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Comments

The city council held a 15 minute session on Monday evening to transact what little official business was on its calendar before turning the council room over to the meeting on the Skokie lagoon project sponsored by the Men's Garden club. The meeting of the council was largely confined to the approval and filing of various and sundry real estate plats and a short but interesting discussion on this topic.

In the discussion on subdivision plats and zoning ordinances the question was asked if the sizes of lots in certain sections of the city could be restricted to a minimum area larger than any minimum restrictions now in effect in Highland Park. The question was answered in the affirmative by Robert Kingery, chairman of the state conservation board of Illinois and former director of the Chicago Regional Planning commission, who was in the audience awaiting his turn to speak at the Garden club meeting. Mr. Kingery cited the cases of several North Shore suburbs that had set aside certain areas within their corporate limits and reserved them for comparatively large area properties. Winnetka, he said, had sections limited to a minimum area of half an acre.

Mr. Kingery also called the council's attention to the tendency in many suburbs to raise certain sections of their lands to more highly restricted zones. He stated that the city of Evanston had converted a sizeable amount of front footage in this manner.

Because of the brevity of the meeting, reports of the heads of the various departments were passed over with but a few words. Commissioner Swanson reported that the city had instructed his department to see that the gasoline pumps on St. Johns Ave. That were the subject of considerable discussion at last week's meeting, be removed. After adjournment of the council meetings, the mayor and other members of that body took seats in the audience and turned the room over to Gene Pfister, president of the Garden club for its meeting on the Skokie lagoon extension project and discussion on Highland Park's sewage disposal problem as it largely pertains to the Skokie drainage system.

While a running story of this meeting undoubtedly appears elsewhere in this paper it is nevertheless in order here to make a few comments on two subjects that are only vaguely understood by most of the citizens of the community.

Mr. Kingery, in collaboration with Carl E. Schwob, assistant sanitary engineer of the State Department of Health and Lorrin E. Woodman of the State Department of Health, presented the underlying facts forming the background of both problems and then turned the meeting over to an open forum for discussion of possible solutions.

To say that the Skokie lagoon system as it exists today in the suburbs of the south of Highland Park is a distinct asset to these respective communities is only being superfluous. The sad part of the matter is that civic minded citizens in this city have waited until this late date to realize this fact. When it is realized that because most of the work on this project was done by the CCC and at little cost to the suburbs in question we can the more appreciate what Highland Park has missed. Perhaps a community so strongly Republican as this city was in no mood to accept favors from a Democratic agency, but when we realize that we are indirectly paying for the operation of this agency anyway this attitude appears a bit foolish.

However, as Mr. Kingery pointed out, all is not yet lost. He is of the opinion that if the community either through itself, its park district or a newly created forest preserve district, can acquire the land and present a workable plan the CCC may yet be made available for a large portion of the work.

As an idea of what could be done, Mr. Kingery showed a rough sketch to the group which called for a tract of some 40 acres of water at a five foot level in the area just south of Bob O'Link Country club. If let on private contract, the cost of this project including removal of dirt and landscaping, but exclusive of land would run around \$200,000. It is easy to see what a help the CCC would be!

While it is perhaps unpleasant to dwell on Mr. Schwob's subject concerning the sewage in the Skokie drainage system, nevertheless, the successful solution of this riddle by far seems ahead of the lagoon project. When a question of public

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Organize Women's Division Republican Finance Committee

The women's division of the Republican Finance Committee of Illinois is already well organized and functioning in Highland Park. Mrs. Horace Vaile, chairman, and Mrs. Julius Lackner, vice chairman, called an organization meeting on July 10th, which was attended by Mesdames Otis Beardsley, V. William Briddle, W. J. Fyffe, Jay Glidden, Abram Hoffman and Howell W. Murray. Plans were laid for personal calls upon all Republican women in Highland Park—with each precinct having its own captain, to whom the some hundred workers would report.

Great enthusiasm was displayed by these workers at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Julius Lackner on July 24th. Highland Park is the first North Shore town to organize the women for Willkie, having sent eight representatives to the first meeting in Chicago of the Illinois Finance committee. This women's committee is the only one authorized by the Republican State committee to receive contributions in Highland Park.

Anyone interested in joining the committee may call Mrs. Horace Vaile, Mrs. Julius Lackner, or Mrs. Howell W. Murray, who will be happy to have additional women enrolled in the work.

Sailboat Upsets During Squall; Four Are Saved

Four Highland Park residents were rescued from Lake Michigan, Thursday evening, by a Highland Park life boat crew, during a squall which capsized their sailboat off Park Ave.

Those saved were Joseph Riddle, 623 St. Johns Ave., owner and operator of the boat, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Timm and daughter Doris of 553 DeTamble Ave.

The four had gone for a sail in the 16-foot sailboat "Feather" and had been out on the lake about two hours when a brief calm, followed by a severe squall suddenly struck the craft, upsetting it about a quarter of a mile from shore. All were good swimmers, but their efforts to reach shore would have been futile against the high sea, so they clung to the side of the boat until rescued.

Glen Ohman, life guard at Central Ave. beach saw the mishap about 7:45 p.m. and rounded up a crew composed of himself, Ed Brown, secretary of the Park Board, his son Edward Jr., and E. S. Hoyt. At 8:10 the five men launched the life boat "Rescue," and picked up the Timm family and Riddle who were clinging to the boat. Aside from exposure due to the extremely cold water, none of the rescued are any the worse for their experience.

Since its purchase more than a year ago, the motor boat "Rescue" has more than paid for itself in rescue work. This accident was perhaps the most serious that the boat has featured in. Highland Park is most fortunate in having this life boat which was procured through private subscription following a lake tragedy two years ago, which claimed the life of George Gaidzik.

That the Timm family is most grateful for help given them is evidenced in the following letter of appreciation:

Highland Park, Illinois
553 DeTamble Avenue
July 30, 1940

Mr. Edward J. Brown, Sr.
648 Michigan Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brown:
Mr. Joe Riddle, Mrs. Timm, my daughter Doris and I want you, Mrs. Brown and your son to know how much we appreciate the timely help you gave us last Thursday evening, July 25th, when during the height of the storm we capsized in a sail boat off Park Ave.

It is indeed gratifying to know that we have such folks as you here in Highland Park who are willing to devote so much of their time and energy towards making our beaches and boating facilities safe for use.

Once again the good ship "Rescue" has proven her worth and we wish to compliment you and your crew consisting of your son Edward Brown Jr., E. S. Hoyt, John Biston and Life Guard Glen Ohman on the prompt and efficient manner in which the situation was handled.

We also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Torney and Miss Torney of 555 Water St., Waukegan, Ill., and John Peters and his crew for their efforts in our behalf.

Yours very gratefully,
Robert F. Timm.

Let Contract For Three H. S. Busses To A.G. McPherson

The Board of Education of the Deerfield Shields Township High School District has awarded a contract to A. G. McPherson of Highland Park for three school buses. These buses are to be used to transport students from Deerfield to the Highland Park High school. They are also to be used for educational trips and for the athletic teams of both the Lake Forest and Highland Park High schools.

Some months ago the "Board" caused a comprehensive study to be made of safety standards in school bus construction that would meet the requirements of this high school district. As a result of this study, specifications were written embodying the best features in modern school bus construction and bids were invited. The buses as purchased will be equipped with all the safety devices known in modern school bus construction.

The body of each bus (made by the Carpenter Body Co.) will be all steel construction and electrically welded. The roof will be reinforced with pressed steel channels, spaced every 13 inches, while the floor will be reinforced with like channels spaced every nine inches. The sides of each bus will be reinforced outside with four steel rub rails, spaced so as to give maximum protection to the passengers. Each bus will be equipped with safety glass throughout.

For the winter comfort of passengers there will be two large heaters in each bus as well as a special no draft ventilating system. Each bus will have a seating capacity of 42 high school students. The seats will have comfortable springs and will be upholstered in genuine deep buffed leather. The buses will be insulated on all outside walls, the roof with rock wool.

The buses, which will be the Metropolitan type, will be mounted on International Harvester bus type chassis and powered with 259.76 cubic inch displacement engines with 192 foot pound torque from 800 to 1600 R.P.M. The brakes will be self-equalizing heavy duty hydraulic with booster. The chassis will be provided with special heavy duty front axles, also American safety gasoline tanks as extra safety features.

No detail of construction has been omitted to make these school buses the safest on the highway.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given by the Civil Service Commission of the City of Highland Park, that an examination will be held at the City Hall on Monday, August 19, 1940 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. to establish eligible list for Draftsmen, one position to be filled at present. Applicants must be experienced map draftsmen.

Applications may be secured at the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
City of Highland Park.

N. S. Garden Club Holds Annual Flower Show at Northmoor Aug. 8

The annual flower show of the North Shore Garden club will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 2:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Northmoor Country club, Green Bay road and Edgewood drive, in Highland Park.

The president, Mrs. Benjamin F. Stein of Duffield Farms, Waukegan, has chosen Mrs. Herbert Mayer of Glencoe as chairman of the flower show. In the 1939 Navy Pier Flower show, Mrs. Mayer won a blue ribbon with her arrangement in the scales pictured above.

Other members of the committee are: Mmes. Lawrence Abt, Arthur Baldauf, Richard Unlman, Felix Simon, Edward Weil, Samuel Goodman, Jacob Weinberg, and Samtal Labolt.

The schedule includes many novelties such as miniature mantles, still life boxes and arrangements in a shell-like container. Also, there will be luncheon and dinner table arrangements. For novice exhibitors, those who have previously won no awards, there is to be a special class of flower arrangements in a copper container.

Children will add their bit with the showing of fruit and flowers. For the technical gardener there is

E. C. Jones Made Secretary Waukegan Community Chest

Albert L. Hall, President of the newly organized Waukegan-North Chicago Community Chest, Inc., announced this week the appointment of Edwin C. Jones of Highland Park as Executive Secretary. Mr. Jones, who at present occupies the same position with the Highland Park Community Chest, will continue his connection with the Highland Park Chest, dividing his time between the two communities.

"We feel very fortunate in securing the services of a man of Mr. Jones' experience and training on the basis arranged," Mr. Hall in making announcement of Mr. Jones' appointment to the Waukegan-North Chicago Chest position, said, "and for the cooperation of the officers of the Highland Park Community Chest in making it possible for Mr. Jones to divide his time between the two Lake County Chest organizations. The budget requirements of both the Waukegan-North Chicago and the Highland Park chests are such that it is not feasible for either chest to employ a full time executive secretary. The short distance between Highland Park and Waukegan makes it possible for Mr. Jones to devote all the time necessary to the efficient direction of the activities of the two chests, and give us both the service of a competent and experienced chest executive, which is recognized as a requisite of successful community chest operation."

Colorful Athletic Program Under Way At Fort Sheridan

The most colorful athletic program of the Citizens Military Training camp, Fort Sheridan, is well under way and is gaining momentum daily under the most efficient supervision of junior officers of the 423rd Infantry Regiment. These officers detailed for this specific duty majored in physical education while in college and are therefore highly qualified for this duty.

Major Raymond D. Willis, 38th Infantry, U. S. Army, executive officer of the regiment announced today that swimming was by far the most popular form of athletics in camp and that over a thousand candidates had "signed up" for this branch of sport.

The American Red Cross is conducting classes in Water Safety and Life Saving. This is an excellent opportunity for the trainees to get this most valuable instruction and to qualify as Senior Red Cross Life Savers. The classes are held daily at the beach from 1:15 until 3:30 p.m. All those who successfully complete the course will be awarded Senior Red Cross Life Saving certificates. Mr. Jay G. Brown, University of Chicago, present holder of the Central A.A.U. 100 meter record, formerly held by Johnny Weismueller for 10 years, is the instructor.

Merchants Promise Outstanding Values For Dollar Day Aug. 8th

Present Sound Film On National Model Airplane Meet Aug. 2

Now that the Hi-Land Planesmen Aero club is meeting at the Community Center, more activities are being planned by Mr. Emil DuVernet, director of the club, to interest the community in model aeronautics and the type of work done by this group of aviation minded young men.

First on a long list of events is an exhibit and showing of a sound film of the National Model Airplane Meet presented by Frank Nekimken, model aeronautics instructor with the Chicago Park District. Mr. Nekimken will also give a short talk on model aviation. Both the exhibit and movies will be at the Community Center Friday, August 2nd and at 8 p.m.

Model planes of various hues and sundry shapes will be on display and questions as to why, how and how far does a model fly will be answered by the Planesmen. Should you hear a whining noise that sounds like a hornet with a hot foot don't be alarmed it will only be a miniature one-fifth horsepower motor, being demonstrated to some inquiring visitor.

The public in general and all organizations interested in the career-making type of youth activities are invited to attend.

Plans are also being completed for a gas and rubber powered model airplane meet, to be held in or near Highland Park, and at which all model builders from Lake county will compete. Exact location and date will be announced later in THE PRESS.

Mr. DuVernet states that this sport is the only one covering all three types of hobbies—collecting, craftsmanship and recreation. To understand its popularity you have only to watch a midjet plane perform. Moreover, through the development of construction and flying techniques, it offers great opportunities in the field of aviation.

Garden Club Backs Lagoon Extension

After a two hour session Monday evening in the council chambers of the city hall on the extension of the Skokie lagoon project into Lake County and the elimination of faulty sewage disposal in the Skokie area, the Garden club voted to empower its Civic Committee with the authority to investigate ways and means of solving these two highly important problems.

At the invitation of Gene Pfister, president of the Garden club who acted as chairman of the meeting, Robert F. Kingery, general manager of the Chicago Regional Planning Association and chairman of the Illinois State Planning Commission, outlined the development of the lagoon system up to its present terminus at the county line and offered several suggestions as to how it could be extended into Lake county.

The lagoon system, Mr. Kingery stated, was to be originally financed by a \$2,500,000 bond issue. One half million dollars worth of these bonds were issued when the depression interrupted the work. The plan remained more or less dormant until 1933 when the C.C.C. was enlisted to finish the project. At the present time the work is about eighty per cent completed.

Mr. Kingery was of the opinion that if the necessary land could be acquired the C.C.C. would undoubtedly be favorable to the proposition of extending the project into Lake County. The speaker presented four ways by which the necessary land could be obtained. First, by the city itself, secondly by the park district, thirdly, by setting up a county wide Forest Preserve District and lastly by creating a sectional Forest Preserve District.

The Civic committee of the Garden club is going to investigate the possibilities of all these methods.

Carl E. Schwob, assistant sanitary engineer of the State Department of Health, assisted by Lorrin E. Woodman of District No. 2 of the State Department of Health outlined the unsatisfactory sewage disposal conditions now existent in the Skokie drainage area. He stated that sewage disposal in this district presented a real health problem that must be solved. Mr. Schwob was of the opinion that the solution of the sewage problem could hardly be worked in with the lagoon extension project.

The second program of scheduled events planned by the Retail Committee of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be "Dollar Day," AUG. 8. All merchants of Highland Park will participate in this semi-annual sales event which promises to be one of the greatest ever evidenced by the buying public.

Local merchants have been planning for several weeks, and have laid in large stocks of quality merchandise to offer to their customers at outstandingly low prices.

As summer reaches its peak, housewives begin to realize the necessity of preparing for the opening of schools. This will be an opportune time to outfit the family for the fall season, as well as have the children's clothes in trim to return to school.

Canned goods of all varieties will be offered by the food stores, and household necessities may be procured at furniture, hardware and dry goods stores at bargain prices. Even paints, to touch up the house for the winter will be marketed at below cost prices.

Perhaps you need to replenish the medicine cabinet, or your beauty needs are running low, all these and other offerings will be available in this huge bargain event, next Thursday.

Trade at home and help boost your city. Money spent in Highland Park will remain here. Avoid the rush and crowds of the larger cities, and become familiar with your local stores. You may think that you have a bargain when you buy out of Highland Park, but remember that your car fare, and perhaps lunch cost, are added to the cost of that "bargain."

Highland Park merchants want to become better acquainted with Highland Park citizens. This closer contact between merchant and customer, creates better understanding of the people's needs and helps to establish business houses which are a credit to a community.

Remember that THURSDAY, AUG. 8th is your COMMUNITY'S Big Sales Event. This is YOUR opportunity to show your appreciation to the local stores for their service and courtesy. These stores will in turn give you values, which cannot be had elsewhere. Trade at home and save money.

Recreation Center To Be Constructed

Washington, D. C. (Special)—In order to keep army recruits at Fort Sheridan pepped up for military work, the War department plans to construct a recreation center at the station.

Army quartermasters have earmarked \$254,000 for construction of various buildings for recreational purposes, necessary railroad lines at the station, and a sewerage system.

This fund is in addition to the huge fund of about \$750,000 earmarked for additional barracks and other buildings at Fort Sheridan.

Army quartermasters expect that this work will be rushed without delay by government red tape. The Department of Labor is preparing wage rate specifications for various contracts to be advertised, and it is believed the majority of these contracts will be advertised within several weeks.

Alcyon Presents "Torrid Zone" on Double Program

Probably the fastest, funniest comedy-drama that Hollywood has given out with this year is "Torrid Zone." Triple-starred with James Cagney, Ann Sheridan and Pat O'Brien, the film rings the bell with every line of its swift paced dialogue. Supporting the three stars are Andy Devine, who gives one of his most inspired comedy characterizations and Helen Vinson, who plays the "other woman." To be presented at the Alcyon on the double-feature program for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Also, amid a drumfire of explosive laughs, Baby Sandy is launched into stardom in "Sandy Is A Lady."

Rev. M. F. Stewart Of Galesburg At Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Marion F. Stewart, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Galesburg, Illinois, will be the guest minister at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, corner of Laurel and Linden avenues next Sunday, August 4th, at 11:00 A. M. Mr. Stewart's sermon subject is: "Reaching for the Stars—a study of the Church."



to be a large class of specimen blooms and vegetables. The public is invited to exhibit. Entry blanks and schedules may be obtained from the presidents of any garden club affiliated with the Garden Club of Illinois or from Mrs. Max Sickle Jr., 108 N. Sheridan road, Highland Park.