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Administration By ELMORE M. MURPHY Comments

The regular council meeting was dispensed with this week because of the inability of some of the members to attend the usual Monday evening 8 o'clock session. Instead a special meeting was held at 5 p.m. Monday afternoon to officially transact several items of business on the council's calendar.

Because Monday afternoon's meeting was a special gathering and not a regular session the usual reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting was dispensed with and the council immediately plunged into the reports of the various members of that body.

In his report to the council Commissioner Gourley moved that the City Clerk be authorized to ask for bids on pipe, fittings, and valves for the 16 inch water main to be constructed on Green Bay road from Central avenue to Edgewood road. The council approved the plans and specifications for this project and instructed City Clerk Musser to negotiate for bids as requested by Commissioner Gourley. When completed, this new water main will bring an adequate supply of water to the south and southeastern section of the city which heretofore has been impossible, particularly during the peak load water demand periods. For the time being, the project calls for the installation of the Green Bay main only, with cross connections to the eastern part of the city planned for a later date.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Swanson the council voted to appropriate the next tax funds available to retire a tax anticipation warrant in the amount of \$1,000, plus \$4.66 in interest.

Commissioner Swanson brought up the problem of shrubbery obstruction at the intersection of Sheridan and County Line roads. He stated that the residents of that area had requested a push button stop light be installed at that point to facilitate crossing of the street, particularly by children. A thorough investigation of the problem revealed that crossing hazards at this location could be greatly reduced by the elimination of protruding shrubbery. Commissioner Swanson stated that this remedy would be put into effect at the earliest possible moment. He also stated that his department was beginning to receive worthwhile cooperation from property owners around town in the removal of shrubbery and other obstacles that

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"Young Tom Edison" At Alcyon Theatre

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 "Congo Maise" at the Alcyon on Thursday. Seen also on the same program are Ellen Drew and Robert Paige in "Women Without Names."

"I Take This Woman" removes Miss Lamarr and Spencer Tracy from the tropics and places Miss Lamarr in modern Manhattan, where she wears one of the most dazzling wardrobes, designed by Adrian, ever created for a single star. Is an attraction for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Also: "Too Many Husbands", starring Jean Arthur, Fred MacMurray, Melvyn Douglas. Romance knows no age... Here's a picture for all sweethearts from 16 to 60... and everybody who ever hopes to be one! Mickey Rooney enacts "Young Tom Edison." Comes to screen in first juvenile biography of an actual person. Thrilling drama of an amazing boyhood. Giving Mickey Rooney his first opportunity to prove that he is a genuine actor. "Young Tom Edison" opens at the Alcyon theatre next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for three days.

Also on the same program are: Jackie Cooper and Betty Field in Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen."

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Holders of personal property schedules are requested to file their return on or before June 1st, 1940. The law requires that a 50% penalty be added to the regular assessment for failure to list, sign and return to this office. Personal property schedules may be either mailed or returned in person to the Assessor's office at 373 Central Avenue, Highland Park.

HARRY BARNHART, Assessor

Mrs. Philip Ringer To Head League Of Women Voters

New officers of the Highland Park League of Women Voters were elected at the close of its annual meeting last Friday at the Y. W. C. A. after the most successful program of the season. Mrs. Philip Ringer who has acted as program chairman for the past two years took over the president's gavel from Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson and in accepting the office said that she be-



Mrs. Philip Ringer

lieved the league held an important place in present day America because of its belief in brotherhood, in its active, not passive role in government and because it acted from factual information, not emotion.

Mrs. James Standard Baker was elected program chairman, Mrs. E. P. Barnes corresponding secretary and Mrs. Jay Thompson, Mrs. Richard Lowenthal, Mrs. Charles Grimes, Mrs. Richard Martin, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson and Mrs. Melville Keims as precinct chairmen of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th precincts respectively.

At the open board meeting held in the morning session reports from the six departments brought the "Know Your Own Town" survey up to date. Mrs. Clarence Balke gave her impressions of the National Convention of the league held recently in New York City where Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt early suffrage worker, now an octogenarian, spoke at one of the evening meetings. Mrs. Balke was impressed with the high calibre of the delegates and their unusual understanding of—and interest in government problems. Illinois had the next largest delegation to New York. Mrs. Jay Glidden reported on the State Convention held the week previous in Chicago.

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Otto Durment Dies After Long Illness

Otto Durment, 59, 366 Central avenue, passed away Saturday morning at Hines Memorial hospital following an extended illness.



For the past ten years he had served as special police officer at the Highland Park High school, where he had endeared himself to hundreds of students. His cheery smile and friendly manner won him a host of friends who were sorry to learn of his passing.

A veteran of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Durment is survived by two sons, Norman and Albert of Highland Park; three daughters, Mrs. Bernice Worth of Gurnee, Mrs. Alice Wilson and Miss Ruth Durment of Highland Park, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal church. Interment was in Northshore Garden of Memories.

Aaron Dancing School Presents Ballet "Babar"



Two Highland Park girls, Audrey Uhleman as Babar, the Little Elephant; Barbara Bein as Celeste; and Peggy Glaser of Glencoe, the Little Old Lady, appear in the leading parts of the ballet "Babar" to be presented Saturday afternoon in Ravinia School.

Ravinia Garden Club Stages Fair Saturday, May 25

The Village Green at Ravinia will be a colorful place indeed on Saturday, May 25, when the Ravinia Garden club stages its annual Garden Fair. Members in their slacks and garden overalls will preside at numerous tables displaying varieties of plants, vines, and bedding annuals suited to local conditions. Advice from these intertid gardeners who know how, is free for the asking. Everything is for sale, in pots or flats, and local residents are expected to turn out en masse to choose materials for their own gardens. Luncheon is available on the grounds, a new feature this year which will add a social hour to the always enjoyable fair. Tables will be in readiness at 8 o'clock, and the fair will continue until 5.

Mrs. V. E. Lawrence and Mrs. James Lytle, both of Lake-side place, are in charge of the affair, Mrs. Lawrence acting as chairman. Assisting them are the president of the club, Mrs. Olive Turner, and the following committee: Mrs. Willard Ewing, Mrs. DeForest C. Colburn, Mrs. Frank O. Strait, Mrs. J. D. Dickinson, Mrs. D. B. Robinson, Mrs. Gerald D. Stone, Mrs. Theo. Uehling, and Mrs. Charles DeLeuw.

A table of garden gargets will delight the real dirt gardeners, for some of the new inventions are as intriguing as they are effective.

Mrs. Mahlon Bradley, noted for her flower arrangement lectures and her judging ability at garden shows, will display her fine assortment of flower containers.

Kiwanis Benefit Will Send Four Scouts To Camp

The Kiwanis Club of Highland Park-Ravinia is sponsoring a double feature movie at the Alcyon to raise money to send four scouts to camp.

The movies, "Ninotchka" and "Case of Dr. Kildare," will be shown Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12. Tickets for this benefit can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at Geall's, Woolworth's, Fell's, and Ravinia Pure Oil Station.

PROCLAMATION

by MAJOR FRANK RONAN

Whereas present world events make it highly important that American citizens take advantage of every opportunity to combat subversive activities and demonstrate their loyalty by attending or participating in patriotic endeavors.

Therefore, as Mayor of the City of Highland Park, Illinois I do hereby proclaim the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony as an official patriotic demonstration and request that all citizens and organizations in our community endeavor to contribute to its success by displaying the national colors, taking part or attending.

FRANK J. RONAN, Mayor The City of Highland Park

Students Honored In H. S. Regional Music Contest

The Highland Park contingent represented at the High School Regional Music Contest held last week in Battle Creek, Mich., brought honor and credit to our vicinity, in the final awards. Berenice Flanagan and Constance Koebelin of Deerfield won a first rating and a second rating, respectively, in their playing on the harp and viola. Robert A. Bryant, French horn, James Krohn, violin, and the School Quartet, consisting of James Krohn, Chauncey Frisbie, Ross and David Harrington, all won second ratings, and Walter O'Veiss, French horn, a third rating. As these ratings are received on very strict and high standards of performance, those won by our local high school students make us proud of them.

Eleven members of the High School Orchestra have been invited to participate in an "Orchestra Festival" to be held at the Evanston Township High School Saturday, May 25. The festival will be an all day event, and the "Grand Concert" in which our local musicians will perform will take place at 8 p.m. There will be a small admission charge, and the attractive program will appeal to music lovers throughout the North Shore. Among the selections to be played are "Prelude to Act III, Lohengrin," by Wagner, a "Scherzo" by Dasch, and Tschichowski's "Marche Slav." The following Highland Park High School Orchestra members will participate: Lois Palmer, violin; Ross Harrington and Constance Koebelin, viola; David Harrington and Regina Klemp, cello; Margaret Gronlund and Rosemary Barret, double bass; Ira Ritow, clarinet; Robert Bryant, French horn; Donald Gault, trombone; and Berenice Flanagan, harp.

Mrs. J. A. O. Preus, treasurer of the P.T.A. Music committee, has turned in \$80.25 to Miss Tucker as the gross proceeds from the Spring Concerts, and the net amount of profit, totalling around \$75.00 will soon be announced by the permanent treasurer of the Music Fund, Mr. Robert A. Bryant. While this amount is comparatively small it will meet the present needs of the Music Department.

Legion Auxiliary To Sell Poppies Here Next Monday

Tribute will be paid by millions of Americans on Monday, May 27, to the nation's World War dead. The day will be Poppy Day throughout the country and little red poppies symbolic of patriotic sacrifice will be worn in thousands of cities and towns. The American Legion Auxiliary has approximately 12,000,000 ready for distribution, according to Mrs. Philip E. Cole, local poppy chairman.

Arrangements for the observance of Poppy Day here have been completed by Mrs. Cole's committee. Women of the Auxiliary, aided by volunteers for other organizations, will be on the streets early Monday morning with baskets of the memorial flowers. No price will be asked for the poppies, but in exchange for them contributions will be received for the welfare and relief work of the Auxiliary among disabled veterans and needy families of veterans.

The poppies which will be distributed here were made by disabled veterans at government facilities. The making of these flowers has given employment during the winter and spring to many veterans unable to do other work, and has helped fill tedious hours of idleness for them. The poppies are crepe paper replicas of the wild poppies of France which grew in such profusion on the World War battle front.

Contributions, above the actual cost of the poppies, will go into the welfare funds of the local Auxiliary Unit to meet local needs during the coming year. These contributions are the principal source of support for the welfare work being carried out continuously by the Auxiliary.

"When the people of Highland Park put on their poppies Monday they will be both honoring the war dead and aiding the living sufferers from the conflict," said Mrs. Cole.

Community Chest Annual Meeting Next Monday P. M.

The annual meeting of Highland Park Community Chest, Inc., will be held Monday evening, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the Y.W.C.A. auditorium, 347 Laurel avenue.

Every subscriber to the Community Chest is a member and all are earnestly requested to attend. The annual reports of the officers will be made and nine new members of the Board of Directors are to be elected.

Four World Famed Directors To Lead Ravinia Festival

Four world-renowned conductors will direct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during the six-week season of the 1940 Ravinia Festival which will open on Tuesday evening, June 25, at the beautiful north shore park which has become known as America's finest summer music center.

To support this great music project, the public is asked to purchase books of admission coupons, paying \$10 for 18 coupons which are good either for admission to the park or for reserved seats. The coupons are good throughout the season and represent a considerable saving over purchase of single admissions.

More than 250 committee members, under chairmen in each north shore community, are selling the Ravinia coupon books. General chairman of the coupon book committee is Mrs. Ernst von Ammon of Winnetka.

The conductors who will appear at Ravinia are Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who will be on the podium during the first week; Artur Rodzinski, conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra who returns to Ravinia for the third time and will direct during the second and third weeks; Nicolai Malko, famous Russian-born conductor who will direct during the fourth week and John Barbirolli, brilliant young conductor of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, who will conduct during the fifth and sixth weeks.

In addition to these great conductors, four celebrated artists will appear as soloists during the season. On Saturday, June 29, Vladimir Horowitz, who is acknowledged to be the world's foremost pianist, will be heard in the first summer appearance of his entire career. On Sunday, July 7, Paul Leysaac, well-known commentator and narrator, will appear with the orchestra in a special Young People's concert.

Albert Spaulding, leading American violinist, will appear on July 13 and again on July 16 and on August 3 and 4, the last two concerts of the season. Kirsten Flagstad, great Wagnerian soprano, will be heard with the orchestra. For her appearance on August 4, the program will be conducted by youthful Edwin McArthur, Mme. Flagstad's accompanist.

Announcement of the great artists and conductors who will appear during the fifth Ravinia Festival was made this week at a Casino club luncheon which launched the coupon book campaign.

At the same time it was announced that the pattern of the Ravinia concerts will be changed this year. Concerts will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoons of each week, starting June 25.

In previous years, the concerts were held the last three evenings of the week and on Sunday afternoons. The change was made, it was announced by Percy B. Eckhart of Kenilworth, Ravinia chairman, at the request of many concert-goers. It was also determined that the new arrangement would offer better rehearsal opportunities and be less exhausting for both musicians and conductors.

It was announced by Howell W. Murray of Highland Park that the guaranty fund committee which he

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Runaway Youth Picked Up Here

An eleven year old boy, John Brewer of Winthrop Harbor, was taken in custody by Highland Park police at 6 a.m. Monday morning when he was found pushing his bicycle along the highway, in a runaway attempt. He was turned over to his parents later in the day.

PRESS To Come Out Next Wednesday Due To Memorial Holiday

Because of Memorial Day holiday next Thursday, the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS will be published a day earlier in order that the employees may observe the holiday. This is in accordance with the closing of all business houses in Highland Park on that day. In order to facilitate matters, all advertisers are urged to get their copy in early, and all contributors of stories or news items are urged to cooperate by being prompt. The dead line for copy will be Tuesday evening.

The Highland Park post office will also be closed on Decoration Day and there will be no mail deliveries.