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If the public attendance at Monday evening's City Council meeting is any criteria of the community's interest in its city government then civic spirit in Highland Park has reached a pretty sad state. Outside of city employees there was scarcely a half dozen people on hand to obtain the council's official report on its activities for the past week. Yet it is this same group of people who stay away from council meetings in large numbers between elections that yelp the loudest at voting time because they don't like the way the council has run the city during the preceding four years.

Following the elections last Spring attendance at the council meetings was remarkably good showing that the citizens of Highland Park as a whole were capable of exhibiting at least some curiosity as to what made the wheels go around in the operation of their city government. Interest lagged during the "dog days" of late summer but immediately picked up again when the incinerator problem came up before the council for solution. When the location of the incinerator was definitely decided upon the citizenry once again withdrew within their shells and have remained there ever since.

In all fairness, however, the council itself could put forth a bit more effort toward making its meetings more interesting. While the council with the weight of city affairs on its mind can hardly be expected to be constantly prodding the members of the community into a state of civic consciousness, yet it would help immensely if it would inject into its sessions a little of what Dale Carnegie calls "Showmanship." The ordinary routine of city affairs as a rule makes pretty dull listening matter but there are a hundred and one problems of government that come up in the course of a week's time that if brought up for open discussion would make attendance at the council's meetings well worth while. With one or two exceptions the council is too prone to believe that discussion of the city's operations are too boring to tolerate. This perhaps may be partially true to the initiated who are in daily contact with the city's work, but to the layman who is rarely in close touch with his community's government it is hardly the case. Your reporter is of the opinion that a closer cooperation between the Council and the members of the community will bring forth well worthwhile results.

At Monday evening's session the council heard the report of Commissioner Swanson and City Engineer Cole on the results of their inspection trip in regards to the flood situation. After conferring with Civilian Conservation Corps engineers they learned that the recent high water was not the result of damming of the ditch in that area but

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Saveli Walevitch Brings Russian Songs To Woman's Club

A unique and interesting program will be presented at the next meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club, when Saveli Walevitch brings his "Songs of the Russian People" before club members and their guests on March 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Walevitch is among the first of the Russian artists to bring this distinctive type of folk songs to America, and with him it has been a work of devotion to preserve this primitive form of art. The ancient songs of Russia are of great significance in that they represent the life and customs of the people whose mode of living is rapidly vanishing before the encroachment of western culture. Mr. Walevitch's charming American wife, the former Ann Whelpley, interprets his songs.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's program tea will be served. Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. Percy Prior, Mrs. Whitt Schultz and Mrs. Ernest Volvler will preside at the tea tables.

A book review will be given the same day at 12:45 by Miss Mary A. Egan. She will read "Imperial Twilight" by Bertita Harding followed by a regime of recent books by Mrs. Benedict K. Goodman.

H. P. Red Cross Unit Is Meeting Friday

The Highland Park unit of the American Red Cross will be held at Trinity Parish House on Friday, March 15, from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. There will be surgical dressings, knitting and sewing to be done. Coffee will be served.

Adult Education Closes Its Biggest Year This Week

Adult Education classes at the Highland Park High school will wind up for this year with its annual Badminton Tournament on next Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m.

Total registration for the entire year has exceeded all previous years and the average attendance of students has improved steadily from the start.

More persons than ever have contacted the council to tell how much they have enjoyed their work and how they will be looking forward to the start of a new program in October.

Next fall the council hopes to be able to add more interesting courses to the present program. Any suggestions from groups or individual in regard to such offerings will be welcomed.

Due to the large number of people who are interested in the Woodworking classes, the council is hoping to have classes in the course on both Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The beginning shorthand group is continuing its work for 10 more weeks on Thursday evenings at the Highland Park library under the direction of Mr. Heins of the high school faculty.

Professor Tomlinson's public speaking class is finishing its program with a banquet at the Hills Tea Room next week.

High School Revue Features Varied Program, March 16

"Where But in America" is the theme for Student Stunts, the high school revue program to be presented at the auditorium of Highland Park high school, Saturday, March 16, at 8:15 p.m.

This year's revue is made up of about a dozen acts—dramatic, vocal, instrumental, ballet with comedy at every turn.

The acts will be accompanied by a picked orchestra under the direction of Mr. Gibson of the music department.

The following are taking part in the revue:

SKITS: Shirley Pfister, Kay Seese, Dick O'Connor, Patricia Haynes, Beverly Date, Joan Irwin, Irwin Wertheimer, Marion Berg, Daniel Cobb, Helen Harrison, Elsie Kruse, Mary Jane MacFadden, Rachel Brent, Pauline Blume, Joan Nash, Don Gault, Bob Bryant, Charles Shanafelt, Louis Hutchins, James Lynn, Dick Schaeff, Bob Johnson, Ray Johnson, Dave Johnson, Kelly Brent, William Hayes, Donald Sheridan.

GARRICK: John Butler, Stephen Myer, David Roth, David Maly, Charles Gets, Dorothy Wright, Julie Ziechke, James Musik, Elaine Kaufman, Mary Wilbur, Ann M. P. Herson, Mary Garraway, Marilyn Sasse.

MODERN DANCE: Patricia Flynn, Roberta Movin, Marjorie Garrison, Dorothy Hobbs, Grace Pating, Bereneth Nelson, Ruth Paele, Louise, Jane Sonnenchein, Donna Mae Alexis, Winifred Glogus, Rosemond Deonhardt, Mary Eyley, Beverly Martin, Betty Hobbs, Ethel Bevin, Marilyn Francisco.

FUMBLING: Gretchen Fischer, Mary Bander, Mirth Durbin, Paul East, Mary Casario, Marg Johnston, Gertrude Sasso, Pat Cole, Betty Kelly, Janet Larsen, Betty Jean Johnson, Margaret Bitner, Norma Weider.

CHORUS: Suzanne Berg, Pauline Blume, Phoebe Brooks, Marian Dewyer, Helen Eitel, Marilyn Francisco, Winifred Glogus, Pat Goodred, Betty Jones, Louise, Ruth Paele, Betty Ralph, Marcia Krueger, Shirley Krumbach, Mary Jane MacFadden, Ethel Marshall, Mary Lou Montgomery, Helen Neel, Bereneth Nelson, Natalie Olsen, Ruth Paele, Betty Ralph, Marcia Randall, Caroline Seiffert, Mildred Smith, Fedora Turchi, Emaline Walker, Anita Werner, Alice Woodbury, Doris Nanni, Anita Louisa, Evelyn Truax, Ora Puckett, Betty Polowich.

ALTO: Betty Danner, Diano Dezenhardt, Eva Dinelli, Helen Gherardini, Gerry Golden, Len Zierlin, Lenore Healy, Grace Herman, Flora Hoffman, Suzanne Howe, Mona Johnson, Beverly Krause, Janet Parson, LaVerne Lichtwalt, Doris Lyle, Alyce McOmber, Patsy Olson, Mary Salyards, LaNelle Spalding, Doris Linn, Beatrice Nelson, Jeanette, Dorothy Woodbury, Nita Zanolli, Elizabeth Zahnie, Patsy Trude, Laura Cantalio.

ENCOR: Betty Bruner, Robert Diggins, Frank Ginter, David Harrington, Ralph Ott, Douglas Smith, Walter Smith, Willes Johnson.

BASS: Daniel Cobb, Roy Hans, Joseph Irwin, Russel Man, James Musik, Michael Peola, George Ralph, James Sagnier, Nick Valentini, Bruce Van Gulder, Salvador Belmont, James Katozyne.

SOLOISTS: Pauline Blume, Daniel Cobb, singers: Ora Puckett, dancer: Flora Hoffman, pianist.

CREW: Director: Miss Elise Rinkenberger; assistants—Christy Knack, Carol Ledever. Head of properties: Joan Frable; assistants—Martha Anne Miller, William Karper; Head of wardrobe: Marcia Randall.

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Head of make-up: Lucille Eaton; assistants—Bereneth Nelson, Pat Browning, Beverly Date, Gloria Linnari, Violette de Bartolo, Margaret Anderson, Robert Musik.

Head of electrician: Patricia Flynn; assistants—Elizabeth Blough, George Pamelan, Jeanne Vetter, Marilyn Francisco.

Technical director: Mr. Schneider. State manager: James Musik.

Girls: Martha Ackman, Harry Carlson, Richard O'Connor, Dava Johnson, Flora Hoffman.

ORCHESTRA: James Krohn, Lois Palmer, Chaucer Friddle, Bill Coffey, Ben Dover, Norma Meyer, Mollie Boyer, Betty Varner, Ross Harrington, Constance Kuehlin, Dave Harrington, Regina Klomp, Margaret Grammond, Rose Marie Barrett, Iva Elbow, Jason Lynn, Ray Werhano, Gene Rosenthal, David Worth, Bill Hamlin, Don Gault, Stephen Meyer, George Wells, Edwin Kruse, Larry Brown, Harry Peris, Art Dublin, Marvin Sanford.

A Birthday Promise—March 12



Legion To Honor Past Commanders On Caravan Night

Past Commanders of Dumaresq Spencer post of the American Legion will be honored at a special ceremony and program Thursday evening (tonight) March 14th. All those who have served as commander of the local post since its institution in Highland Park more than 20 years ago will be guests of honor of the evening.

Leslie McCaffery, present commander, will act as host and the entertainment is being arranged by Arthur Swanson.

Among the past officers who are expected to be present are May J. Frank Ronan, Magistrate Henry Hanson, Miller Schreiner, Commander of the 10th District, Philip E. Cole, City Engineer, Arthur Montgomery, Edwin Gilroy, Harry Eichler, James Thomson, William Heinrichs, Arthur Swanson and Paul Webb.

A special feature of the evening will be the call of the Tenth District American Legion Caravan under the Leadership of Commander Schreiner who will make the annual official visit to the post.

Assisting with arrangements are Vice Commanders, George Abernathy and William Logan, Bob Fiala, adjutant; Matt Maiman, Sgt. at Arms. Henry Hansen will assist in the program and Steve Urban and Thomas Sutherland will be in charge of refreshments.

Social Security Representative To Be Here Next Tuesday

For the convenience of employers and employees in this vicinity who desire assistance and information relative to the old-age and survivors insurance system of the Social Security Act, as amended, Albert S. Lewis, manager of the Waukegan field office of the Social Security Board will be in Highland Park, Tuesday, March 19 at the post office from 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. Inquiries may also be made by letter or telephone at the field office of the board located in the post office in Waukegan.

Many employers and wage earners wish information concerning old-age and survivors insurance as well as other phases of the Federal Social Security program, Mr. Lewis said. We are glad to be able to make direct contact possible for them and this personal service will be given regularly to the people in this area by the Waukegan office.

Miss Bredin Will Speak At Annual 'Y' Meeting Mar. 28

Miss Elizabeth Bredin will discuss the significance of Y.W.C.A. membership at the annual meeting of the Highland Park Y.W.C.A. to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28, in the Y assembly room, 347 Laurel avenue. All members of the Y.W.C.A. and their friends are urged to attend.

Miss Bredin, who is a member of the English faculty at the Highland Park high school, has had an unusually varied experience in the international Y.W.C.A. organization. She was a physical director in the Y.W.C.A.'s in London and Archangel and later worked with students in Moscow through the Y.W.C.A. during the Hoover administration.

She attended a number of student conferences conducted by the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. in England, Hungary, and Yugo-Slavia. Her experience with foreign students was useful when she was at the Y.W.C.A. house for foreign students at the University of Chicago. She was about to go into the field for foreign students when she left the Y.W.C.A. Board members of the local Y.W.C.A. have profited greatly from the class in Y.W.C.A. standards which she has conducted for them this year.

"The Great Standards Mystery," a clever skit to be presented by the three business girls clubs: Pi Delta, Emanon, and B. Y., will throw light on the several aspects of membership in the Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. Godfrey Eyley, president, will conduct the annual business meeting; Mrs. Clinton Fritsch will lead the devotions; Mrs. Lewis B. Sinclair will make an activities report; and representatives from the Mothers' club, the Friendship club and the Young Married Peoples group will report on their year's programs.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting by the social committee, headed by Mrs. Dwight Davis.

County Candidates To Attend Meeting Here Friday Night

March 15, at 8 p.m. in Witten's hall, will be one of the important meetings of the Young Republican club.

All the county candidates for office will be present and all will be given a chance to tell their qualifications for the office which they seek.

Lenten Meditation

Lent Can Mean Something

Rev. L. W. Sherwin

Lent can be a form or it can be real. If but a form it will no doubt be a beautiful form adding somewhat of cleanliness and vividness to our life for a time. If real it means a great individual experience. It means in calm and honest objectivity looking for a time at the best and highest one knows. That best and highest may vary with different people. But for each it means simply to see it, to lay one's life beside it, and then in the challenging contrast to dare to look at our own littleness, our meanness, our selfishness, our tampering with the high demand of truth. Then in deep humility to remember that over us is a great compassion—that will forgive and renew. And then on our knees to start life over. Can we, will we do that? If we do, will we be keeping real Lent. My prayer for all of us—for you and you, and for myself,—is that our Lent will be real.

Non-Partisan Citizens Group To Back Dick Martin For Senate

U. S. Girl Scouts Celebrating 28th Birthday This Week

The Girl Scouts of the United States are celebrating the movement's twenty-eighth birthday this week. Some of the girls who are celebrating are poor, some are rich, most are somewhat in between. Some are black some are white. Some live in cities, some on prairie farms. Two hundred and seventy-five of them typical of more than half a million throughout the United States live in Highland Park.

Every one of them is part of a Girl Scout democracy in which each troop elects its own officers and trains its members in delegating and accepting responsibility. Their leaders help each girl to see that differences in environment or background need not make a girl feel left out. On the contrary she can feel needed and important because she has something all her own to contribute.

America was built out of the welding of many different peoples and ideas. Democracy depends on that welding and more of our children must learn the art before it is too late.

There is no question about their willingness to learn. The Girl Scout council of Highland Park, like other Girl Scout groups has a waiting list of girls who are eager to live by the standards of Girl Scouting. But if the work is to expand, there must be more men and women to serve on committees, to share their hobbies with girls and to act as leaders. We want the kind of world that Girl Scouts are trying to build, the place to begin is in Highland Park and the time to begin is now.

Braeside P. T. A. To Hear Hull House Director, Monday

Charlotte Carr, director of Chicago's Hull House, will speak at the Braeside school next Monday evening, March 18, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Braeside P. T. Civic Association, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Allen B. Discus, program chairman. Since graduating from Vassar college, Mrs. Carr has been constantly associated with personal and social work, being at one time secretary of labor and industry for the state of Pennsylvania, and the first woman ever to hold that post. Following the death of Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, Mrs. Carr was brought to Chicago and for the past three years has served as the director of that institution.

"Charlotte Carr has a background of knowledge and experience that enables her to speak knowingly on the social problems of a metropolitan center," said Mrs. Discus, "and we are pleased to bring her to this community where Hull House has so many friends and supporters."

Associated with Mrs. Discus on the program committee are Mrs. J. T. Griffith, Mrs. Arthur Marquette, Robert E. O'Dea and William H. Savin, the latter having once taught at Hull House for a period of twelve years.

Following the program, refreshments will be served by the social committee under the direction of Mrs. L. L. Jim Howe.

100 Members Now Enrolled in H. P. Men's Garden Club

Mr. C. Eugene Pfister, president of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park announces that the club membership has reached 100 members. Mr. Pfister also stated that the club is composed of men from many varied businesses and professions, all interested in gardening as a hobby. Some are experts in some particular field of horticulture and others are novices interested in making their home grounds more beautiful. Membership is open to any amateur.

Members of the club this Spring will plant over 800 rose bushes on their home grounds. Mr. Pfister warned against the clean-up practice of burning leaves and lots, as it is ruinous to the ground and to the development of wild plant life which is so essential to the natural beauty of Highland Park.

3-Point Platform Commands Approval Civic Bodies

Party lines vanished in Highland Park last week when prominent civic minded citizens rallied to the support of Richard B. Martin, Republican candidate for state senator. Recognizing the need for progressive legislative leadership in the Eighth Senatorial District comprising Lake, McHenry and Boone counties, public opinion representing practically every section and class, has spontaneously espoused a young man whose platform reflects the desires of an overwhelming majority of voters and taxpayers.

Acting with speed and vigor, the Highland Park Non-Partisan Citizens' committee endorsing Richard B. Martin for State Senator, opened headquarters at 378 Central avenue and perfected the details of a district-wide campaign that promised to sweep young Martin to a sensational victory in the April primaries.

Among members of the committee are Eugene Pfister, chairman; Edmund Eitel, Robert G. Anspach, Edwin L. Gilroy, R. R. Wible and the Hon. William M. Dooley, former mayor of Highland Park.

Nomination for the office of state senator in the Eighth District, Chairman Pfister points out, is tantamount to election, as there is no Democratic contender for the office. This fact makes it possible for all shades of political opinion in national affairs to join in a non-partisan coalition in support of Martin.

"Richard Martin's outstanding qualifications for the office he is seeking have all but wiped out partisan political lines," Chairman Pfister declares. "Both Republicans and Democrats, as well as independent voters, have taken advantage of an opportunity to get solidly behind an able and conscientious young business man who has earned the liking and respect of everyone. That he is a graduate of the Highland Park High school and of the University of Illinois where he secured a degree in commerce and law is of particular interest to local people who have long been interested in seeing intelligence and ability drafted for public office."

"In Dick Martin an opportunity is now afforded to put a local man into an important public office, which will give Highland Park representation in the legislature for the first time in over a quarter of a century. For that matter Mr. Martin's victory will break a long-time precedent which has denied the south end of Lake county any important participation in country or state governmental affairs."

That Martin's candidacy has eradicated party lines in fact, as well as in name, political wiseacres point out, is seen in the fact that he is militantly supported by William M. Dooley, former mayor and a life-long Democrat.

Martin made his platform public last Monday (March 11th). It was inspired, he says, by a thorough personal canvass of the district which developed an insistent demand in town, village and country for legislative reform for the benefit of public schools, township government

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"Gulliver's Travels" On Alcyon Screen 4 Days Next Week

"The Amazing Mr. Williams" who comes to the Alcyon on Saturday is a blithe super-sleuth who responds to the haunting call of a police siren with unabashed eagerness. In this comedy-romance Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell are co-starred in one of the funniest of the season.

"Gulliver," the giant-sized hero of Jonathan Swift's classic fantasy, is now the central figure in a picture that towers as much over ordinary screen fare as he did above the "Lilliputians!" "Gulliver's Travels," Max Fleischer's full-length cartoon feature in Technicolor will be at the Alcyon for four days starting with next Sunday.

"Intermezzo, a Love Story" is a picture which must be immediately placed in the upper bracket. In addition to Miss Ingrid Bergman, its stellar strength includes Leslie Howard, fresh from his triumphs in "Pygmalion." The story recounts the adventures of a world-famous violinist who deserts his family when he falls madly in love with a young and beautiful pianist. On the Alcyon screen next week Thursday and Friday.