the High school P.-T.A. Following last month's program on Community Resources, and the Spring vacation in mind Mrs. Earl Hyett, program chairman, will present Mr. Justin Cline, regional fieldworker of the American Youth Hostels Inc., at the meeting of Thursday, March 7, in the auditorium at 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Hyett supplied the information to the following questions:

"What Is a Youth Hostel?" The American hostels are for the most part transformed farms with the friendly farmer folk acting as "house-parents" and allowing their barn or house to be used by traveling youth. There are separate sleeping quarters for boys and girls and common cooking and recreational rooms. The kindly farmer and his wife supply blankets, beds and cooking facilities. The hosteler brings his own sleeping sheet sack for beds, and plate, knife, fork, spoon and cup for meals. The only charge is 25c for overnight and 5c or 10c for fuel. You can easily travel on \$1 a day.

"Where Are They Located?" About 15 miles apart in chains, loops or networks so that one may hike or bike from hostel to hostel.

"Who May Use Them?" Any one may go who enjoys the outdoors and has a AYH pass. Youth Hostellers primarily "travel under their own steam" by foot, bicycle, horseback, canoe or flatboat, snowshoes or skis; they do not travel by auto, train or bus except to the starting point of their hosting adventure. They cook their own meals, and travel economically. Hostels are for the use of all existing youth organizations, as well as private individuals, who enjoy this type of travel. Age limits are "4 to 94."

Movies will be shown of many of these hostels. Tea and conferences with the teachers at 3 p.m. in the English club room. The students are invited to the program in the auditorium at 8:45 p.m.

Byron S. MacDonald To Present Colorful Discourse on Greece

Byron D. MacDonald, a well known lecturer on the islands and border-lands of the colorful Aegean sea is to be the guest speaker of the Highland Park Woman's club at their next meeting on Tuesday, March 5th. He will be introduced at 2 p.m. by Mrs. David T. Sanders, program chairman, and will talk on "Dalmatia, Greece and the Greek Islands." Illustrating his lecture with slides and pictures of such interesting sites as Athens, Corinth, Troy and Ragusa. Mr. MacDonald has spent some time with archeological expeditions and will recapture for his audience the beauty of these places as they stood in classic times as well as their no less charming modern aura.

Preceding the regular club meeting at 12:45 the Drama group is sponsoring a production of "The Making of Opera in Pantomime." This pantomime is directed by Greta Kranz and performed by talented members of Orchestis of Northwestern university and graduates of the Northwestern School of Speech. It is an unusual and entertaining presentation, full of action.

At the conclusion of Mr. MacDonald's lecture, tea will be served in the lounge of the club. Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. James Lytle, Mrs. Harry Mills and Mrs. J. A. Preus will pour.

53 Issues of PRESS; Happens Once In Twenty-Eight Years

Today's issue of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS is the 53rd issue sent out during the past year, in spite of the fact that there are only 52 weeks in a year. This is the second time that this has occurred during the past 28 years of the existence of this "city's first newspaper."

The reason that there are 53 issues this year is that during leap year when there are 29 days in February and the first day falls on Thursday, there are five weeks during that month. Thus another week is added to the year. This same thing can be true of any given day during the month of February, in leap year, but according to statistics, this can happen only once every 28 years.

The last time that this occurred was in 1912, and will not recur until the year 1968, which is 28 years hence.

Mayor and Commissioners Sign Petition for the City Manager Public Policy Referendum.



In the picture left to right are Commissioner Jerome P. Bowes, Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, president of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, Mayor Ronan, Mrs. Philip Ringer, program chairman of the Highland Park league and chairman of the State Committee to obtain signatures for the petition, and Commissioners Lyle Gourley and Arthur Swanson.

Kenneth L. Cox Chosen Head Of Boy Scout Council

The North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America held their annual meeting and Scout Leaders Appreciation Dinner last Thursday evening, February 22, at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glen-coe. The meeting was presided over by Robert F. Doepel the president



RABBI CHARLES SHULMAN

of the council. One of the highlights of the meeting was the exceptionally fine address by Rabbi Charles E. Shulman on the subject "Scouting the American Way." Another outstanding feature was the presentation of the Silver Beaver award, the highest recognition within the province of a scout council, to Harold F. Spinney, scoutmaster of Troop 2 of Wilmette and Karl D. King Jr., assistant district commissioner of Highland Park. These awards were presented by the chairman of the Silver Beaver committee, Wm. E. Webster of Libertyville. George Bersch, former field scout executive of the North Shore Area council, sang two solos which were, indeed, well received. A tableau entitled "A Scout Is Reverent" was presented by scouts of Troop 23 of Glen-coe.

The list of officers elected for the coming year is as follows:

- OFFICERS OF NORTH SHORE AREA COUNCIL FOR 1940**
- President: Kenneth L. Cox of Glen-coe.
 - First vice president, T. A. Conners of Lake Forest.
 - Second vice president, Lewis D. Clarke of Wilmette.
 - Third vice president, Robert L. Wyatt of Glen-coe.
 - Fourth vice president, Wm. E. Webster of Libertyville.
 - Commissioners: Henry Fowler of Wilmette, Treasurer, Otto F. Fisher of Highwood, Finance chairman, Harold Fenscock of Northfield.
 - Vice chairmen: A. P. Smith of Highland Park, Henry Fowler of Wilmette, T. A. Conners of Lake Forest, Otto F. Fisher of Highwood.
 - National council representatives: Robert F. Doepel of Wilmette, Dr. C. V. Nichols of Highland Park.
 - Athenians: John W. Davis of Highland Park, John West of Wilmette.
 - Chairman Court of Honor committee: Kenneth Jarvis of Wilmette; Vice chairman, Judge Perry L. Parsons of Wilmette.
 - Chairman Training and Leadership committee: Milton H. Wright of Wilmette; Vice chairman, Robert Rober of Highland Park.
 - Chairman Health and Safety committee: Gen. Schuchowling of Highland Park; Vice chairman, Dr. W. E. Looby of Highland Park.
 - Chairman Organizational committee: J. B. Jackson of Highland Park.
 - Area photographer: G. W. Boyle of Deerfield; Assistant Area photographer, Fred Kilde of Glen-coe.
 - Chairman Special Projects committee: Robert F. Doepel of Wilmette; Vice chairman, Otto F. Fisher of Highwood.
 - Chairman Camping and Activities committee: John W. Davis of Highland Park; Vice chairman, Edwin A. Robson of Wilmette.
 - Chairman Organization committee: Paul Munk of Highwood.
 - Sub-committee on Organization: Cuh-bane.

Lieut. Com. Lyons To Be Heard By N. S. Yacht Club

The North Shore Yacht Club members, wives, nautical friends and Sea Scout Ship will enjoy a talk by Lieutenant Commander George D. Lyons, of the U. S. Navy, on "The Navies of the World" at the Highland Park Library Auditorium, March 7, 8 p.m. Lt. Com. Lyons, who is now a resident of Highland Park, has had a very colorful and interesting career in the U. S. Navy and is well versed in the subject of this timely lecture.

Highland Parkers are cordially invited.

Alcyon Presents Feature Program Lining Next Week

The local debut of "Four Wives" will take place Thursday and Friday evenings at the Alcyon. A sequel to last year's popular film hit, "Four Daughters," it has the same cast consisting of Priscilla, Rosemary, Lola Lane, Gale Page and Claude Rains.

Watch for "The Mikado" on Saturday. There has never been anything just like it. The exquisite technicolor of the film combined with perfect recording makes "The Mikado" a musical offering that simply must not be missed.

Allen Jones, Mary Martin, Walter Connolly and a collection of Victor Herbert's grandest songs are four good reasons for seeing "The Great Victor Herbert," being presented at the Alcyon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

On next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Alcyon will present a double-feature program. Charlie McCarthy attains the status of a star in his new film, "Charlie McCarthy, Detective." A glorious, rousing story of three loyal brothers who embark on a gallant adventure in the French Foreign Legion will be on the same program. It is the vivid, new excitement-filled production of "Beau Geste," co-starring Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston.

Dr. Louis A. Warren To Speak on Lincoln Feb. 29 in Deerfield

The address by Dr. Louis A. Warren on "Little Known Episodes in the Life of Abraham Lincoln" which was postponed from Jan 18th on account of extreme cold weather will be heard on Feb. 29. The place and hour are the same; Deerfield Grammar school, 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Warren addressed the Evanston Rotary club Jan. 18th and was very well received. He is a recognized authority on Lincoln and this vicinity is fortunate to have this opportunity to hear him.

The Deerfield-Northbrook Rotary club invites you to this lecture. It is free.

General Wood to Address Men's Fellowship Club

General Robert E. Wood will speak to the Men's Fellowship Club on Friday, March 2. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 and the meeting will follow directly. More detailed announcement later.

Reservations must be made for dinner by calling the church office Highland Park 683 no later than Wednesday, March 1.

Dr. Ellery H. Harvey Will Speak Mar. 6th At Lincoln P.-T.A.

Dr. Ellery H. Harvey, a Lincoln school father who kept on going to school until he had seven degrees in such varied fields as law, pharmacy and science, will speak to mothers on "Our Newer Knowledge of Nutrition" at the regular P.-T.A. meeting on Wednesday afternoon, March 6th.

He took his doctor's degree in chemistry and nutrition working under the famous food scientists, Hart and Steenbock, at the University of Wisconsin. A pioneer in the irradiation of medicinal plants with ultra-violet light, Dr. Harvey appears in "Who's Who in Science" and has been director of research for a number of prominent laboratories.

The talk which Dr. Harvey will illustrate with slides has been given before chemistry departments of high school and colleges and various clubs. It covers practical advice on feeding growing children as well as the fascinating story of the research that has given us our facts on vitamins today.

Dr. Harvey's scientific honors include these posts: director Chicago section, American Chemical society; managing director "The Chemical Bulletin"; chairman of a committee now sponsoring chemical broadcasts over WBBM, president Midwest Association of Food Technologists. The Harvey family lives at 987 Ridge-wood drive. Their younger son is in Lincoln school.

Veterans Hospital Appreciate Programs Given For Patients

Three high school girls, delightfully entertained the patients at Great Lakes hospital, when they presented a program sponsored by Mrs. Richard Mansel and Mrs. Erastus E. Phelps, Friday afternoon.

Jasmine Somo, accordionist, Mary Cassario, tap dancer and Lena Azzi, singer, thrilled the patients who kept time to the music and tapping by clapping their hands. The singing of "Oh Johnny" by Lena Azzi, simply brought down the house.

It is indeed an inspiration to see the enjoyment that is gained by these "forgotten heroes of the last World War," by these monthly entertainments. Talent is badly needed to carry on the work which means so much to these shut-ins. In a community as large as Highland Park, there should be a great deal of available talent, to select from. Through the courtesy of Miss Appleton of the High school faculty, through the absence of Miss Griswold, the three girls above, were permitted to leave their classes early in order to appear on this program. The high school has been most gracious in assisting to secure persons for the programs.

The following letter from the Veteran's Administration is indicative of the success of the entertainments.

Veterans Administration
Downey, Illinois
February 24, 1940

Mrs. Erastus Phelps,
275 Prospect Ave.,
My dear Mrs. Phelps:

Many thanks for your contribution of magazines and very enjoyable entertainment yesterday afternoon. There was something so wholesome and refreshing about those young girls that they made a particular appeal. Also the dauntless spirit manifested by you folks in braving the weather, to bring a bit of happiness into the lives of these men, is indeed admirable and truly appreciated by all of us.

Eleanor M. Whittington
Aide (Recreational).

Singers, dancers and musicians: won't you offer your services for one program during the year. Mrs. Mansel and Mrs. Phelps devote considerable time and thought to this very worthy cause, won't you volunteer your services to bring a little sunshine into the lives of those unfortunate victims of the last war.

Sunset Terrace Residents Invited to Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of the Sunset Terrace Improvement association will be held next Tuesday evening, March 5 at 8 o'clock in the Green Bay school. All residents of the subdivision are invited to attend.

Gaston Robert, program chairman has arranged an entertaining meeting following which, refreshments will be served.

Building & Loan Association Holds Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Highland Park Building, Loan & Homestead Association, held at the office of the association, 21 North Sheridan road, in this city, directors for the ensuing terms were elected and plans were made for the forthcoming year.

The new directors elected are Earl D. Fritsch and Fred Gieser. Mr. Lyle Gourley and Mr. E. C. Ohrmund were also elected directors to succeed themselves. The two new directors, Dr. Fritsch and Mr. Gieser, were elected to succeed two of the directors of the association who had passed away during the preceding year, the late Mr. Walter Cope and the late Mr. Herman Schwery.

The resolutions which had been previously passed by the directors expressing regret at the loss of the two directors were read at the stockholders' meeting.

The board of directors of the association in addition to those mentioned above is composed of William E. Brand, Charles F. Grant, George Greene, Walter E. Meierhoff, and Bowen E. Schumacher.

It was pointed out at the regular meeting of the stockholders that the association is now in its 52nd year, having been founded in 1888; that the management of the association rests principally with the secretary, who at this time is Mr. Walter E. Meierhoff; that all the officers serve without salary, except the secretary who receives a monthly salary.

Mr. Schumacher pointed out that the new by-laws authorize a new form of loan known as the "direct reduction loan" of monthly payments applying as a reduction upon the principal amount of the loan and upon interest. Also a new type of savings, which has appealed to the shareholders of the association, called "paid-up shares." On which shares are purchased by the payment of a flat amount in multiples of \$100, and participate in the profits of the association, receiving dividends semi-annually.

At the regular meeting of the directors which immediately followed the annual stockholders' meeting, the directors proceeded to the election of officers, and by unanimous vote of the directors the following officers were elected: President, William E. Brand; vice president, George Greene; secretary, Walter E. Meierhoff; treasurer, Lyle Gourley; attorney, Bowen E. Schumacher.

Mr. William E. Brand, the president of the association, pointed out that he had been a member of the association for 52 years, or since the first year of its existence. Mr. Brand still remains active, although he is over 80 years of age. The general management of the affairs of the association, however, is in the hands of the secretary who devotes practically full time to his duties.

Give Entertainment Saturday To Aid Finnish Relief

Saturday evening, March 2, at 8 o'clock, moving pictures from Finland will be shown in Highwood Methodist church.

Finnish songs will be sung and the well known educator and historian, Dr. C. C. Wallenius of Evanston, will give a short lecture on the Young Republic of Finland, "The Outpost of Christian Western Civilization versus the Russian Barbarians."

An offering will be taken to aid this wonderfully brave and liberty-loving, but now oppressed people of little Finland. All interested in human freedom are invited to attend.

Snowdrops Appear At Egandale As Herald of Spring

Mrs. Sewell Trux reports that the snowdrops at Egandale were found up out of the ground 1 1/2 inches on Washington's birthday, after the snow and leaves were removed from their bed, although the buds were not yet open.

This has been the custom of these early spring flowers for over 45 years on the Egan estate, although blossoms have appeared on this date, and as early as February 14th, some previous years. Weather conditions govern the appearance of these harbingers of spring.