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Monday evening's City Council meeting started out at a rather slow pace but gained considerable momentum as the session progressed, and before it was over several lively topics of discussion were unearthed by the City Fathers.

Of considerable interest both to the council and the audience in attendance was the question of the high water level in the Skokie drainage ditch. Commissioner Swanson who brought the matter before the meeting stated that an investigation by himself and City Engineer Cole revealed that the water level had risen some three feet in a period of eight hours. He pointed out that this high water level was primarily due to the damming up of the ditch south of County Line road by the Civilian Conservation Corps as part of their reclamation and drainage project. Commissioner Swanson expressed considerable concern over the possible danger of a severe flood in this area if weather conditions even faintly approximated those of two years ago when practically the entire west side of Highland Park was converted into a veritable lake.

The damming of the ditch at this point, it was stated, practically made the Highland Park area a reservoir for all the water draining not only from the north but also from the northwest in which area a ditch draining into the Skokie district has recently been dug.

Commissioner Gourley called attention to the fact that the dams to the south of County Line were provided with gates which could be opened in the case of danger of flood in the area to the north. If the well known governmental red tape were dispensed with and this action taken in time the opening of these flood gates would naturally be the answer to the problem. However, two years ago when the floods were upon us, the gates were not opened until the "horse" was well out of the barn. Again, the readers of this column will recall, there was tremendous pressure brought at that time by the property owners to the south to keep the gates closed and the flood waters off their land.

Mayor Ronan brought the discussion to a close by instructing City Engineer Cole to further investigate the matter with the idea of securing sufficient data to substantiate a plea for relief to be subsequently made to either the Forest Preserve Board or the Department of the Interior. The mayor also voiced the opinion that it would be a marvelous accomplishment if the government could be persuaded to extend their Skokie development project to include the west Highland Park area. The city's drainage problem could then be dumped conveniently in Uncle Sam's lap for solution.

Commissioner Bowes in his report to the council stated that work in bringing Illinois Bell Telephone company's franchise up to date was progressing nicely and that some definite action on this subject could be expected within a short time.

Commissioner Bowes also asked the council to tentatively approve the Robert L. Johnson subdivision plat. This plat of part of Section 34 as submitted by Mr. Johnson was given tentative approval with the definite understanding that the city did not assume any obligation to give final approval of the plat at a later date unless all conditions relating to it meets the requirements of the city at the time final approval is requested.

Mayor Ronan announced that since the passing of the motor vehicle license deadline applications were coming in at a highly satisfactory rate. The license bureau records show that the city is some ten weeks ahead on applications this year as compared to 1939.

City Clerk Musser read to the council a letter from Police Sergeant John P. Sullivan announcing his resignation from the force effective March 31st. Commissioner Gourley moved that a suitable resolution be passed and presented to Sergeant Sullivan thanking him in behalf of the city for his fine services to the community.

The council adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Local Improvements to take action on the Hawthorne Lane water main. As the property owners involved in this discussion had not completed their case, action was deferred until the group's next meeting scheduled for April 1st.

In closing, Mayor Ronan invited all city employees to attend a safety meeting sponsored by the council and scheduled to be held at the American Legion headquarters on Wednesday evening. Movies and refreshments were stated to occupy a prominent place on the program.

Vesper Service at Y.W.C.A. Next Sunday

The Y.W.C.A. will be the scene of a beautiful vesper service next Sunday at 4 p.m. when the Community Choral Club of Highland Park will furnish the program. The scriptures, hymns, and prayers will be of a nature coincident with this season of the year, the Lenten, and lovely music will be provided by the chorus and soloists. The program will include a reading by Dorothy Westbey, and the story of Passion Week will be given in story and song. The readers: Mrs. F. D. Austin, Marguerite Moldaner, Elizabeth Morris, Enid Brooks, Irene Sienerth, and Mrs. Harold Simpson. Prayer by Mrs. Wm. Pearce. Among the musical numbers will be those sung by the entire chorus, the quartette composed of Mrs. Okey, Mrs. Hill, Mr. K. C. Bennett, and Mr. Wm. Howard, will sing "Open the Gates of the Temple," and solos will be sung by Frank J. Ronan, Jr., who will sing "The Palms," and Mrs. F. J. Spalding will sing "An Evening Prayer."

These services are open to all and tea will be served at the close of the program.

P.-T.A. Holds Open House Friday at Greenbay School

The Parent-Teacher association of Greenbay Road school will hold their annual Open House on Friday evening, March 8 at 7:30 o'clock.

Open House presents a splendid opportunity for parents to become better acquainted with the school and teachers and to gain a better understanding of what the child is accomplishing in his school time.

The teachers of Greenbay school cordially invite parents and friends to visit their respective rooms and as always will welcome any questions or discussions.

Children will act as guides in showing their parents around and will tell about the various activities which go on in the school. Home room mothers and members of the Executive Committee of the P.T.A. will help the teachers as hostesses during the evening. At the conclusion of the visit in the classrooms there will be a community sing in the auditorium.

A special feature of this open house will be an exhibit of paintings by Mr. Joseph Nash, art supervisor in the Greenbay road and Elm Place schools.

Dr. Hamilton Is Elected President Young Men's Club

Dr. Baker M. Hamilton, chairman of the Highland Park Young Men's Club's temporary organization board was elected the club's first president at a meeting of the group held last Sunday afternoon in the Community Center headquarters.

Other officers elected were Sam Holmes, vice-president in charge of organization and extension; Dar Inman, vice-president in charge of sports; Harry Skidmore, vice-president in charge of social activities; George Bowden, secretary; and Tom Creigh, treasurer. Dick Hawley was elected as a director for three years, Tommy Brennan was elected a director for two years and Bob Childs was chosen as a director for one year.

In addition to the election of officers, Sunday afternoon's meeting was largely taken up with the reading of the organization's constitution and by-laws as they appeared in their finished form. The temporary organization board consisting of Dr. Baker M. Hamilton, chairman; George Bowden, secretary; Thomas Brennan, James De Santo, Thomas Creigh, Richard Hawley, Edward Moroney Jr., and Harry Skidmore was given a rousing vote of thanks for the excellent work done in so admirably expressing the aims and desires of the membership in constitutional form.

Those in attendance at Sunday's meeting were lavish with their praise for the progress made to date by the Highland Park Young Men's club and expressed high hopes for the organization's future.

The next meeting of the group will be held on a Sunday afternoon within the next three or four weeks.

Sgt. Jack Sullivan With H. P. Police 22 Years, Resigns

The resignation of Police Sergeant John Sullivan, who has been with the Highland Park force for the past twenty-two years, came not only as a surprise to Chief Moroney and other officers of the staff, but was a shock to the community at large. Officer Sullivan will leave his post March 31st. He and his wife are planning to go to Minong, Wis., where they own a small tract of land, and will settle down to enjoy life.

Contrary to the usual custom, the sergeant is not waiting until he reaches the retirement age of 65, but is resigning shortly after his 60th birthday which was last December 8th.

Born in Peterboro, Canada, Dec. 3, 1879, Jack (as he is familiarly known), became a naturalized citizen of the United States at the age of 21. He was granted his papers by Judge DeWitt L. Jones in the County Court at Waukegan.

Before becoming a policeman, Jack travelled through the United States and Mexico for twelve years. He worked in New Orleans, Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. Previous to accepting the police job in this city, he was engaged in the general teaming business here.

Sgt. Sullivan and his wife were married July 13, 1921, in St. Joseph, Mich., and have resided continuously since that time at 635 Skokie avenue, where they own their own home. (Continued on page 7)

Ravinia Women To Hear Discussion On Current Affairs

The cracker barrel tradition, vastly improved and modernized by the American woman when she took it over, will have its day in Ravinia on March 13 when members of the Ravinia Women's Club gather to listen to a discussion of current events by Mrs. Quincy Wright. Although it may be bromidic to say that Mrs. Wright needs no introduction in Highland Park or elsewhere among people who take their world affairs seriously, yet in introducing Mrs. Wright, not to make this assertion would be unfair to her and a reflection on the rest of us.

Wife of Quincy Wright, distinguished member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, she has a reputation in her own right as an authority on international matters, a reputation which has been constantly enriched and kept up to date by first hand experience in Europe, the East and in the Americas. National chairman of the Department of Government and Foreign Relations of the League of Women Voters, she was asked by the State Department to attend the Eighth Pan-American Conference at Lima, Peru, in an advisory capacity. She has also twice been a delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations and has accompanied her husband in attendance at meetings of the League of Nations and in his field of study of the mandate system.

As a speaker Mrs. Wright has the sort of reputation which precedes her with a gratifying quality of anticipation and leaves behind enviable enthusiasm. In between, she lives up to it splendidly. Unlike many speakers, she encourages questions from the audience, and has especially asked for them next Wednesday. The meeting will, as usual, be held at the Ravinia Village House at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Lieut. Barnes To Address C. of C. On "U-Boats In War"

Lieut. Robert H. Barnes, U. S. Navy, has been secured as guest speaker for the next regular dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening. The meeting will be held as usual at the Green Tea Pot at 6:30 in the evening.

The speaker, who has served in the Navy for 23 years, and for the past 17 has been in the submarine service, has chosen as his subject "U-boats in the World War."



Lieut. Barnes has been an instructor at the Submarine Training School at New London, Conn., and in addition to having commanded a submarine, was also in command of a destroyer. At the present time he is in charge of the outgoing unit at Great Lakes.

With practically every country affected with war apathy, and since most of the fighting so far has been confined to sea maneuvers, it is most apropos that a first hand account of the romance and thrills attached to submarine and destroyer service should form the program for this meeting.

Cupid Sleeps In County On Feb. 29

Cupid was asleep last Thursday, it was said in the office of County Clerk Jay B. Morse, where nary a single Lake county girl came leading her swain to the marriage license bureau on Leap Year Day. But the month of February this year showed an increase of 6 2-3 per cent in the number of licenses issued over last year. There were 48 marriage certificates issued last month as against 45 in February, 1939.

Toys Wanted for "Y" Nursery School

Miss Ruth Scott, who conducts the Nursery School at the Y.W.C.A., is very desirous of obtaining toys which may be spared, for use in the school, toys of a constructive nature, dolls and doll-buggies, blocks, especially the hollow ones, and simple games. Will you not look and see if some outgrown or unused articles of this kind are not available and donate them to the school?

Mothers Club Will Hold Bingo Party

The Mothers' Club of the Y.W.C.A. will hold a bingo party at 8 o'clock Tuesday, March 12. A basket of groceries, several door prizes and refreshments will be added attractions. Come out for an evening of pleasure to the Y.W.C.A. at 8 o'clock Tuesday, March 12.

Will Discuss Organization Of Community Council, April 2

"Brother Rat" And A Baby" Outstanding Alcyon Attraction

"Man of Conquest" takes into careful consideration Sam Houston's life from the time he dwelt with the Cherokee tribes to his glorious campaign that resulted in an independent Texas. On this same program for Saturday evening at the Alcyon we have "Kid Nightingale" featuring John Payne and Jane Wyman. Something absolutely new in the line of comedies about the prize ring.

About a year ago, a highly hilarious comedy called "Brother Rat" romped merrily across the screen, dealing with the adventures and misadventures of a trio of V.M.I. cadets and their mule-breaking prom "dates." "Brother Rat and a Baby" picks up the same youngsters a year later and gives you another chapter in their checkered careers. At the Alcyon Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

"The Night of Nights" is the picture of pictures for all-around entertainment. Masterfully adding a chuckle and a smile to heartfelt adventure in the wings of the Broadway stage, the film opens with one of the year's best scenes and improves on even that as it progresses. Next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday being double-feature nights, we will also find music, laughter and a gay romantic story as the pleasing elements to be found in "Oh, Johnny, How You Can Love," starring Tom Brown, Peggy Moran and Allen Jenkins.

Plans for a community council, such as exists in many cities comparable to Highland Park, will be discussed at a meeting called for Tuesday evening, April 2, at the new Community Center by the Highland Park League of Women Voters.

Sixty-five organizations—civic, educational, religious and social—have been asked to send a representative to this meeting, at which it is hoped that plans will be worked out for a permanent community council.

This council, which would be strictly non-political, would serve as a clearing house through which ideas could be pooled for making Highland Park a still better place in which to live. Through such a central organization all community groups could co-ordinate their activities, achieve more effectively their common objectives, and avoid duplication of efforts.

The proposed council would belong to Highland Park as a whole, the League of Women Voters is merely calling the first meeting in the nature of a community gathering. There would be no financial obligations.

Serving on the special League committee which has studied community councils elsewhere and made plans for this organization meeting are Mrs. Marc Law, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. Carroll Binder, Mrs. Philip Ringer, Mrs. Walter Rubens, Mrs. Van Kirk, and Mrs. James Stannard Baker.

An attempt was made to contact every organization in Highland Park. If any organization which would like to participate has been overlooked, it is urged to communicate with Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, 699 Yale Lane—to whom replies from all organizations are to be sent.

Organizations to which invitations to attend the meeting have been sent include: Highland Park City Council, Adult Education Group, American Legion Post 145, American Legion Auxiliary, B.P.O.E. lodge 1862, Briegate Community Club, Civic Association of Braeside, Community Chest, Community Chorus, Community Service Inc., Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star—Campbell Chapter, Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, Highland Park Hospital Board, Highland Park Boy Scouts, Highland Park Girl Scouts, Highland Park Infant Welfare, Highland Park League of Women Voters, Highland Park Library Board, Highland Park Music Club, Highland Park Park Board, Highland Park Red Cross, Highland Park Safety Committee, Highland Park Woman's Club, Highland Park Y.W.C.A., Highland Park Zoning Commission, Loyal Order of Moose, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Masons—A. O. Fay lodge, Men's Garden Club, North Shore Yacht Club, Ravinia Garden Club, Ravinia Woman's Club, Ridge-wood Park Association, Rotary, Royal Arcanum, Royal Neighbors, Sheridan Rebekah Lodge, Sheridan Rifle and Pistol Club, Social Service Committee, Sunset Terrace Association, West Ridge Community Club, Skokie Players.

Senator Slattery To Speak At Elks Hall Monday P. M.

Highland Park will have the opportunity next week, for the first time in some years, of welcoming a United States Senator, when the Hon. James M. Slattery speaks here Monday evening, March 11, at the Elks hall. With him will be a number of the following Democratic state candidates: Harry Hershey for Governor, Louie Lewis for Lt. Governor, Harold G. Ward for Attorney-General, Homer Mat Adams for State Treasurer, Edward J. Hughes for Secretary of State, John C. Martin for Auditor, T. V. Smith and Walter Orlikoski for Congressman-at-Large.

Their subject will concern the success of the Roosevelt and Horner administrations and reasons for continuation of their programs.

The mass meeting will be under the auspices of the Young Democratic Club of Highland Park. A number of prominent residents of Highland Park have been invited to be on the reception committee, including U. S. District Attorney William J. Campbell, Dr. Karl Meyer, William M. Dooley, Melvin L. Straus, Dr. R. R. Bosworth, Philipence Shetzeley, Paul Phelps, Mrs. Marc Law, Mrs. H. A. Wampler, Miss Abigail Balke, Sidney Stein, Samuel F. Knox, J. Lionel Haas, Postmasters Daniel Cobb, James Thomson, Leslie McCaffrey and Mary East, Samuel S. Smith, Henry H. Doty, Sam Fell, Santi Pasquesi, David Suttle, Joseph Berube, and others.

The Elks hall is conveniently located on Laurel avenue near Greenbay road, with ample parking facilities. In view of the national prominence of the speakers and the importance of the issue involved, a large audience is expected.

"Bob" Greenslade Elected President Republican Club

Last Monday evening a large group of men met at the Pagoda for the purpose of organizing a Republican club. Emmett Moroney presided over the meeting as temporary chairman. This group will promote social and political activities.

The first official act of this body was the nomination and unanimous election of Robert Greenslade as chairman. Other officers elected were John Lensini, vice chairman; Tommy Brennan, secretary, and Hector Michella, publicity chairman.

Plans were discussed for the election of other officers, the appointing of committees and the future development of the club.

A meeting of the organization open to the public will be announced in the local papers in the near future.

George A. Paddock To Address Open Meeting Here Monday

Mr. George A. Paddock of Evans-ton, promising candidate for the office of United States Congressman for the Tenth District, will speak at an open meeting, at the home of Mrs. Vail, 217 Laurel avenue, Monday, March 11, at 10:30 in the morning.

Everyone interested in seeing and hearing one of our prominent candidates, whose name will appear on the primary ballot April 9, is urged to come.

Butter And Egg Firm Incorporated

Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes has issued incorporation papers to Wilton Produce Co., 650 Vine avenue, to deal in butter and eggs. The incorporators are Magnus Ebbesen, Emilie Ebbesen and Detley Schacht.

Lenten Meditation

What Benefits Accrue From the Practice Of Self Denial?

There is an old proverb which says "Life Consists of Those Things We Give."

We read in Ecclesiastes 11:1—"Cast thy bread upon the water; for Thou shalt find it after many days." The law of nature is, sow and ye shall reap, give and it shall be given you, deny thyself and give to a good cause and those seeds sown will spring up in flowers along your path, to bless and encourage you. One of the benefits derived from self denial is, to master one's self. It is natural to be selfish, it is Christlike to be liberal in our giving, even to the extent of doing without those things we want and need to help others.

Sometimes we lose much of God's blessing in giving by looking at the little some give, who have much more than we, yet, God blesses us, not according to the amount given, but the sacrifice.

The blessing which came upon the woman who gave her mite, was because it was her all.

Denying ourselves to help others gives us the assurance that we are following the Master's footsteps.

The more we become interested in the salvation of others, the more we deny ourselves which intensifies our love, gives us a greater vision and a compassionate prayer life which always benefits our own soul. If we do our best in this Lenten Season, it will bring to our souls a rest and peace of conscience that is above price. Sacrifice in giving or in service makes us soldiers, who look not for the easy way, but for the "more excellent way." A wise philosopher once said, "In helping others we pave our road to success and happiness."

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