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## Administration Comments

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### NOTICE

The Council meeting next Monday evening will convene at 5 p.m. instead of at 7:30 p.m., the customary meeting hour.

Monday evening's City Council meeting may be best classed as a sort of interim in the various phases of city business now pending before the governing body of the community. First and foremost of course is the accepting of bids on the new incinerator and the final selection of its site. Bids on this project are being received on two localities, one being the location of the present plant and the other on property adjacent to the City Garage. The two sets of bids were authorized to obtain an accurate estimate on the increased cost of constructing the incinerator on its present site due to foundation difficulties. While the City Council expresses itself as anxious to have the community the added cost of building the incinerator on its present site, this writer firmly believes that when this advantage is weighed against the positive — and one might add violent — disapproval of the property owners in the neighborhood of the City Garage, it will abandon consideration of the latter location. Although from the standpoint of economics the present site is by far the least desirable, the human element remains very much in the picture. This fact, the council realizes more clearly than any of the interested parties. So-called "trial balloons" sent up by the council in sounding out sentiment in the affected neighborhoods clearly demonstrates the unpopularity of considering a location for the new incinerator on any other than its present site.

As the old saying goes the only certain thing in life is its uncertainty. Witness to this effect the recent performance of Bismelech at Churchill Downs. Even in the face of that and comparative reversals of form it is a pretty safe bet that the heart will win over the pocketbook and the incinerator will be built at its former location. Until work is actually started, however, the ghost of this project will continue to haunt many a Highland Park home owner. Bids on the new incinerator are scheduled to come up for council action on May 27.

Also in the records of business coming to a head is the new fire station project. As this enterprise has been lacking in the elements of controversy attendant with the new incinerator, undisturbed progress in the realization of this civic dream will undoubtedly be the order of the day. Bids on this project are also scheduled to be presented to the council on May 27.

The Green Bay road paving and widening work is scheduled to receive its first real impetus when preliminary engineering work which was authorized by the council at its meeting on April 11 will shortly get under way. Actual construction work on this project is not scheduled until next fall or sometime next spring. However, it was deemed advisable to get the engineering work out of the way as soon as possible.

Among unfinished business is the appointment by the mayor of the new city marshal to succeed Edward Moroney, recently resigned. In a (Continued on page 4)

## League of Women Voters to Review Year's Work Friday

When the Highland Park League of Women Voters meets on Friday at the Y.W.C.A. for its twelfth annual all day meeting its members will not be treated to high flown oratory but they will be able to point with some pride to the quietly constructive work of their organization in the past year.

It is at the open board meeting in the morning session beginning at 10 o'clock that members and anyone else interested will hear the reports of officers and department chairmen and will give of projects studied and supported by the local league. After luncheon Professor Walter C. Leves will discuss the ever more pressing subject, "Can America Stay Neutral?" Professor Leves is too well known in the Chicago area to need an introduction to league members. Heard often over the radio in the University of Chicago Round Table broadcasts he is also lecturer frequently. He is associate professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago and chairman of the Social Science Survey courses.

Outstanding among the league's projects during the past year was (Continued on page 4)

## Mrs. Harold Norman Elected President High School P.-T.A.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the High school P.-T.A. took place on Thursday, May 2. A luncheon to the board members, with Mrs. Wright as hostess preceded the business meeting. The beautifully decorated luncheon table provided a sharp contrast to the snow fall outside. The short reports given by the officers and chairman leaves a record of many excellent projects undertaken and accomplished in the interest of the students. Each person giving a report paid tribute to the fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the teaching staff. The P.-T.A. has been very fortunate in having as its president for the past two years, most gracious as well as exceedingly capable a person in Mrs. Henry C. Hawes. The election of new officers followed the reports. They are: President, Mrs. Harold W. Norman of Bannockburn; 1st vice president, Mrs. Harry Perts, Highland Park; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Gatewood, Highland Park; treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Erskine, Highland Park; secretary, Miss Louise Whiteman, Highland Park.

Mr. Robert Schneider, head of the vocational department, gave a brief account of what the High school offered the students in vocational training. Mr. Schneider directed tours of the new building which the students have helped to erect. These students assisted the department heads in showing visitors around and answered questions as well as volunteering much enlightening information. They made the trip one of great interest to the mothers. Each student who has finished the course in auto mechanics has been placed in a position. We noted a group of men, from outside of Highland Park, making a tour of the building.

The installation of vocational training in our High school came as the result of Mr. Sandwick's efforts. It is very fitting that this new building, which will be open for general inspection this fall, has been named the Richard Sandwick Hall.

## D.A.R. Plan Bridge Party To Benefit Reforestation Plan

On Friday afternoon, May 24, the North Shore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will give a dessert-bridge at the home of Mrs. E. R. Phelps. The proceeds will be devoted to the Golden Jubilee fund of the chapter for the reforestation of land in southeastern Illinois. The Illinois Daughters are planting 2000 acres of land, which erosion has made unfit for agricultural use, with pine trees which will help control the flood waters. This is the state project which the Daughters are making possible in celebration of the fiftieth year of the organization of the National Society.

The following new officers were elected at the last meeting of the chapter: Regent, Mrs. George T. Rogers of Lake Forest; honorary chaplain, Mrs. J. F. Leaming; chaplain, Mrs. L. B. Sinclair; recording secretary, Mrs. Kellogg Speed; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jared Johnson; assistant registrar, Mrs. M. O. Hopkins; directors, Mrs. Mabel R. Ehle, Mrs. Mary Heimold, Mrs. Walter Rice, Mrs. John Van Bergen, and Mrs. E. H. Ibbotson of Lake Forest.

The chapter presented framed "Correct Use of the Flag" codes to the following: Highland Park Y.W.C.A., Post Office, Chamber of Commerce and Woman's club; Lake Forest High school; Highwood Post Office; Bannockburn school; and the Americanism school conducted by Mrs. Reilly in Highwood. These are in addition to 16 others presented to other schools and public buildings earlier in the year.

Mrs. Sewell Truax, who is chapter historian, gave a talk on the early history of Highland Park which was illustrated by slides, to the upper grades of the Lincoln school last Thursday afternoon.

## Elks Plan Bingo Party, Saturday

Highland Park lodge No. 1562 B.P.O.E. will hold a bingo party Saturday evening, May 18, in Elks hall, corner of McGovern street and Laurel avenue. Play will begin at 8:15 p.m.

Twenty games of bingo will be played for which prizes, including seven door prizes, will be awarded. Refreshments will be served.

## Invite Public To Visit Community Project May 20-25

What do you know about your Community Project and its achievements? Just how does it reach our lives and homes? For a comprehensive answer to these questions, visit your local Community Project. Every professional and service project of this state is doing something useful for its immediate vicinity, and the local people in general.

In Lake county, such projects as sewing, adult education, housekeeping aid, school lunches, recreation, research, public administration, canning and gardening etc., are all engaged in community betterment. Our local government and tax supported institutions are receiving material benefit, which is indirectly shared by the local community.

The Works Progress Administration has set aside the week of May 20 to 25 as "This Work Pays Your Community" week. Open house will be held at all professional and service projects throughout the country. Men and women the nation over are urgently invited by the project sponsors and its workers, and by the Works Progress Administration to visit and inspect your local project in operation.

Your community project is located at 630 N. Green Bay road. It is sponsored by the township supervisor, Mr. W. W. Steele, and the Highland Park Social Service is acting as co-sponsor. It has been in operation for the past 3 1/2 years, during which time attempts have been made at our project site, and in the store windows of various co-operative merchants, to set up displays and otherwise acquaint the community with the activities of its project. It gives employment to needy untrained residents who would otherwise require assistance from our township supervisor's office. Such employment also teaches them a gainful vocation, with resultant improvement in morale by reason of their self support, thus affording them a better perspective in coping with their personal financial problems.

During the past year the following representative organizations are a partial list of the many whom your community project has served in various capacities:

Office of the Township Supervisor, Highland Park Social Service, Highland Park High School, Highland Park Fire Dept., Ravinia Public School, Lake County Home, Veterans Bureau Hospital, Fort Sheridan Hospital, Infant Welfare, Arden Shore, Dorcas Home, Ridge Preventorium, and many others.

In rendering service to the above, your community has rendered intelligent and skillful service in many activities, such as making up hospital accessories, special surgical robes, drapery work, mending uniforms, weaving, making dolls, and other activities too numerous to mention.

Our sponsor is proud of the accomplishment of your project having made 9,709 new garments, repaired 17,301 garments, made or dressed 119 dolls, completed 43 rugs, and 24 crib quilts, and repaired 155 pieces of furniture. Our people have a right to know of our activities in order that they may make use of them to the fullest extent they desire. Your visits will result in many valuable suggestions for the improvement of our program by reason of a fresh and sharp impression affording a perspective not visible to those observing the project daily. May every citizen share in our desire to improve your project. The week of May 20 to 25 is your week. May we look forward to your continued interest?

RUTH CARLSON, Supervisor.

## Intersperse Luncheon Bridge with Fashion Show Next Tuesday

Mrs. Russel F. Ahrens and Mrs. Howard C. Richardson Jr., of the Nadine Russel Dress Shop are in charge of the Fashion Show to be given during the luncheon bridge sponsored by the Trinity Guild and Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church at the Parish house next Tuesday, May 21, at 1 o'clock.

Many attractive styles will be featured and should prove an interesting part of the afternoon, with Mrs. William E. Peters, Mrs. J. K. Tyson, Mrs. Haskell Ebert, Mrs. Fred Boynton Jr., Mrs. Paul Phelps and Mrs. Alfred O. Snite modeling. Mrs. Carl Wright is general chairman in charge. Table prizes will be awarded for bridge. Reservations for tables may be made by calling Mrs. Edwin Gilroy at Highland Park 2461 or the church office, Highland Park 985.

## Park Ridge School Girls to Appear in Dance Recital June 8

Mildred Haessler will present her dance groups from the Park Ridge School for Girls in a benefit performance at the Ravinia auditorium Saturday evening, June 8, at 8:15 p.m.

The school, founded soon after the Civil War in Evanston to train girls left war orphans, has sheltered and educated hundreds of dependent girls ever since and is today an outstanding unit in social education work in Illinois. The participation of these girls of the dance department in a Ravinia benefit program is another step in the broad cultural work being done for the girls.

The program will include two up-to-the-minute tap groups, and several character dances, including Polish Mazurka, a Spanish scene and a Russian group. The ballets will include numbers to Strauss Waltz music, Chopin, Mozskowski Waltz in E, with flute and clarinet accompaniment, and an unusual Oriental ballet from the opera "Feramors" by Rubinstein.

The entire proceeds will go towards continuance of the work in the physical education department of the school. We hope there will be a wide response from everyone, both adults and children, for we are sure that all who come will spend an enjoyable hour and will find the program interesting and entertaining as well as beautiful.

## Spencer Tracy in Northwest Passage At Alcyon Theatre

A typically action-filled comedy—heavy performance by Wallace Beery, a sparkling return to the screen by Dolores Del Rio and a stalwart and convincing characterization by leading man John Howard, combine to provide thrilling entertainment in "The Man From Dakota," Civil War story which will be featured on next Thursday and Friday.

Frank Morgan at last has the screen role he was "born to play" that rocket him to new heights of favor with the millions of motion picture fans who have clamored for more of his comedy. As the whimsical Henry in "Henry Goes Arizona," based on the widely read story by W. C. Tuttle, which comes Saturday to the Alcyon, the comedy star is heralded as turning in the greatest performance of his career. By far the most absorbingly thrilling story to come to the screen is "Northwest Passage," which is an attraction for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Filmed entirely in Technicolor, the film presents Spencer Tracy with his most virile role and with an outstanding opportunity of winning his third consecutive Academy Award.

An American show girl may get stranded at some tank station town in the U.S.A., but when she's beached in Africa she can take care of herself. That, after a fashion, gives an idea of "Gongo Masie," at the Alcyon on Wednesday. Seen also on the same program are Ellen Drew and Robert Paige in "Women Without Names."

## Annual Clean-Up Week to Be Held All Next Week

The City Administration has designated the week of May 20 to May 25, 1940, as annual Clean-Up Week and announces collections to be made on certain days in certain districts. No ashes will be hauled away by the city trucks, and all tins, cans and other rubbish must be placed in containers and put on parkways. The city workmen will not go into basements or yards to collect the materials.

The days of collection in the several districts are as follows:

- Monday, May 20—Vine avenue north to city limits.
- Tuesday, May 21—Vine avenue to Laurel avenue.
- Wednesday, May 22—Laurel avenue to Lincoln avenue.
- Thursday, May 23—Lincoln avenue to Roger Williams avenue.
- Friday, May 24—Roger Williams avenue to County Line road.

## Kiwanis Club Will Sponsor Benefit

The Highland Park Ravinia Kiwanis club is sponsoring a double feature movie to be shown at the Alcyon theatre June 11-12, proceeds of which will be used to send two girls to the girl scout camp and one boy to the boy scout camp and one boy to the Premier State camp at Springfield this summer.

The pictures to be shown will be "Ninotchka" and "The Case of Dr. Kildare." Tickets may be secured at Fell's, Geell's, Ravinia Pure Oil Station or from any member of the Kiwanis club.

## Virginia Wilson Makes Formal Debut In Song Recital, May 28

Virginia Wilson, one of Highland Park's own talented young artists whom critics have prophesied will go far in the world of music, will make her formal debut in a song recital at Kimball Hall, Chicago, Tuesday evening, May 28, under the management of Bertha Ott.

Miss Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wilson, 358 Roger Williams avenue, Highland Park, has already aroused favorable com-

In 1938 she sang with the Helen Hayes Dramatic company in the Merchant of Venice during its run at the Erlanger theatre, and last season sang the difficult role of Figaro in the Raisa-Rimini Opera School's presentation of Rosini's Barber of Seville at the Civic Theatre in Chicago. For this opera, Miss Wilson did the entire English translation, for which she was highly commended by several noted crit-



ment with informal appearances before clubs, and won marked success last season in a series of almost 200 concerts at colleges in New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, including such cities as Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

Resident in Ravinia since the age of five, Miss Wilson has become familiar with the traditions of countless operas and has studied music since childhood. In high school she had first chair in oboe in the Deerfield Shields High School orchestra and band. She was also a member of the chorus. While here, she organized a small orchestra of which she was director, arranged the music, and did some composing.

Miss Wilson is a mezzo soprano possessing an exceedingly fine richness of tone quality and a stimulating vibrancy which, with her personal charm and poise, rare in so young an artist, bring immediate audience acceptance.

Miss Wilson has studied with John C. Wilcox of the American Conservatory, and Rosa Raisa, spending one summer of study at the diva's villa in Italy. At present she is working with Vittorio Trevisan, noted operatic baritone and coach, and an old Ravinia friend and neighbor of Miss Wilson.

Only this week Miss Wilson was guest artist on the Sherwood Music School Opera Class program at Curtis Hall on May 14.

Charles Eiferle of Chicago, Miss Wilson's accompanist, is a pianist of exceptional ability and will contribute to Miss Wilson's program a series of well chosen piano numbers.

Miss Wilson has chosen for her debut recital the following splendid program indicative of the versatility of this young artist:

- Invocazione di Orfeo ..... Pert Ahl, troppo e duro ..... Montevide Tu lo sai ..... Torelli Luciamemi morire ..... Montevide No. 10, non si spera ..... Carissimi
- Habenera ..... Biset Seguidilla (from Carmen) ..... Biset
- Etude, Opus 25, No. 7 (The 'chello) ..... Chopin Etude, Opus 25, No. 2 ..... Chopin Polonaise, Opus 26, No. 1 ..... Chopin Sevilla ..... Albeniz
- My heart is weary (from the opera Nadeshda) ..... Goring-Thomas Intermission
- Sapphic Ode ..... Brahms Ich groesse nicht ..... Schumann Feldinsamkeit ..... Brahms Traume ..... Wagner
- Nebbia ..... Respighi Morgen ..... Strauss Do not go, my love ..... Hageman 'J'ai pleure en rive ..... Huc
- Invocation to Eros ..... Respighi The Cloths of Heaven ..... Dunhill Lift Up Thy Golden Head, Omas. Richard (Dedicated to Miss Wilson—First Performance) ..... Quilter Love's Philosophy ..... Quilter Let My Song Fill Your Heart ..... Charles

## Theta Sigma Phi Picnic Luncheon In Deerfield May 22

The hawthorn trees which will be in bloom at Mrs. Kenneth Weir's home, 945 Rosemary terrace, Deerfield, are responsible for the picnic luncheon Northshore alumnae of Theta Sigma Phi will enjoy on Wednesday, May 22. This outdoor meeting will be an informal gathering of the graduates of many colleges who are affiliated with the new alumna chapter on the Northshore. Theta Sigma Phi who live in Lake county suburbs, especially, are urged to call the hostess even if they are not yet members of the alumna group. The June meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Everett Fontaine in Highland Park so this also be convenient for Lake county residents.

Former president of the Chicago alumna chapter and director of the Woman's National Journalistic Register, Ruth Cromer Weir, the hostess, is now a feature writer. She is interested in a survey on professional standards for women in journalism. Mrs. Wilfred Moore of Winnetka, president will call for a report of the nominating committee from Mrs. Elmo Scott Watson of Evanston. Mrs. Jerome Cerny of Lake Forest is among the charter members of the new northshore alumna chapter.

## Re-elect Officers Of Thrift Shop At Meeting Monday

The annual meeting of the Board of the Thrift Shop was held May 13. The following officers were re-elected: president, Mrs. Abram Homan; vice president, Mrs. Roswell B. Swasey; secretary, Mrs. Morris M. Montgomery; treasurer, Mrs. Kathryn S. Stafford; and publicity chairman, Mrs. Horace S. Valle. The Board is made up of these officers and the following representatives from each of the three parent organizations, which share the complete responsibility for the operation of the shop: The Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital, Mrs. Thomas Creigh, president, with Mrs. Edward S. Weil and Mrs. O. H. Luedemann; the Northwestern University Settlement, Mrs. Francis M. Knight, president, with Mrs. William T. Jones and Mrs. B. F. Lewis; Infant Welfare, Mrs. Edwin M. Hadley Jr., president, with Mrs. Jackson Smart and Mrs. D. V. Pinkerton.

As is well known the purpose of the Thrift Shop has always been two-fold, to serve a definite need in our community by its sale of mer-

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