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## Administration

By ELMORE M. MURPHY *Comments*

Monday evening's council meeting was what one might term a news reporters delight. There was enough material in evidence to provide the subject matter of a half a dozen columns. However, as available space is somewhat limited, the highlights only will be discussed here at this time with the promise to elaborate more in detail at a later date.

The taxicab stand squabble which started out as more or less a routine affair has grown into a question of citywide interest. It appears that the disgruntled cab drivers who objected to the city moving their stand from Central to St. Johns avenue have circulated a petition around town to put the controversy up to a referendum vote. The petition containing some 600 odd signatures was presented to the council at this week's meeting.

When the petition was read by the city clerk, Commissioner Swanson moved that it be tabled until the council's next regular meeting and in the meantime he asked that the city attorney investigate the authenticity of many of the signatures on the document. It is the city's belief that all the signatures appearing on the petition were not signed by the persons designated thereon. It is also the city's contention that many of the signers were not completely aware of the nature of the petition to which they had affixed their names.

Boiled down to a few words the difference between the cab drivers and the city can be summed up as follows. The drivers contend that moving the stand to St. Johns avenue has cost them a considerable amount of business through placing them in a less accessible spot. The city states that this argument will be largely nullified when negotiations are completed with the North Western railroad to allow six cabs to be placed on its property just west of the tracks and north of Central.

The city also maintains that from every angle of safety and propriety moving the stand was distinctly performing a public service. It holds that the welfare of the city as a whole far outweighs the contentions of a few cab drivers.

The law states that upon the petition of 600 or more citizens the question can be brought to a public vote. However, it must be pointed out here that such a procedure will cost the taxpayers in the neighborhood of \$1,200. Whether a matter which surely should be settled in a routine manner is worth this expense is questionable. The city will endeavor to prove that the petition is not entirely authentic. If it fails the matter will be put to a vote. If it succeeds in proving some of the signatures are not according to Hoyle it's going to go hard with the guilty ones.

The fast growing tendency in the city of re-subdividing large acreage into smaller lots is causing no little concern among those people in the community who are anxious to retain as much of the original charm and beauty of the town as possible. This practice was again brought to the attention of the community on Monday when the council was asked to approve a re-subdivision plat involving property on Hazel and Lake avenues. The owner of this land wants to divide it up into eight parcels of ground, and while this action is completely within the present zoning laws, it reflects a distinct change in property characteristics in that neighborhood.

The city is planning to revise its zoning laws in an effort to prevent the tendency to re-subdivide existing lots from getting completely out of hand. A tentative ordinance as read to the council by Commissioner Bowes would prevent re-subdividing activities that would create lots smaller than the average in the neighborhood involved providing that the minimum requirements did not exceed one-half acre. This ordinance was promised to be presented to the council for action at an early date.

The non or poor performance of septic tanks in certain areas of the community was brought up before the council for discussion. Deplorable as the fact is, it appears that the complete solution of this problem is going to have to wait the installation of an adequate sewer system in the city. In the meantime, Building Commissioner Morris and City Engineer Cole were instructed to see that everything is done that can be done to alleviate a truly shameful condition.

A petition asking the council to take some action to curb speeding on Green Bay road was read at the meeting. Stop lights and a more stringent patrol of the area were (Continued on Page 5)

## Alcyon Presents 2 Big Attractions During Coming Week

Joan Crawford and Fredric March score one of the sensational surprises of the year in "Susan and God," picturization of the Rachel Crother's Broadway hit, which will be screened at the Alcyon on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday on the double-feature program.

Director George Cukor has achieved an even more satisfying piece of entertainment than his earlier success, "The Women." A skilfully contrived story, expertly directed and brilliantly enacted by a splendid cast, makes "Safari," which stars Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Madeleine Carroll, an outstanding screen effort.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week the Alcyon will present William Powell and Myrna Loy in "Another Thin Man," and like the other two "Thin Man" pictures, this is very good entertainment, for it combines comedy with mystery melodrama skilfully. "Gambling on the High Seas," which will also be shown is an exciting expose of the fraudulent practices of glittering gambling ships. Starring Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman, the film is based on exciting skirmishes between government officials and the ruthless gambling ship operators. Morris is cast in the role of a two-fisted newspaperman.

## New Community Calendar Planned For Coming Year

Highland Park is to have a community calendar.

With this calendar, recording all meetings and special events of all of the more than 70 organizations in town for the entire 1940-41 year, it is hoped that in the future there will be fewer duplications of attractions and conflicting dates.

After Sept. 15 this calendar will be kept in the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce office, where it may be consulted by people anxious to set dates for future events which will not conflict with other events which would reduce attendance.

Letters have been sent out this week to the presidents of the local groups, religious, civic, educational, and social, explaining the plan for the new community calendar and asking them to send in their calendar of events for the coming year. The calendar committee of the newly organized Highland Park Co-ordinating Council will then arrange all of the information on the calendar. Nearby towns have enjoyed the advantages of such a calendar for several years.

If there are any organizations which wish to be represented in the calendar, and did not receive letters, they are asked to send their year's schedule of meetings to Mrs. Theodore Osborn, 1835 Kincaid. There is no charge for this service.

The four women members of the board of the Co-ordinating Council are in charge of the calendar arrangements: Mrs. Carroll Binder, Mrs. Theodore Osborn, Mrs. Mary Helms, and Mrs. J. Stannard Baker.

## Charles Larson Proprietor of N.S. Radio Shop Passes on

Charles Larson for the past 15 years, proprietor of the North Shore Radio shop, died Thursday afternoon at the Highland Park hospital, following a several weeks illness.

Mr. Larson was born in Highland Park, Dec. 21, 1871, being 69 years old at the time of his death. With the exception of one year, he had spent his entire life in this community. For 25 years he was employed by the Kellogg-Switchboard company, Chicago, as electrical engineer.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Kelley's mortuary, with the Rev. Christoph Keller, rector of Trinity church officiating. Burial was in Mooney's cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Elizabeth, three sons, Lloyd, Clarence A. and Nafe and one daughter Ruby. There are also four brothers, Nafe, Albert, Adolph and Edwin.

## Community Center To Be Closed for Several Weeks

Starting Sunday, Aug. 18, and for several weeks thereafter, the Community Center will be closed.

The opening date and fall plans will be published in a later issue of The Press.

## No Great Change Made In Force Says New Police Chief

by J. W. Crawford

Towering over a six-foot reporter, our new police chief, Rex Andrews, offered his hand in genuine friendliness.

Perhaps the most salient characteristic in the appearance of Andrews is a predominating air of efficiency and power blended into an effervescent personality. A broad smile swept over his countenance as questions flew across the desk. Most of the cub reporter's premeditated inquiries went unheeded, as Andrews launched verbally into a multitude of interesting experiences.

Besides being a writer, sportsman, athlete and traveler extraordinary, he is a demon for his work, his career and his art. . . . police administration. A dyed-in-wool policeman, in stature, and attitude, Andrews has completed extensive research on the subject of apprehension of criminals and municipal government.

Sitting in a very modestly furnished office, Chief Andrews outlined vaguely most of his career and related forthcoming plans for the police department. He announced that no great changes will take place in the department, and remarked: "I am proud of being appointed head of an organization with such good standing and reputation."

Traveling an average of 75,000 miles annually, Chief Andrews said he has visited many states, besides Canada and Mexico, but that most of his sojourns and jaunts were in Wisconsin. "I wear out a car as fast as a pair of shoes," commented Andrews. (Incidentally, he stipulated that the latter remark did not connote speeding, but extensive use. . . .)

"Patrolling all of Highland Park with frequent coverage of the densely populated sections as well as sparsely populated sections is quite a job with only three squad cars," Andrews said. It seems the arc of Highland Park is equal to that of Evanston, but it is rather difficult to make complete rounds very often.

Andrews has initiated so-called "crab" meetings with the police force. Explaining the meaning of these weekly get-togethers, Andrews pointed out that officers offer suggestions for ameliorating any conditions and present complaints originating within the organization. "Each man has a say as to what is done in the department. There is no preference between men," Andrews said. These unique meetings help facilitate coordination and cooperation within the force.

Life boat routine and first aid drills are examples of the inauguration of a more vigorous training course for the men, Andrews pointed out. "Nowadays, police departments are more or less a service, and not actual agency for the apprehension of criminals," he maintained.

Probably taking the words of Richter, *To form a brave man, educate boldly*, Andrews believes that policemen should be somewhat educated in their own field. Friends university, University of Wichita and Northwestern are educational milestones traversed by Andrews. He possesses an extensive library on police administration, "in order to keep abreast with the latest developments in our field," he commented.

Football, basketball, track and baseball were among the sports Andrews participated in while attending college. "I cannot play a decent game of golf though," he chuckled.

Modestly admitting that his writings were a bit amateurish, "sort of an embryo writer. . . ." the way he put it, he offered samples of his writings. They are decidedly unamateurish and contain extremely authoritative material. Having done extensive research for the *League Magazine of the Municipality*, Andrews has profited by establishing quite a name for himself in the police world. He spent more than nine months writing a recent article, yet unpublished.

Exhaling a blue cloud of cigarette smoke, Chief Andrews concluded this enjoyable interview with: "I would sincerely like to meet more Highland Parkers. All those I have met are very cordial and friendly."

## Mrs. Rose Crohn Passes Away Aug. 10

Mrs. Rose Crohn, a summer resident, living at 1415 Wildwood lane, died Saturday at her home. Her permanent residence was in Chicago. Funeral services were held Monday with burial in Rosehill cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Colberger and three grandchildren, Marie, Marjorie and Harriett.

## Appoint Judges, Election Clerks In Deerfield Township

On Monday, Aug. 12, confirmation and appointment of Judges and Clerks of election in Deerfield township for the coming year was made by the Lake County Board of Supervisors. Those chosen are as follows: Deerfield 1—Judges: Louise Roseman, 736 E. Northmoor road, L. F., Nora Klaren, North Stone Gate road, L. F., Joseph J. Manion, 791 Highview terrace, L. F. Clerks: Francis Westbrook, 755 E. Northmoor road, L. F., Mrs. Ethel Burgess, 255 June terrace, L. F., Margaret Higgins, 1220 Westleigh road, L. F.

Deerfield 2—Judges: Mr. Armand Benassi, 16 Webster avenue, Hwd., Peter Hansen, 230 Washington road, Hwd., Edgido Saielli, 206 Ashland avenue, Hwd. Clerks: Mrs. Margaret Peterson, 400 Waukegan avenue, Hwd., Mildred Shannon, 404 Waukegan avenue, Hwd., Angelina Zenola, 339 Euclid avenue, Hwd.

Deerfield 3—Judges: S. W. Robinson, 226 Highwood avenue, Hwd., Thomas Mussatte, 211 North avenue, Hwd., Emilio Ugonile, 316 Palmer avenue, Hwd. Clerks: Julia Nardini, 312 Highwood avenue, Hwd., Mrs. Louise Suzzi, 321 Oak Terrace, Hwd., Rena Monfardani, 320 Oak avenue, Hwd.

Deerfield 4—Judges: Mrs. L. W. Smith, 133 S. Central avenue, Hwd., Raymond Unbehaun, 307 Prairie avenue, Hwd., Joseph Rosalini, 123 High street, Hwd. Clerks: Mrs. O'Connell, 233 Prairie avenue, Hwd., Bruno Rometti, 251 Evolution avenue, Hwd., Tessie Unbehaun, 307 Prairie avenue, Hwd.

Deerfield 5—Judges: W. W. Steele, 642 Onwentsia avenue, Joseph J. Peddle, 619 Homewood avenue. Clerks: Wm. C. Henrichs, 986 N. Green Bay road, Mrs. Anna Berube, 318 N. Green Bay road.

Deerfield 6—Judges: Norman M. Culver, 919 Logan street, Paul E. Downing, 835 Waukegan avenue, Walter T. Bennett, 932 N. St. Johns. Clerks: Lillian G. Culver, 919 Logan street, Eleanor D. Downing, 835 Waukegan avenue, Mrs. James Llewellyn, 1009 N. St. Johns avenue.

Deerfield 7—Judges: Mary Martin, 200 N. Green Bay road, Herman Denzel, 115 N. Second street, Harold Geminer, 225 N. Green Bay road. Clerks: Thomas Brennan, 52 N. Second street, Margaret Boylan, 544 Elm Place, Madelynn Sheahan, 675 Central avenue.

Deerfield 8—Judges: Nadine P. Ronan, 324 Park avenue, Raymond W. Flinn, 334 Park avenue, Felina M. Doty, 347 Central avenue. Clerks: Gladys Udell, 102 N. Sheridan road, Alice Larson, 346 Park avenue, Helen McCarthy, 247 N. St. Johns avenue.

Deerfield 9—Judges: Mrs. Ruth Greenslade, 148 S. Second street, Mrs. J. C. Fay, 700 Central avenue, John C. Fay, 700 Central avenue. Clerks: Mrs. Olive Sheahan, 738 Central avenue. Clerks: Mrs. Olive Sheahan, 738 Central avenue, Frank C. Peer, 10 McGovern street, Nellie Venturi, 683 Deerfield.

Deerfield 10—Judges: Wm. Witten, 367 E. Laurel avenue, Earl H. Purdy, 338 E. Central avenue, Samuel F. Knox, 547 S. Sheridan road. Clerks: Maude Purdy, 338 E. Central avenue, Florence D. Herman, 222 Dale avenue, Mrs. Loa R. Croke, 31 S. St. Johns avenue.

Deerfield 11—Judges: Fred Tucker, 515 Oakwood avenue, Hugo Schneider, Jr., 439 Oakwood avenue, Jacob Klein, 619 Deerfield avenue. Clerks: Ella H. Hintz, 430 Oakwood avenue, Myrtle Weiss, 18 Oak Lane, Hazel Donner, 714 S. Ridge road.

Deerfield 12—Judges: Elmer Bigley, 623 S. St. Johns avenue, Geo. G. Taylor, 816 S. St. Johns avenue, Mrs. Priscilla Suttle, 807 Lincoln avenue. Clerks: Dorothy Carr, 916 Lincoln avenue, Helen Erskine, 820 Forest avenue, Ladmillia Sunstrom, 512 S. Sheridan road.

Deerfield 13—Judges: Mrs. Alice Mae Pertz, 704 Ridgewood drive, (Continued on Page 8)

## O.E.S. Holds Special Meeting Tuesday For Official Visit

A special meeting of Campbell Chapter No. 712 O.E.S., will be held next Tuesday evening, Aug. 20, for the official visit of the 20th Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lulu E. Benson.

Dinner will be served at Open House tea room at 6:15 p.m., followed by the meeting at eight o'clock in Masonic Temple. Many grand officers from Chicago and Oak Park, as well as officers from neighboring chapters, will be present.

## T. B. Sanatorium to Be Dedicated at Waukegan, Sunday

Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which is one of the most modern of its kind in the United States, will be dedicated Sunday afternoon. The edifice which is located on Belvidere road (Route 20) just on the outskirts of Waukegan will be thrown open to the public between two and four o'clock with the official dedication taking place at four o'clock. Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor Journal of the American Medical association, will give the address of the afternoon.

Dr. Charles K. Petter is medical director and superintendent of the institution with Dr. Theodore S. Proxmire, president, Mr. James F. Stiles, Jr., and Mr. Victor W. Woertz, directors.

The architectural style attracts first because it is of the modern design in which straight lines were used to permit unrestricted ventilation and light, so vital in the treatment of tuberculosis. It is the only hospital in the world that has been built around this motif and architects everywhere are asking for its plans and pictures. In fact, the leading publication of the profession is devoting 16 pages to the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

From the equipment and maintenance standpoint, it exemplifies the very latest and best. Leading authorities point out this hospital has already set a new standard in the highly specialized field.

Costing \$463,000, of which \$193,000 was a federal grant and the balance a bond issue and current tax funds, the hospital has a 100 bed capacity. Medical facilities provide complete care. A clinic is also a part of it, in which patients with mild cases can be given competent attention, without cost.

All residents of the county are invited to visit this new building which plays such a vital part in the health program of Lake county.

## Propose Merger Of Coke And Gas Firms For Economy

A plan to merge the properties of the North Shore Gas company with the North Shore Coke and Chemical company was submitted last week in letters to stockholders of the two concerns. The plan must be approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington before it can become effective.

Stockholders are advised in the letter to "take no action which will interfere with the development of a corporate program looking toward the preservation and protection, on a fair and equitable basis, of the interests of stockholders."

It is believed by many that this is an effort to counteract the recent drive of the Stockholders Protective committee, which asked that stockholders join with the committee in an effort to force a change in the financial setup of the gas company.

Outstanding in the hands of the public is \$4,648,000 of original issue of \$5,100,000 of Joint First Mortgage 4% bonds of the gas company and the Coke company, which mature Jan. 1, 1942. These bonds were issued at the maturity of Feb. 1, 1937 of \$3,855,000 first mortgage 5% bonds, of the Gas company. The joint bond issue was made to refund the maturing Gas company bonds.

This refunding according to the letter, has materially improved the position of the Gas Company stockholders, during the past four years. The properties of the Gas Company are mortgaged for the payment of the outstanding amount of the joint bonds.

The letter from the Gas Company reads as follows:

To the holders of the Preferred Stock of North Shore Gas Company There are now outstanding in the hands of the public \$4,648,000 of an original issue of \$5,100,000 of Joint First Mortgage 4% Bonds of North Shore Gas Company and North Shore Coke and Chemical Company. Because these bonds are the joint and several obligations of the two companies, the properties of the Gas Company are mortgaged for the payment of the entire outstanding amount.

These bonds mature January 1, 1942, less than seventeen months hence.

Consequently, the most imperative problem facing this company and its stockholders is the refunding and payment of these Joint Bonds. The Joint Bonds were issued in connection with the maturing (Continued on Page 8)

## A. H. Kunath Dies In Plane Crash Near Round Lake

Two Northbrook residents, one a former Highland Park resident, were instantly killed yesterday morning when the small monoplane in which they were flying crashed from about 400 feet into a clover field near Round Lake a mile north of Hainesville on Renehan road.

The two men killed were Arno Hamilton ("Ham") Kunath, 30, of Waukegan road, Northbrook, pilot of the plane, and Willard Zimmerman, 32, 1244 Church street, Northbrook, his passenger. Kunath was jammed into the wreckage and could not be moved until inspectors from the federal aviation authority arrived.

According to deputies from Sheriff Kennedy's office, Kunath and Zimmerman first landed in the clover field at about 8 a.m. and went to Tony's Farm Inn nearby where they had a cup of coffee and visited with the proprietor, Tony Jocius, and his wife Rhoda. After having their coffee the two fliers left for the plane, while Mr. and Mrs. Jocius, and Miss Catherine Sheahan, 2944 Logan boulevard, Chicago, stood on the porch of the inn to watch the take off.

According to the witnesses, shortly after the plane took off, Kunath appeared to be having trouble with the motor and the plane failed to gain sufficient altitude to clear some trees at the south edge of the field. The plane was heading southward, as Kunath had planned to return to the Northwest airport on Milwaukee avenue and Greenwood road, south of Wheeling, where he was manager and flying instructor.

When the plane appeared to be heading for the trees, it turned sharply to the west and plunged into the field. There was no fire.

The Jociuses and Miss Sheahan ran across the field to the plane while Robert Knitter of Chicago, staying at a summer cottage nearby, also ran to the plane.

Both men appeared to be dead and Zimmerman was taken from the plane, but Kunath was jammed into the cockpit.

The plane was the property of Kunath and was used for training.

Kunath who was thirty years old was born in New Jersey, and for the past ten years had lived in this vicinity. Six years ago he was married to Miss Kathryn Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner, 621 Onwentsia avenue. Until two and a half years ago they resided in Highland Park. For several years, Mr. Kunath, was manager of Sky Harbor airport on Dundee road.

Besides his wife, there are three children, John 2½ years old, and twins, a boy and a girl, four months old, surviving.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 Saturday afternoon at Werhanes Funeral home in Northbrook with interment at Memorial Park cemetery in Evanston.

## Young Men's Club Presents Second Summer Dance Aug. 17

The Young Men's club will hold their second dance of the season Saturday evening, Aug. 17, at the Highland Park Community Center. The hours for this summer party are from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. It will be an informal affair.

Music is to be furnished by Red Edwards and his band. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Skidmore and Mr. and Mrs. Davitt will act as chaperones.

Tickets may be secured from members of the committee. "Red" Fell is in charge of publicity and tickets; Warren Peschmann, refreshments; Harry Skidmore, orchestra; John Brigham, entertainment.

Members and non-members are invited to attend.

## Fell's to Sponsor Style Show Friday At Community Center

On Friday evening, Aug. 23, at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center Fell's are sponsoring a style show and party for young men and young women of the North Shore. Local young men and women will model clothes for play, semi-dress, and formal occasions.

There will be entertainment by local talent. Many prizes will be given away free. Refreshments will be served following the show. One of the added features of the party will be an exhibit of original Esquire drawings. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.