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Comments

The City Council held no formal meeting on Monday evening of this week but it did get together in an informal session in an effort to get caught up on the meriad of details concerning official business awaiting action.

It was fortunate for two of the local citizenry who did not know, as reported in these columns last week, that there was to be no meeting this week, that the members of the council were on hand to listen to their grievances. These gentlemen were considerably wrought up over headlines appearing in a Waukegan paper to the effect that due to a

possibility that the new incinerator was not going to be built on the site of the city dump. Commissioner Sharp stepped out of the council's closed meeting and devoted some ten minutes in allaying the fears of his callers. He pointed out to them as he has to everybody who has brought the subject up that the council has leaned over backwards in protecting property values in the selection of the incinerator site. The fact that any change in the physical set-up of the city dump is bound to be a change for the better was one of the primary factors in selecting this site. As this line of reasoning could not be applied to any other location it logically followed that the city dump was the best possible place for the incinerator to be built. The fact that additional sums will have to be spent on the foundation work at this location has not to date caused the council to deviate from this line of reasoning and unless this writer has "missed the boat" entirely, it will not do so in the future. A careful perusal of the incinerator problem as it has developed, and as it has been duly reported in this column would have saved the gentlemen in question a needless trip to the City hall.

In an interview earlier in the day Commissioner Sharp announced that the local firm of Flinn & Corrough had been appointed supervising architects for the new incinerator and that preliminary work on the project was progressing to the point where it would not be long before bids on the job could be asked for and actual construction started. When that happy day arrives the council in general and Commissioner Sharp in particular will breathe one long sigh of relief because until they actually see the building going up on the city dump site there are still some people in town who expect to get up some fine morning and see the new citadel of refuse rising up in their back yard.

Another city construction project that is gradually reaching the jelling point is the new fire station. According to Commissioner Bowes whose department has charge of this work, the architects plans should be ready for council action by next Monday evening. Commissioner Bowes announced that William D. Mann of Highland Park had been appointed collaborating architect to assist William D. Perkins, holder of the architect's contract on the job. As Mr. Perkins is no longer a resident of Highland Park and will be unable to personally supervise all of the details of the project, the appointment of Mr. Mann will assure a closer supervision of the work than would be otherwise possible. As the readers of this column will recall, Mr. Perkins inherited the fire station contract as one of those in force at the time of the death of Emory Stanford Hall, the original holder of the contract. Mr. Perkins was a business associate of Mr. Hall.

Commissioner Bowes stated that bids on the new fire station would (Continued on Page 8)

Students Rehearse All School Play To Be Given May 20

Rehearsals are getting under way and almost every afternoon Highland Park high school students prepare for the annual all-school play, "June Madness," to be presented May 20.

Miss Elyse Rinkenberger of the faculty, the director, has a cast of Dorothy Wright, David Johnson, Beverly Frisbie, Edwin Gilroy, Fred Bangs, June Schlung, Alice Adamson, Art Flint, Ted Peters, Bob Johnson, Betty Weddell, Milan Cobble and Beverly Date, all of whom are working hard.

Joan Frable and Martha Ashman are assistant directors. Girls will be at the head of the stage crews. The "bosses" are Flora Hoffman, make-up; Patricia Haynes, electricity; Carol Lederer, props; Ann Mary Pantelis, stage, and Martha Anne Miller costumes.

Arbor Day Program To Be Held Friday At Elm Place School

A special Arbor Day program will be held in the auditorium of the Elm Place school at 1:30 Friday afternoon, April 19. After the program each home-room group both in the Elm Place and Greenbay Road schools will plant a tree on the school grounds. One of the Girl Scout Troops will also plant a red-bud tree which they are presenting to the school. Before the children go home in the afternoon all children whose parents express a willingness to help them plant and care for a tree at home will be given one. Parents and the public in general are cordially invited to attend the program in the auditorium.

As announced in the local newspapers last week registration of children either of the Greenbay Road or Elm Place schools in September should register now. Miss Deile has been registering children at the Greenbay Road school during this week. Miss Marks will register children at the Elm Place school next week each afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30. Children must be five years of age before January 1, 1941, in order to enter kindergarten in September. Birth certificates should be presented at the time of registration.

Alycon Presents Varsity Screen Fare

"Rancho Grande," which the Alycon is double-features on Saturday is a simple, engaging tale and it is told in a sprightly manner with liting songs and gay dialogue. Radio's singing cowboy, Gene Autry, is the star. The second attraction "British Intelligence" weaves and then unravels an intricate web of intrigue, espionage and counter-espionage. Margaret Lindsay and Boris Karloff are featured in this swiftly-paced melo-drama.

Based upon a play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur and starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell, with a supporting cast which includes Ralph Bellamy, Cliff Edwards, Gene Lockhart and others... small wonder, then, that "His Girl Friday" is the raciest romance in months, a sparkling, gay and hectic comedy, a wild, witty whirlwind of exciting action and hilarious laughter. To be screened at the Alycon on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Music lovers, regardless of their tastes, have a treat in store for them at the Alycon theatre next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday where "Balliika," the musical romance starring Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey will be presented. Robust romance, a variety of song that should please any audience, this story of old Russia, during and after the revolution at times reaches points of thrilling drama and in its lighter moods is enchantingly romantic and screamingly funny.

Carl Braun Hurt in Car-Truck Crash

Carl L. Braun, 53, an executive of Braun Bros. Oil company, 260 Central avenue, received painful injuries Friday when his car side-swiped an oil truck last Friday afternoon.

According to police reports, Braun was headed north on First street near Walnut street, when he crashed into the side of the southbound truck operated by Jerry Parsons, 45, of 748 Ridgewood drive, an employee of Sinclair Oil company.

Braun sustained a cut over the right eye, and bruises and cuts on his arm and knee.

D.B.E. Will Hold Rummage Sale April 25

Plymouth Chapter, Daughters of the British Empire, will hold a rummage sale on Thursday, April 25, in the store recently vacated by Sears, Roebuck and company at the corner of Central avenue and Green Bay road.

Proceeds of this sale will benefit the British Old Peoples Home at Hollywood, Ill.

Donations of rummage will be gratefully received and can be left at above address on Wednesday, April 24.

Demonstrate Cookery At Bethany Church

The Philathea Class of Bethany church is sponsoring a cooking demonstration, given by the Public Service Co. at the Bethany Evangelical church, Friday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m.

A door prize is to be given away and also food prizes. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited.

PLANT A TREE ARBOR DAY — APRIL 19th

Celebrate Arbor Day and plant a tree in your parkway, or on your home grounds.

The elementary school children of Highland Park are being given 1,500 fine seedling trees, from a foot and a half to three feet in height, to spread the custom of tree planting on Arbor Day in our community. The trees are the gift of the Men's Garden Club.

No improvement around the home adds the permanent beauty and value of a fine specimen tree, carefully chosen and well planted. Even our finest trees are comparatively inexpensive in the smaller sizes and neighboring nurseries are well-stocked. Flowering crabs are ideal near the house and in the garden; hawthornes are especially suited by Nature for the edge of ravines; elms are excellent for parkway planting. All these trees are included among those given to the school children by the Men's Garden Club.

By proclamation of Mayor Frank Ronan, Arbor Day in Highland Park is this Friday, April 19th. Help it by planting a tree.

Thomas Leeming to Community Chest

Address Legion On War Events Abroad

Thomas Leeming, a prominent attorney and eminent authority on current affairs, will be guest speaker at the monthly smoker of Du-maresq Spencer Post of the American Legion, to be held Thursday evening, April 25, in the Legion club rooms. He will discuss the significance of recent events abroad and has chosen as his subject "Will America Get Into the War?"

Mr. Leeming, who is a Highland Park resident, is associated with the law firm of Eckert & Peterson in Chicago and was an officer in the United States Navy during the last war. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and has been honored by the Chicago Law Club. As a result of his eloquence and expert knowledge, Mr. Leeming has been featured as guest speaker by a number of important groups and organizations.

Leslie McCaffrey, Commander of the Post, feels that Mr. Leeming's subject will be most timely and his appearance will be another event in the series of monthly smokers conducted by the post in the interest of promoting good fellowship, Americanism and interesting entertainment. The business meeting will be dispensed with, and because of the many requests, all members may arrange for the privilege of inviting a guest by communicating with Robert Fiala, Adjutant, or any of the officers of the Post. As in the past, these events will continue to be informal and a buffet supper will be served. There is no charge and every member of the Post is cordially invited to attend.

Unique Cleaners Expand Plant For Increased Business

Unique Dry Cleaners, located at 24 N. Sheridan road, began operations in their expanded new plant this week. New equipment has been installed to take care of the increasing business of the plant.

Included in the new machinery is a Hoffman Safety Dry Cleaning Unit, designed to clean apparel and to retain natural oils in the fabrics, leaving them fresh and soft as well as giving them a most thorough cleaning. Another added feature is a complete solvent reclaiming system, which in reality may be compared to a miniature refinery.

As an added service minor repairs such as button replacements, repairing ripped seams and other damages which commonly occur in the wearing of garments. A major repair and alterations department has also been installed for the alteration and restyling of garments. The cleaning of curtains, draperies and garments will be handled in special devices, as well as those other important items of household articles.

The retail shop has likewise gone in for its share of repairs, being remodeled with streamlined, chrome plated fixtures, creating in the reception room, the "Salon" effect.

Because of a recent conflict in the names, Mr. Molendi is changing the name of his Highland Park plant to the Alycon cleaners.

H. H. Williams To Open New Grocery And Market Here

H. H. Williams, who has operated a grocery and market at Wheeling for the past twelve years, is opening a grocery and market at 425 N. Green Bay road, Highland Park. Mr. Williams lives in Highland Park and is well known here.

Has Information on War Relief Units

Accurate information on the reliability of the national and international "war-relief" agencies soliciting contributions from local citizens can be obtained from the Highland Park Community Chest, it was announced here today by Edwin C. Jones, executive secretary.

"This valuable guide to giving is made possible," Mr. Jones stated, "through the Community Chest's membership in the National Information Bureau, a non-profit agency which checks on the reliability of national and international organizations appealing for contributions. The confidential reports of this Bureau," Mr. Jones continued, "enable us to advise donors in this community on all such appeals."

The American people have contributed over \$9,800,000 towards "war-relief" in Europe and Asia during the first six months of the current European war, according to a report just received by the Highland Park Community Chest from Valentine E. Macy, Jr., treasurer of the National Information Bureau.

Twelve agencies received \$7,010,000, or approximately 72 per cent of this total. For the purposes of this survey of American giving, the National Information Bureau included under "war-relief," contributions for expenditure both within the belligerent countries themselves and for rehabilitation of refugees driven out of the warring countries.

Finnish Relief Fund	\$2,500,000
(The total raised to march 31 was \$3,000,000 of which \$600,000 was received through the newspapers of the country.)	
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (to Dec. 1939)	1,750,000
Hadasash, Inc. (Palestine)	720,000
American Red Cross (expenditures for European war-relief totaled \$1,700,000)	650,000
Church Committee for China	250,000
Relief	250,000
Polish National Alliance of U.S. of North America	240,000
Polish American Council	200,000
American Bureau for Medical Aid to China	170,000
Bishops' Committee for Polish Relief	140,000
Ref. Commission for Polish Relief	130,000
American Society for British Medical and Civilian Aid, Inc.	130,000
American Society for French Medical and Civilian Aid, Inc.	130,000
	\$7,010,000

"By April 1, 1940, some four hundred separate groups had been organized to solicit contributions on behalf of war-relief," Mr. Macy said. "While a number of these were spontaneous groups arising in local communities on behalf of Polish and Finnish relief, many of the agencies are currently in process of conducting or preparing national campaigns. Some of these organizations (not those listed) have been hurriedly formed, without proper safeguards as to reliability and efficiency in management. The selection, from these hundreds, of the organizations best fitted for war-relief activities is becoming a major problem to generous American donors."

"This situation is no new story to the National Information Bureau," Mr. Macy continued. "The Bureau was created in 1918 as a non-profit philanthropic agency at the suggestion of the then Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, to assist contributors throughout the United States in obtaining a full dollar's return in human welfare for every dollar contributed. The Bureau has established minimum standards for national and international agencies on the basis of which it endorses or refuses to endorse their appeals to the American public for funds."

Recalling the initial experience of the Bureau in the last World War, Mr. Macy said that out of the first 320 agencies investigated at that time, only 98 received endorsement. "Today, as in the last World War," Mr. Macy continued, "a number of inefficient well-wishers, as well as

"In Swing With Spring" May 2 to 11 Opens 1940 Promotional Program

Segert And Thurston Chosen to Manage Y.M.C. Baseball Team

Mike Segert and A. N. "Solly" Thurston were chosen as manager and coach of the Highland Park Young Men's Club hardball baseball team for this season, at a meeting held in the Scout room of the Presbyterian church last Monday evening.

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce program, "Forward in Forty," has been well received and an unusually large number of merchants approve of the planned events.

The first event "In Swing with Spring" will start May 2 and end May 11.

Reports of participating merchants indicate that large selections of merchandise will be in their stores for this event. New Spring fash-

viewed the policies under which the team would play and designated a squad of 28 players to the first training practice session at Lincoln school field at 2 p.m. Dar Inman, vice-president of the club and chairman of athletics, stated that all persons not present that night who were interested in trying out for the team positions were welcome to appear at Sunday's practice session also.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of last year's baseball trophy to the Highland Park team by Mr. Harry Chambers, local representative of the Illinois State Amateur Baseball Association. Mr. Dan Davitt and Eb Inman received the trophy on behalf of the team members.

Mr. Ed Brown of the Park Board discussed the new baseball diamond and facilities at Sunset Park, enumerated the new desirable features and regulations. Mr. "X" complimented the club on its progressive spirit, and Harry Skidmore, vice-president of the organization, reported on the sale of baseball season tickets. At the close of the meeting measurements were taken of the players for the new baseball uniforms in which the team is to be outfitted.

"Bumble Bee Prince" Junior Program's Opera, Here May 3

Due to the success of this year's undertaking, the Parent-Teacher Associations of Elm Place, Lincoln, Ravinia and Braeside schools have voted joint sponsorship of another Junior Programs series. Mesdames J. D. Pickett, Edwin T. R. Murfey, Frank Selfridge and Albert Bushey were the ones authorized to represent their respective PTA's in drafting plans for next season together with Mrs. Julius Laegeler, this year's Junior Programs chairman.

It was decided to bring the ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in October 1940, the play, "Run, Peddler, Run!" in February 1941, and the opera, "Jack and the Beanstalk," in April 1941. Performances will take place on Fridays at the Highland Park high school auditorium, which is again to be furnished through the generosity of the Board of Education.

Recordings of Junior Programs' opera, "Bumble Bee Prince," are being heard this month in the Highland Park and Deerfield schools in order to familiarize the children with music they are to hear. RCA Victor has made these records with the same cast of opera stars as those who will appear in Highland Park on the afternoon and evening of May third. Tickets for the performances will be on sale at Gsell's Drug store after April 23.

Rev. Lloyd Hansen At Bethany Sunday

Rev. Lloyd Hansen, student pastor of the Bethany Evangelical church will occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning. He will take the place of Rev. H. F. Siemsen, the pastor, who at present is attending the annual Illinois conference of the Evangelical church at Geneseo, Ill. In accordance with the custom of other years, no evening service will be held on Conference Sunday. Mr. Hansen's many friends are cordially invited to hear him on the coming Sunday at 11 a.m.

To Compete Saturday In State Contest

Having received a "superior" rating at the district band contest, the Highland Park high school band will compete in the state band contest to be held in DeKalb on Saturday, April 20. The band is planning to leave from the high school Saturday at 12 noon in the school bus and chaperoned cars.

family, various assortment of home needs for the interior and exterior, automobiles, sporting goods, and a host of other items that one may think of to take away that old winter drab and put in spirit of Spring. Ravinia as well as Highland Park the promotional program and plan to make the opening event of the 1940 season one of the most outstanding in the history of this city.

Highland Park is a growing community, there are many newcomers who have not yet become acquainted with the excellent service and the quality of merchandise offered by local business houses. It is because of this that this great value event is being staged, to acquaint the newcomers with their local enterprises and to have the merchants become familiar with their Highland Park patrons.

The Retail committee is headed by Paul Olson as chairman with F. J. McDonough, C. Wehrheim, Oscar Lundgren and Fred Fell as members.

William W. Steele Elected Chairman Of County Board

William W. Steele, who has served as supervisor of Deerfield township since 1933, was elected chairman of the Board of Supervisors at an election held last Thursday morning in Waukegan. His election followed an hour of quibbling over points of order, motions and roll calls by board members.

Preceding the election, Ross L. Sherman of Deerfield was seated as a member of the Board. Sherman was appointed supervisor of West Deerfield township to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Supervisor John O'Connor.

Faith Bushnell to Discuss Butterflies At Garden Class

Once again the members of the Garden class of the Highland Park Woman's club will enjoy another of Miss Faith Bushnell's interesting talks on "Butterflies."

This meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Claire Pease, 2212 S. Sheridan road, on Tuesday, April 23, at 2 o'clock.

Assisting Mrs. Pease as hostess are Mrs. J. T. Moffitt, Mrs. Robert Pease and Mrs. C. A. Lloyd.

Community Choral Club Announces Spring Concert Date

The Community Choral Club wishes to announce that they have chosen Tuesday, May 7, as the date of the annual spring concert which will be held at the Highland Park Woman's club at 8:30 p.m.

The chorus will present a concertized version of the opera "Carmen" by Bizet.

The program in detail will be announced later in the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS.

Infant Welfare to Celebrate Baby Week With Luncheon Apr. 29

Baby Week, which occurs this year from April 28 through May 4, will be celebrated by the two groups of the Highland Park-Ravinia Center of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago on Monday, April 29.

The boards of these two groups will entertain at luncheon at Exmoor Country Club, not only the Center members, but as special guests Mrs. Vincent P. Oates, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the presidents of the other Infant Welfare Centers.