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C. of C. Promotion First Of Series Of Events Starts May 2

The number one of a series of promotions instituted by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will start next Thursday, May 2. The merchants are busily arranging new merchandise for the "In Swing with Spring" program. Preparations are going ahead to make this one of the outstanding events of the year and also to make Highland Park-Ravinia an ideal shopping center for the North Shore and surrounding communities.

It is the desire of these merchants to offer merchandise of exceptional quality and values together with the conveniences and comfort of shopping locally. The more shopping that is done in Highland Park-Ravinia the better selection of stock can be offered to its patrons.

This is the first time that any kind of uniform events have been tried by the business houses of this city and according to the responses it promises to be a huge success. The Retail Division has worked hard and wants to thank its members and non-members for the fine cooperation it has received. The kits will be ready for distribution at the Chamber office on Monday, April 29th.

Among the business houses participating are: Chandlers, Krueslin's Apparel Shoppe; Art Olson & Co.; Neill's Sport Shop; Pease Pharmacy; Public Service Co.; Lucille Hilborn; Jack and Jill Shop; Ermine Cleaners; Fell's; Geo. B. Winter, Inc.; Husenetter Hardware; Huber Electric; Community Service Grocery; Lucille Ullman; Herman Dreiske; Clifford Moran, Plumbing and Heating; First National Bank; Highland Radio Shop; Howe Beauty Salon; Arnold Peterson Plumbing; Gem Cleaners; Ravinia Shoe Store; F. W. Woolworth; Highland Park Press; Gordon Leonard Pure Oil Service station; Brand Bros.; Rasmussen Shoe Shop; Highland Park News; H. & R. Anspach; J. Hecketsweiler; Iredale's; Harrison's Ravinia Pure Oil station; Roberts Shield of Quality Grocery; Fay Barkley Shop; J. B. Garnett Co.; Sears Roebuck; Blue Goose; Cadillac Motors; E. W. Gsell and Co.; Highland Park and Ravinia stores.

Rev. H. F. Siemsen Starts 12th Year Of Pastorate Here

The 96th annual session of the Illinois Conference of the Evangelical church was held at Geneseo, Ill., from April 15th to the 21st. At this conference each Evangelical church in the state of Illinois receives the appointment of its pastor for the coming year. Rev. H. F.



Rev. H. F. Siemsen

Siemsen, who has been the pastor of Bethany in Highland Park for the past 11 years was reappointed to serve as the minister of this parish for the ensuing year.

It has been the happy privilege of Rev. Siemsen during his ministry in Highland Park to see much progress and growth in the church of which he has been the pastor. The membership and attendance at the services have greatly been increased and the church was able to pay off in full an indebtedness that was exceedingly burdensome in the early days of the depression. The years that lie ahead are filled with the promise of an ever growing parish in our beautiful suburb, which likewise is making rapid growth and progress. Mr. Siemsen's many years of service in Bethany's parish has given to him a position of leadership in our community, which has gained for him a multitude of friends.

Administration Comments

By ELMORE M. MURPHY

The chief item of interest at Monday evening's City Council meeting was the announcement of the official parting of the ways of the current administration and City Marshal Edward J. Moroney. The severance between the Chief of Police and his 24 years record of service to the community came in the form of a letter of resignation written by Mr. Moroney on April 1 and read to the council by Mayor Ronan on Monday evening.

In accepting Chief Moroney's resignation, the Mayor and each Commissioner present paid high tribute to his character, reputation and record and each stated that it was with the utmost regret that the acceptance of the resignation should be deemed necessary. As a parting gesture the council voted Chief Moroney a month's vacation from May 1st when he will turn over his office to his successor until May 31st. Thus was the official act of the parting of the ways entered into the record book.

In spite of the air of harmony expressed both in Chief Moroney's letter of resignation and in the council's acceptance thereof, there is a distinct feeling among the citizens of Highland Park that more was left unsaid than was said. The fact that Chief Moroney's resignation was in the council's hands for some three weeks before final action was taken brings to partial light at least, the controversy that this subject aroused within that body. It has been common gossip for months that there distinctly has been no meeting of minds between the Chief of Police and the City Council on many questions of policy. In justice to everyone concerned in general and to Chief Moroney in particular it is regrettable that the differences between the Chief and the council could not have been aired in open council session rather than behind closed doors. During his 24 year tenure of office Chief Moroney has made a host of friends in the community who now feel somewhat that the break was due to political expediency rather than to a just cause. Both the council and Chief Moroney owe a debt of obligation to the community to disclose the real fire behind all the smoke. This is emphatically a case where "Silence is not Golden." Everybody close to the picture knows that Chief Moroney's "resignation" is just so much window dressing. This is truly a case of a resignation in reverse and the need of a clearing of the atmosphere on all sides is definitely in order. Unless the City Council sees fit to disclose the real reason for the separation of the Chief of Police from his job it throws itself open to the charge of playing politics. By the same token unless Chief Moroney clearly states his side of the controversy he is indirectly admitting there is ample reason for his resignation. The current attitude of jockeying and telling of half truths by the council and the chief is doing justice to neither and harm to both.

Another item concerning the police department was the appointment by the council of Clarence R. Engdahl to the post of Sergeant of Police to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Sergeant Sullivan. Commissioner Sharp announced that his department was awaiting the preliminary sketches of architect Flinn for the new incinerator before submitting them to the council for final action. Commissioner Swanson requested and received permission from the council to inaugurate a stringent campaign to compel contractors and other parties to get the necessary permits before breaking curbs or in any way obstructing the streets of the city. He stated that to date the city ordinances dealing with these subjects have been practically ignored. Commissioner Bowes recommended that the physical set-up of the Fire Department be changed to allow for the establishment of three lieutenantcies. He stated that at the present time acting lieutenantcies were appointed to take charge of operations at a fire until the arrival of the Chief of the department. (Continued on Page 8)

1939 Tax Bills to Be Mailed Latter Part of This Week

Tax bills for 1939, in Deerfield township, will be in the mails the latter part of this week, according to tax collector Gregory Sheahan. It is urged that bills be paid within ten days, and are payable at the First National Bank to Collector Sheahan.

Chief Ed Moroney Resigns Monday From Police Force

Edward J. Moroney's resignation as local chief of police was accepted Monday evening at a meeting of the City Council. His resignation which has been on file since April 1st will become effective, May 1st.



CHIEF MORONEY

Moroney who was born in Highland Park and educated in the local schools, joined the Highland Park Police force, Jan. 16, 1919, serving as an officer under John Grant, who was then Chief of Police. After the resignation of Mr. Grant, who left the force to take up residence in California, Mr. Moroney became chief, being appointed to that position May 1, 1919.

During his service as head of the local force Mr. Moroney achieved an enviable record. The absence of crime and the clean slate established during his regime are evidence of his ability and integrity. His charity, courtesy and kindness, have won for him a host of friends.

The Chief's plans for the future are very indefinite. For the first few months, "I will relax and enjoy the freedom from regimentation" said the chief. "After that, I cannot say what my plans will be."

It was with the deepest regret, and surprise that Highland Park citizens learned of his resignation, and the best wishes for his future success, are extended.

Preview of New Vocational Building To Close P.-T.A. Year

Thursday, May 2, 1940, will bring to a close a school year with a program of well thought out continuity having as its theme "Activities—Educational and Recreational." The members of the High school P.-T.A. appreciate the programs which Mrs. Earl Hyett of Deerfield and her committee have presented.

Mr. Robert Schneider, head of the Vocational department, will give a short talk about the new vocational building and then will provide several members of his department to conduct this tour and special preview of the building.

The April edition of Readers Digest carries a reprint of a letter, to Curriculum, written by Mr. Richard Sandwick, telling of the projects of the students of the building trades at the High school. Did you know that in the past 14 years the students had erected seven houses, one school building and an addition to a school and that the houses had been sold soon after completion?

Tea will be served in the cafeteria at 3 p.m. No conferences. A short business meeting and annual election of officers will begin at 3:30 p.m., promptly in the English club room. In order to have ample time for the program all members are urged to come early.

John Picchetti To Open Bowling Alley in Deerfield

John Picchetti, who until a few weeks ago was associated with his brother in the grocery business on Central avenue, is entering a new enterprise. He has rented the south end of Peter J. Juhrend's garage on Waukegan avenue in Deerfield where he will establish one of the most up to date recreation establishments on the North Shore.

John plans to install eight of the most modern 1940 bowling alleys in this garage, which will be entirely remodeled and made into an ultra modern recreation salon. A fountain wherein only soft drinks may be obtained will be installed.

It is expected that the bowling alley will be open for inspection around the fifteenth of July. Teams wishing to schedule for the next season are asked to get in touch with Mr. Picchetti as soon as possible. Although the alleys will be available for play in the late summer, the active season will not open until in September.

Mr. Picchetti left this morning (Thursday) to enter the A.B.C. tournament in Detroit, Mich., with the Oak Terrace Beverage team.

"Bumble Bee Prince" To Be Given May 3 At High School

On Friday, May 3, there will be two performances (4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) at the Highland Park High School auditorium of Junior Programs' opera, "Bumble Bee Prince." Alexander Pushkin originally wrote this as "Tales of Tsar Saltan" and presented it as a Christmas gift to the children of

remaining seats to be sold at the high school box office prior to each performance.

The May third presentations of "Bumble Bee Prince" will close this season's series of three double performances by Junior Programs, Inc., non-profit organization devoted to the furnishing of children's cultural



Cecile Sherman as Swan Princess in "Bumble Bee Prince"

the late Czar Nicholas. The story was then made into the opera, "Bumble Bee Prince," by the famous composer, Rimsky Korsakoff. Translated from Russian into German and then into English, "Bumble Bee Prince" has toured this continent during the past five years with performances before over a million children and adults. This season alone it has been presented in forty-two towns ranging from Vancouver, B. C. to Tampa, Florida.

RCA Victor has recorded this opera as sung by the same stars who are to appear in Highland Park. Through co-operation of the schools' music departments these recordings are being played for all the children. Thus they will be familiar with the music and story.

Tickets for children and adults are on sale at Gsell's drug store in Ravinia and Highland Park, with

entertainment. The ballet, Pincchio and the play, Reward of the Sun God were the other two attractions.

Plans have already been completed for a Junior Programs ballet, play and opera in Highland Park next season. These performances will again be jointly sponsored by the Highland Park P.T.A.'s and given in the high school auditorium.

"Bumble Bee Prince" is to be given on May 13 in Winnetka under P.T.A. auspices. Waukegan, Des Plaines and LaGrange are among the outlying communities who have recently had Junior Programs. Also, the ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," starring Edwin Strawbridge, was given on last February 23 as a demonstration performance before the National Conference of the Progressive Educational Association in Chicago.

National Baby Week Sponsored By Infant Welfare Apr. 28-May 4



Some beneficiariss of Alice H. Wood Infant Welfare station

April 28 to May 4 will be National Baby Week, sponsored in Chicago by the Infant Welfare society to educate adults as to the health needs of children in the crowded areas of Chicago.

Highland Park has its share in giving Chicago babies healthy bodies with which to enjoy life through the contribution made by the Highland Park Community Chest to Alice H. Wood Infant Welfare station. Mrs. Edwin M. Hadley Jr., president of Highland Park-Ravinia center and Mrs. B. E. Newman, president of the Seniors, and their co-workers are the sponsors of Baby Week in Highland Park and Ravinia.

Infant Welfare sees that children in the poorest districts of Chicago—the children whose opportunities are least promising—have their chance for sound bodies and minds by providing them with medical supervision, home nursing and nutrition care, and mental hygiene guidance.

One of the children whom the society helped to overcome difficulties that threatened to overwhelm him is Peter, a four year old at Alice H. Wood station. Peter was undernourished and overdependent. He refused food at meal times and screamed for it later. He cried for

what he wanted and staged a temper tantrum when he did not get it. He was a persistent wood chewer. His mother was a bundle of nerves and his father threatened to spend his evenings away from home if Peter could not be kept quiet.

Then an Infant Welfare nurse came on the scene. She put her skill in home management, in nutrition, in the training of children, at the service of Peter's tired mother. After six months of patient effort, Peter is well nourished and has acquired a fair degree of independence. He eats a well balanced diet at regular hours, he sleeps the night through, he has stopped chewing wood. He associates amicably with his family and with other children. His father and mother are in better health, his mother is less nervous and worn, his father says his home is a pleasant place to be in.

Peter's problem concerned the mental health of one small child. Last year at Alice H. Wood station, the Infant Welfare society cared for the physical and mental health of 1,316 expectant mothers and children. It observes Baby Week in the hope that it may be the occasion of a renewed dedication to the cause of health for children.

Alcyon Presents "Thunder Afloat"

A timely drama of Yankee heroism against U-Boat warfare will be screened by the Alcyon on Saturday, with Wallace Beery in "Thunder Afloat." Chester Morris and Virginia Grey also appear in this story of America's daredevil "suicide fleet" that wiped the marauding U-Boats off the sea . . . taken from official records and told now for the first time.

Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart and the famed "Ernest Lubitsch touch" contribute equal shares to one of the most delightful entertainments ever filmed. You just cannot be disappointed with "The Shop Around the Corner," which the Alcyon will screen on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

A sparkling comedy-mystery laid amidst a glittering beauty pageant is to be seen on the double-feature program at the Alcyon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, where "Fast and Furious" will be screened. Illuminated by witty dialogue and hilarious situations, "Adventures in Diamonds" charts the astonishing career of a beautiful lady crook, her bold attempt to rifle the world's most closely-guarded treasure hoard and her stormy romance with a handsome young Royal Air Force officer.

Purchase Crosley Appliance Store Mr. R. W. Kyle, former manager of the appliance department of Iredale's, announces the purchase of the Crosley Appliance Store at 11 N. St. Johns avenue. His store will feature sales and service of all makes of refrigerators, radios, washing machines and all electrical appliances.

Daylight Time to Start Sunday for Twenty-Third Year

Highland Park citizens, as has been their custom for the past 23 years, will move their clocks ahead one hour, from central standard time to daylight savings time, at 2 a.m. next Sunday, April 28. This is the 23rd year that daylight time will be in effect, and Highland Park will receive its many benefits until Sept. 29, the last Sunday in September when clocks will be moved back again.

Churches as well as business houses, and trains on the North Western and North Shore line will be operated on the new schedule beginning on Sunday morning. This is in accordance with custom established by Chicago and neighboring towns.

Christian Science Broadcast Sunday

You are cordially invited to listen to the Columbia Church of the Air program on Sunday, April 28, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Central Standard time, to be conducted by Mr. Arthur Perrow, who will radiocast a statement on Christian Science especially prepared for this occasion. This program, originating from the Columbia Broadcasting System studios in Chicago, is without a Chicago outlet, but may be heard over other stations of the Columbia network.

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