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## Administration By ELMORE M. MURPHY Comments

Since there was no City Council meeting on Monday evening because of the lack of a quorum the conductor of this column finds himself free to devote a little time and space to something other than strictly city administration affairs. At this time your reporter can think of no subject more appropriate than the coming April primaries. Election time this year is of greater significance to citizens of Highland Park because for the first time in many a year a member of the community is seeking a seat in the State Legislature. As announced in THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS several weeks ago Richard B. Martin is a Republican candidate for state senator from District Eight, comprising Lake, Boone and McHenry counties. Last week the Highland Park Non-Partisan Citizens committee was formed to aid Mr. Martin in his fight for the nomination, which in this district is tantamount to election. This committee with Eugene Pfister as chairman and including Edmund Eitel, Robert G. Anspach, Edwin L. Gilroy, R. R. Wible, and the Hon. William M. Dooley, former mayor of Highland Park are moving heaven and earth to stir up enough civic pride and consciousness in the community to insure candidate Martin a respectable vote from this area on primary election day, April 9.

Regardless of the facts of the case it always seems to be part of the political game to predict a "sweeping victory" for your candidate at the polls. This "we can't lose" philosophy appears to be necessary to keep the workers pepped up and is evidently based on the theory that no one wants to support a loser. This credo is all right as far as it goes but like anything else it can be overdone. If the campaign managers are too optimistic about the outcome, it is only natural for the boys further down the line to relax a bit on the theory that the election is in the bag anyway, so why make such a fuss about it.

Anyone familiar with the political situation in District Eight knows that candidate Martin has a real job on his hands if he wants to win this election and he is going to need every bit of support he can possibly corral between now and April 9. It therefore behooves the citizens of Highland Park to get behind Mr. Martin's candidacy and pile up enough votes in this area so that he will have a little cushion to fall back on when he gets into unfamiliar territory. The average voter too often fails to realize what a tremendous task it is for a candidate of average means and acquaintance to make a respectable showing in anything larger than merely a local election.

An individual who is not an outstanding public figure is faced with overcoming an unbelievably large amount of public indifference, or civic inertia, if you will, in such a contest that confronts candidate Martin in the April primaries. The compensation for the position of state senator is something like \$2,500 a year which naturally does not allow much leeway for campaign expenditures. Everybody with the interest of the community at heart will do all in his and her power to help the committee supporting Mr. Martin do a real job for him. Neither he nor the committee can get results alone. It is going to take a real effort on the part of the Highland Park electorate to bring out the vote for Dick in a big way.

Aside from the recognized qualifications of Dick Martin for the office of state senator, it is high time this community sends a representative down to Springfield to see what is being done with the local taxpayer's money. With all due respect to Mr. Ray Paddock of Round Lake, the present incumbent, there is little in the record that indicates this part of the district has carried much weight when matters of state were up for discussion.

Candidate Martin has been busy these last few weeks touring the highways and by-ways of the district attempting to pick up votes in areas where he is not so well known. His opponent, Mr. Paddock is particularly strong in the farm and other outlying districts and will undoubtedly pull a fairly strong vote in these areas. Again, ordinarily the incumbent has a distinct advantage over a new candidate trying to break into the charmed circle and Dick Martin who is making his first try at this office will have this handicap to overcome.

The task facing the committee seeking candidate Martin's election is a difficult one but not necessarily a hopeless one. A little cooperative effort on all our parts will go a long way towards bringing Dick in a winner.

## World's Greatest Bowling Sensation Here Next Tuesday

Andy Varipapa, who is one of the outstanding bowlers of the country, will appear in an exhibition game and give instruction at Shoreline Bowling Alley, Highwood, Tuesday, March 26, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. That same day he will also be at the Highland Ten Pin Alleys from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Varipapa, who holds a record of 47 perfect games, starred in a "Pete Smith" motion picture short at Hollywood.

World's record exhibition average, 275 for six games—Chas. Fritz Academy, Queens Village, New York, January 17, 1932 (300, 268, 279, 299, 259—total 1652).

Average of 253 for 30 games, including two 300 scores, Capitol Recreation, New York, April 25, 26, 26, 1932.

Nine game series, 256 average, including two 300 scores, Feb. 7, 1934, Hale Bowling Academy, Brooklyn, New York.

Average of 260, seven game match, including three consecutive 279 games—Dwyers, New York, November 30, 1930.

He has met and defeated practically every leading bowler in the country.

Varipapa bowls in different cities daily, giving demonstrations on bowling and instructions, and entertaining the fans with his wonderful trick shots that he made in the M.G.M. Motion Picture, "Strikes and Spares."

Varipapa, while being here, will give free lessons and instructions to the local bowling fraternity.

## Local Groups Voice Enthusiasm in Community Council

The idea of a community council for Highland Park is meeting with enthusiasm from the nearly seventy local organizations who have been invited to send representatives to the meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the new Community Center, 539 Central avenue. The League of Women Voters is calling the organization meeting, but the proposed community council would be along to Highland Park as a whole.

"The idea of a central clearing house organization meeting, but deserves great merit and much success can result from such a group."

"I would like to see this meeting result in a simplification of activities and the doing away of any duplication of effort, should that now exist."

"Members of our board are interested in the undertaking outlined in your letter and feel that a great deal of good can come from having such a clearing house."

"The idea of a central clearing house for the various community organizations in Highland Park is a brilliant one and deserving of strong support."

Such comments are typical of those contained in the replies from the organizations invited to the first meeting . . . and they are encouraging to citizens who feel that through co-operative endeavor Highland Park can be made a still better place in which to live. The council would be strictly non-political and there would be no financial obligations.

Interested individuals are urged to attend, as well as the authorized representatives of organizations. If any organization which would like to participate has been unintentionally overlooked in the issuing of invitations it is urged to write to the president of the local League of Women Voters, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, 699 Yale lane.

## Kiwanis Club Holds Meeting at Jewel Food Warehouse

Wednesday evening twenty-two Kiwanians and their wives enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Jewel Food Warehouse, South Ashland avenue, Chicago, as guests of the company. After the dinner they were taken on an escorted tour of the plant, which was most enlightening to the guests.

## Legion To Hear Loran D. Gayton Chicago Engineer

Loran D. Gayton, City Engineer of the City of Chicago and nationally known authority, will be the guest speaker of Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion, Thursday evening, March 28.

Mr. Gayton has chosen as his subject "Underground Chicago," which will be illustrated in narrative form, having in part to do with the history of Chicago's development, as well as some of the rather strange and interesting things which lie beneath its streets.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, Mr. Gayton, aside from being City Engineer of one of the largest cities in the world, a position held since 1927, is also president of the Illinois Society of Engineers. He is also past president of the Illinois section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and honorary member of Chi Epsilon, nationally known Civil Engineering fraternity.

Among the many large municipal building projects conducted under his direction, including water intakes, tunnels, pumping stations, bridges, is the new channel of the south branch of the Chicago river totaling many millions of dollars. He is at present directing the construction of a large part of Chicago's new subway and has designed and is constructing at the present time a \$20,000,000 filtration plant, which will be the largest in the world.

Special invitations have been extended to all Highland Park officials, to the heads of various business and civic groups in order that they may have an opportunity of hearing a man who is rated as one of the nation's foremost municipal construction experts and engineering authorities.

## C. of C. Endorses State Wide City Manager Petition

The campaign of the Highland Park League of Women Voters to obtain signatures to the state-wide City Manager petition for enabling legislation has gained new impetus in the endorsement of the local Chamber of Commerce. A resolution to support the securing of signatures was passed at last week's meeting and local merchants have offered to cooperate.

Already the League has found helpful assistance in the cooperation of the two bowling alleys, Highland Park Tenpins and Mr. Lenzi's alley. Mr. Pearl, owner of the Alcyon, permitted the taking of signatures in the lobby of the theater. With the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce the Highland Park League is certain to go over the top with its quota of 6,000 names.

Four hundred fifty thousand signatures of registered voters are required to put the city manager enabling legislation on the ballot next November. This will give cities of over 5,000 population the right to vote locally on whether or not they wish a city manager form of government. At present without such enabling legislation it is unlawful for such cities to have a city manager government even if they wish it.

## Romance of Fabrics Interesting Topic At Woman's Club

An especially attractive program has been prepared for members of the Highland Park Woman's Club and their guests for Thursday morning, March 28, at 10 o'clock, by the Home and Education Department. Mrs. Herbert Smith, chairman of the Education Committee in the department, has been able to secure a speaker of charm and ability whose subject is one which will appeal to every member of the club.

"The Romance of Fabrics" is the aptly chosen title of the talk which will be given on fabrics and textiles by Mrs. William C. Hammer, who is Director of Consumers' Relations of the Celanese Corporation of New York City. As a former Artistic Director and General Manager of the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company, Mrs. Hammer has both the practical and artistic qualities to deal with this subject. She will give welcome information concerning identification and serviceability of various fabrics with a view to helping the consumer in her purchases.

Mrs. Hammer will add an exciting feature to her program, a "Celanese Quiz", the winner of which will receive a dress length of her own choice. Guests will be welcome to attend this unusual talk upon payment of the usual small fee for departmental programs.

## Local G.O.P. Club Endorses Candidates at Monday Meeting

Four Republican candidates were endorsed last Monday, March 18 by the Highland Park Republican club, which met in Witten's hall to hear Richard Martin, Republican candidate for state senator.

The endorsements last Monday were:

John Fay Harris, candidate for Congress from the 10th District; Robert J. Pearsall, for county auditor; Howard L. Scott, for county recorder; L. J. Wilnot, for circuit clerk. Also named at Monday's meeting was an executive board for the group, consisting of Sam Bernardi, Emmett Moroney, Eckert Carlson, Gregory Sheahan and John Kelly.

At one of the club's past meetings, Richard B. Martin was unanimously endorsed for State Senator. Further endorsements will be made known later after the club hears from the executive board. Over 100 men were present at the meeting and refreshments were served after the adjournment. The club will hold another of its regular meetings next Monday night, March 25.

## Collectors Study Group Plans for Antique Show Soon

Plans are progressing for the exhibition of old china and glass, lustre, Staffordshire pewter and other rare and interesting collectors' items which will be held at the Highland Park Woman's club on April 10-11. This showing is sponsored by the collectors' study group of the Woman's club and will open with a talk by Mrs. Clifford Brewer on "Old Glass" on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the talk will include admission to the show of many table settings by private owners of old china and glass and the exhibits of other rare objects. The show will be open to the public at a nominal fee.

## Special Easter Services To Be Held at Local Churches Sunday

All churches of Highland Park and Highwood will celebrate Easter with appropriate services next Sunday. A welcome is being extended to all newcomers in these communities to attend the Easter services at the church of their choice. This is a splendid opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the church, for they are the citizens of your community, and your friends. Following are the services to be observed:

### Bethany Church

A sunrise service will be held at 6:30 Sunday morning at Oak Park Evangelical church. At 9:00 a.m. Sunday school will convene, followed by morning worship at 11 o'clock, when there will be special music by the choir, and Easter message and the reception of new members.

The choir will present their Easter cantata on Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The choir has been under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Hawley. The cantata is entitled "Life Everlasting." The music has been composed by H. W. Petrie and the words have been written by Rene Bronner. The cantata presents a message of cheer and gladness that has grown out of the darkness of Good Friday and its message of the cross. The following parts will be carried by the choir and individuals in the choir: Chorus, "Darkness Reigns," incidental solos, Mrs. Ruth Siemsen, Mr. George Bray.

Duet, "Come, Only Salvation," Mrs. Ruth Kightly and Mrs. Ethel Hintz.

Chorus, "Easter Dawning." Solo and chorus, "The Easter Tidings," Mrs. Ruth Kightly.

Solo and chorus, "Ye Slow of Heart," Mr. George Bray.

Chorus, "Life Everlasting." Solo, "Earth Could Not Hold Him," Mrs. Joy Dressler.

Solo and chorus, "Praise Him," Mrs. Ruth Kightly.

Trio, "Teach Me to Love Thee," Mrs. Bessie Okey, Mrs. Joy Dressler and Mrs. Gladys Hawley.

Bass solo, "The Great Example," Dr. E. D. Fritsch.

Finale chorus, "Joy to the World." A cordial invitation is extended to all who enjoy sacred music.

### First U. E. Church

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the First United Evangelical church. The morning service will convene at 10:45 with the Rev. Q. A. Dack of Canton, Ohio, bringing the message. Communion will be observed.

The Christian Endeavor will be held at 6:45 p.m. followed by the evening service at 7:45 p.m. with Easter music by the choir.

### Presbyterian Church

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, a Good Friday service with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Baptism, and the Reception of New Members will be observed. At this time the boys and girls of the Communicants Class will be received publicly into the Church Fellowship and take part in their first Communion service. A special welcome of a large group of new members who will come into the church membership at this time also has been planned.

On Easter Sunday morning the members of the Tuxis society will hold a sunrise service at 6 o'clock at the beach, weather permitting.

## Spring Sunshine Brings Golfers to Sunset Golf Course

Sunset Valley Golf course came through the winter in fine shape, and Tom Kelly, golf pro at the course, says "he never saw the course in a cleaner, finer condition at the outset of spring. Of course the greens are a little soft yet, as the frost is not out of the ground entirely, but those early enthusiasts who are anxious to get into the swing again, will find fairly good playing conditions."

Last Sunday a goodly number of players and visitors visited Sunset Valley, proving that considerable interest is being manifest in the coming season. Memberships are coming in fairly well, and a very good season is anticipated.

Altho the formal opening will not occur until the program events are announced, play is available to those interested. With today (Thursday) officially the first day of spring, enthusiasm will soar with each warm spring day. Better look up those clubs and journey out to the course so as to be in practice when the season actually opens.

The service will be in charge of Monie Elyer, the president. There will be special Easter programs in all of the departments of the church school beginning at 9:30 and continuing through 12 o'clock.

At the regular morning worship hour of 11 o'clock, Dr. Louis W. Sherwin will bring the Easter message; the choir, the quartet, and special musical numbers will all be included in this service for the great triumph day of the Christian year.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to come and take part in this service.

### First Church of Christ Scientist

Sunday school will convene as usual at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday morning service is held at 11 o'clock.

### Redeemer Lutheran

An Easter service will be observed at 10:30 a.m. In the evening an Easter service in the Finnish and English languages will be conducted by Prof. A. Monto of Springfield, Ill.

### Trinity Church

On Easter morning there will be the celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. there will be Choral celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon. The church school service and presentation of the Lenten offering will take place at 4 p.m.

### St. John's Evangelical

A sunrise service with Holy Communion will be held at 6 a.m. Following the service the ladies of the church will serve breakfast.

### Highwood Churches

The Lenten services of the Highwood Methodist church and Grace Methodist church will be concluded with services on Thursday and Friday. Thursday there will be annual Holy Week communion service to which all are welcome. On Friday at 7:45 will be Union Good Friday services with the Highwood Methodist and Zion Lutheran in the Grace Methodist church. All three preachers will speak briefly. Special music and other features have been planned. All members of the three churches are urged to attend.

Easter Sunday at 6:30 there will be a Sunrise Service in charge of the young people. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service. There will be no charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

The morning worship will be at 10 o'clock, with the pastor Mr. Carr to deliver the Easter message. The children of the Sunday school will contribute several numbers. New members will be received into the church, and there will also be a baptismal service. Flowers and plants will be greatly appreciated, to decorate the church for the services.

### Zion Lutheran Church

The Zion Lutheran church, Oakridge and High streets, will have two festive services of worship on Easter Sunday. Early sunrise at 6:30 with special choir music, and the morning worship service at 11. Rev. Winfield Johanson, pastor, will preach at both services.

The Sunday school of the church will present its Easter program at 7:00 that evening. The public is invited to all these services.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thursday evening, Maundy Thursday; and a special Good Friday service will be held Friday afternoon at 8:00.

## Prominent Stars Featured in Weeks Program at Alcyon

Jackie Cooper and Freddie Bartholomew are cast as friendly enemies in their new picture, "Two Bright Boys," showing at the Alcyon on Saturday with Alan Dinehart and Dorothy Peterson. On the same program we may see radio's famous singing cowboy Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in the film "Oh, Susannah," a musical western with snappy tunes and stunts.

Good boy meets bad girl. Result: great picture. That's "Remember the Night," the scintillating, fast-moving romance starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray which will appear on the Alcyon screen Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It's funny, it's clever, it's tender and it's sympathetic entertainment for the whole family.

As you're aware, James Hilton's novels—"Goodbye Mr. Chips," "Lost Horizon"—bear the mark of the thinker. "We Are Not Alone" is no exception. The story has both power and delicacy. "We Are Not Alone," with no flaw apparent in its entire structure, will screen at the Alcyon next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Lenten Meditation Christ Upon The Cross

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow." Lam. 1:12.

In the year 1904, Sigismund Goetze for the first time exhibited the painting "Despised and rejected of men." At that time it was placed in the British Royal Academy. The artist in that painting represents Christ again upon His cross, wearing His crown of thorns. The picture represents an afternoon in London. Great crowds are surging on heedlessly in the streets. They seem to be utterly blind to His presence. At the very foot of the cross, with his elbow almost touching the feet of Jesus, stands a jockey engrossed in studying the latest edition of the racing bulletin. On the opposite side of the painting is a scientist with his test tube in hand, too busy to even bestow a look upon the crucified one. The representatives of society, of social activity and pleasure all are there. They are very much wrapped up in the thrills and momentary experiences of life. The artist also portrays an abandoned woman, and a news boy exhibiting a newspaper with the latest divorce sensation. In the foreground of the picture is a clergyman, well kept and self-satisfied, but not seriously disturbed about what has taken place upon the cross. This picture indeed represents much of our modern life. We are so absorbed and engrossed in the experiences and problems of daily life that it is possible for us to go through Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and many other significant days in the life of our Lord, without so much as giving Him a thought or turning to Him for the help and blessing He is able to give. Christ gave His life upon a cross, does this mean anything to us?

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