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As far as regular meetings are concerned the city council is indulging in what one may term its "summer vacation." There is no open meeting of the group slated until the Monday after Labor Day. This gives the council three Monday evenings in a row in which the members can retire into the routine of their own private lives, free from both the praises and the verbal brick bats of the local citizenry.

It is now some fifteen months since the current administration took office and as a group it is well seasoned by this time to both the floral pieces of acclaim and the stones of disapproval. It is interesting to note as time goes on how more and more easily the council finds it to take its troubles in stride. In civic enterprise as well as in anything else worthwhile things cannot be accomplished without, so to speak, "sticking your neck out." During the past year the current administration has found it necessary to put itself on the proverbial political spot on several occasions. The resignation of former City Marshall Moroney incurred the wrath of not a few of the electorate. However, the council felt that it was to the best interest of the community that this resignation be accepted. The council deserves credit for sticking to its guns over an issue in which it sincerely believed itself to be wholly in the right.

The selection of the new incinerator site was another controversial issue in which the council stood to lose a lot of friends on its final decision. The three to two vote which placed the incinerator on its old site indicates how evenly divided the council was on this important issue. In this instance, however, I believe some of the members of the council were inclined to lean over backwards to prevent hurting some of their friends. All in all it was a ticklish subject and one in which it was impossible to please everybody.

The moving of the taxi cab stand to St. Johns avenue has also been instrumental in causing considerable comment in certain sections of the city. As readers of this column will recall, a petition has been filed with the council to put this issue up to a public vote. At the moment the authenticity of some of the signatures on this petition is in doubt and the council will take no definite action on it until it is thoroughly investigated. He may be wrong, but your reporter's guess is the petitioners are going to be out of luck on this issue. At its last meeting the council was in no mood to change the ordinance. Neither was it inclined to accept the petition as a hundred percent authentic.

With the opening of school "just around the corner" the interest of a large part of the community once again centers around the educational and accompanying problems of the younger generation. One of the most important in the latter category is that of the children's safety. With more and more automobiles traveling at higher and higher rates of speed on our public streets and highways the chances of serious injury or even death are constantly on the increase.

The city is constantly being asked to devote more and more of its funds for safety work. A recent case is that of a resident in the south end of town who has petitioned the council to provide a way for the children in this neighborhood to get to Ravinia school without walking in the street. Investigation revealed that sidewalks are lacking in several spots along Sheridan road in this district, and in this case some only five or six years of age are compelled to walk down a heavily travelled street in order to get to school.

Naturally, the parents of these children want the city to do something about it. From every moral standpoint, the city wants to help. From the legal standpoint the sidewalks should be put in by the property owners involved through special assessment taxes. However, in many cases, the owners of the property cannot be located and in other cases long litigation would be necessary to get any results.

The city itself has hardly enough funds to carry on its own activities let alone pay for the work that should be done by others. On the other hand, as Mayor Roman has pointed out, the saving of the city's entire appropriation could not compensate for one injured child. It is unthinkable that small children should be compelled to literally face death in the streets for the lack of sidewalks. Some means of providing safe access to the Ravinia school must be found for these children, even if it takes a public subscription campaign to do it.

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Fear of Draft Causes Young Man To Take His Life

Despondent over the possibility of having to enlist, Lewis Goodwin, alias George Goodman, climbed into bed in his room at 9 Walker avenue, Highwood, Monday afternoon and fired a bullet from a .38 calibre revolver through his right temple.

The suicide was discovered by another roomer in the home who had answered a phone call from Jack's restaurant, 967 Waukegan avenue, where the young man was employed asking why Goodwin had not reported to work.

There were no notes left in reference to his act, but a will directed that all his possessions be left to his landlady, Mrs. Mabel Sibicky. The estate consisted of \$50 in cash, \$10 pay check and a number of books on astrology, which he had been studying.

It is believed that Goodwin had been contemplating suicide for some time.

At an inquest conducted Monday night by Dr. John L. Taylor a verdict of suicide while despondent was returned.

Officials are trying to locate relatives of Goodwin, who are believed to be in Philadelphia.

License Plate Is Indentity to Hit And Run Driver

William Kantala, 25, an employee of Exmpor Country club, was fined \$25 and costs for leaving an accident scene, and ordered to pay for the damage done to a fire hydrant which he crashed his car into early Sunday morning, by Police Magistrate Henry Hansen, Monday morning.

Kantala who inadvertently left the front license plate from his car at the scene of the accident, was identified by Police Officer Roland Demgen.

Infant Welfare Meets

The regular business-luncheon meeting of the Highland Park-Ravinia Center of the Infant Welfare society, will be held on Monday, Aug. 26, at the home of Mrs. Harold Ray, 127 Hazel avenue.

Water Main and Incinerator Are Started This Week

Early Monday morning city employees began the new water main project on Green Bay road, which is the third major improvement to be started in Highland Park this summer. Late last week, ground was broken for the new incinerator, and several weeks ago, construction of the new fire station was started.

The water main project which will take \$60,000 from the water distribution fund consists of the laying of 7,300 feet of 16 inch cast iron water pipe along the east side of S. Green Bay road, from Central ave., south to Edgewood road. This work will precede the \$100,000 widening of bottleneck Green Bay rd. with state motor fuel tax funds, next spring. City Engineer Philip E. Cole is directing the main laying job with city labor.

The new \$53,150 incinerator whose site was in controversy for over a year is now under construction. Pittsburgh and Des Moines Steel company, low bidder was awarded the contract. An additional expense of over \$8,000 was incurred by placing the new building on the present site.

According to Architect W. D. Mann, work is progressing rapidly on the new \$33,000 fire station which is being erected on N. Green Bay rd., in front of the water tower. Several changes have been made in the original plans, but work is going ahead nicely. The William Mavor Co. of Chicago has the contract for the new fire station.

Joseph J. Mitchell Former Resident Dies in New York

Mr. Joseph J. Mitchell, a former resident of Ravinia, died Tuesday evening at his home in White Plains, N. Y., after a brief illness. His wife, who had been visiting in San Diego, Calif., was enroute to her home when he passed away. She had been a guest in the F. A. Tucker home about a month ago.

Blossoms Instead of Bullets Settle Men's Garden Feuds

Bloodless, though none-the-less bitter feuds among prominent men will be settled at least for another year at the First Annual Garden Show to be held under the auspices of the Highland Park Men's Garden club at the new Community House, September 8 and 9.

The event will literally be a battle of blossoms, fruits and vegetables, instead of bullets, bombs and billies in a 71 round horticultural contest, the first of its kind this exclusive North Shore suburbs has ever witnessed.



Official rules and regulations governing the more than 100 expected contestants, have been published in the August issue of Garden Pants, monthly news bulletin of the Men's Garden club, of which Eugene Pfister is president. Fifty-six varieties of flowers will be exhibited, nine varieties of fruits and vegetables, and a special "knock 'em down and drag 'em out" free-for-all bout,—no holds barred,—which will include arrangements of weeds, screws and cock-eyed floral bouquets; an exhibit of home-made garden tools, bird baths and feeding stations; a flower arrangement for a man's den and the best arrangement of fruits, gourds and vegetables.

Co-incidental with the Garden show issue of Garden Pants, the club started distribution of an official window poster, which vigorously belies any ideas that men who garden are in the category of the notorious Ferdinand, who would rather smell flowers than fight.

The illustration, by William H. Savin, well known art director, shows a meaty gent with hairy arms and chest, on his hands and knees, tenderly inspecting a small bright red flower of nameless ancestry.

Enthusiasm is running high among the prospective contestants, who will be made up of members and sons of members, not only of the Men's Garden club of Highland

Park, but affiliated Men's Garden Clubs of America, a number of which are expected to participate.

There are no rules or restrictions governing the kind of size of gardens from which the exhibits will be drawn. They range in area from a handkerchief size plot of ground to the broad acres of such members as Edward Seese in Bannockburn, Maurice L. Rothschild of Highland Park.

While annuals and perennials have their proponents, each arrayed against the other, keenest competition has developed among the rose growers. If there is such a thing as caste among amateur gardeners, then the rose growers are the Brahmins of suburban back yards. For the most part they are the boys who can proudly name their specimens in Latin. Despite their horticultural literacy, however, they are tolerant and democratic toward their less learned brethren.

"All of which goes to show," says President Pfister, "that Mother Earth's lap is broad enough for every man, and her heart is big enough to melt human passions."

Preliminary to the season-end garden show, for which the newly completed Community House has been taken over in its entirety for a period of two days, the club has been sponsoring a series of garden walks and barbecue suppers throughout the summer. Among hosts at these events have been Ed Seese, President Pfister, Lawrence Abt, and others. These events have been in the nature of scouting expeditions, during which prospective contestants at the annual show have been getting the low-down on their competitors' garden products.

The list of committees and chairmen in charge of the show are: Classes, Jesse Straus and Oliver Turner; properties, J. David Dickinson; awards and judging, Douglas A. Kittermaster; exhibits, Felix Simon; nature exhibits, Bert Leech; kodachromes and photographs, William H. Savin; tickets, Irving Meycyhoff and co-ordination, C. E. Pfister.

Prizes in all classes will consist of a blue ribbon for first, red ribbon for second, yellow ribbon for third and a white ribbon for honorable mention. A weather-vane, duplicating the fat man on the club's poster, will be a consolation award, presented by member Abt, who is a skilled craftsman in wrought metal.

Alcyon Presents "Mortal Storm" and "Brother Orchid"

The Alcyon theatre will present on its double-feature program for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday a motion picture as timely as tomorrow's headlines. Characterized by brilliant performances upon the part of an outstanding cast, "The Mortal Storm" was designed to make audiences think. Margaret Sullivan surpasses anything she has done previously. James Stewart's sympathetic handling of an unusual type of character puts him in line for an acting award. The surprise of the piece, however, comes in the person of Robert Young who, for the first time in his screen career, essays the role of a villain. Adding even more to this production is the work of Frank Morgan. A great deal of power lies behind this truly great production. Edward G. Robinson is back in action again in "Brother Orchid" with blonde Ann Sothern as his leading lady. "Brother Orchid," a tale of hysterical homicide, tells the story of John Sarto, who gets mad at his mob when they rub out a party without sending him a memo on it. So he quits the rackets and goes gunning for culture with mirthful results.

The "mob" includes Humphrey Bogart, Allen Jenkins, Donald Crisp and Ralph Bellamy. Once in a great while comes a motion picture that is rich with things that make for grand entertainment. The picture is "Lost Horizon" featuring Ronald Colman, Edward Everett Horton, John Howard and Jane Wyatt. Here is a story filled with simple beauty and thrills that leave you breathless. A story vivid with tears and laughter; a gripping drama of extraordinary goodness that everyone will want to see. Being presented on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with the film "Remember" starring Robert Taylor, Greer Garson and Lew Ayres. New York is the swift-moving background for "Remember" with the World's Fair as one of its varied settings. It is a tonic for every member of the family, one of the gayest romantic comedies of modern married life.

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Annual Masonic Picnic to Be Held On Labor Day

Masons, A.F.&A.M., Royal Arch Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star will celebrate their annual all-Masonic picnic Sunday, September 1st, at the Columbia Gardens picnic grounds, across the road from the Bon-Air Country club on Milwaukee avenue near Wheeling, Ill.

The committee is making extensive preparations for the enjoyment of this gala event. Appropriate games and contests are being planned for the children of different ages. There will be horse-shoe and baseball games for the men, contests and games for the ladies and gentlemen together.

At noon all will participate in a family basket dinner, each family bringing its own basket. After the games and contests in the afternoon there will be a hot-dog-on-bun and coffee supper served free by the committee. The evening will be spent in dancing and card-playing.

All Masons and members of the Eastern Star and their friends are invited. Members of the Order who are not affiliated with the local lodges are especially invited to attend this picnic.

A ride to the picnic grounds will be provided by the committee and any one not having a way to go is requested to call Highland Park 37 or Highland Park 93, and arrangements will be made for transportation.

Serving as honorary chairmen are: Walter E. Durbahn, Excellent High Priest of Highland Park Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; George Glader, Master of A. O. Fay lodge, A.F.&A.M., and Dorothy Thomsen.

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Copies of State Road Map Still Available at Press

For several weeks the Highland Park Press has been giving away copies of the new 1940 Illinois road map. There are still a number of these available, which may be had, free of charge, by applying at the office of the Highland Park Press, 538 Central avenue.

The new map is perhaps one of the most comprehensive ever issued by the state. It contains a mileage chart, smaller detailed drawings of Peoria, Chicago, Springfield, East St. Louis and Rockford, and a list of the various types of roads, airports, state forests, state parks, points of interest and numerous other information.

High School, Grade Schools Open Thursday, Sept. 5th

Invited Public to Fell's Style Show And Party, Friday

An entertaining evening awaits those who are planning to attend Fell's Style Show and Party at the Community Center Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. Community singing of popular college songs, entertainment and refreshments are on the program. Many prizes will be given away free.

Daniel Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cobb of Highland Park, will sing two songs. Andrew Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jacobs of Highland Park, will play two songs on the piano one being the Rhapsody in Blue. The Bailey sisters of Fort Sheridan, daughters of Major and Mrs. K. H. Bailey, will dance the native Honolulu Hula Hula. Ten to 15 prizes consisting of shirts, ties, hose, garters, suspenders, and sweater will be given away free to those present.

As an extra feature we have been fortunate in securing approximately 40 original Esquire drawings. These will be on exhibit in the lounge. All the famous names you have seen in Esquire are included in this group. A few of them are E. Simms Campbell, Gilbert Bundy, and Jaro Fabry.

Clothes will be modeled by local young men and young women. They will show clothes for class and campus, for dates and business, for studying and lounging, and formal wear. Following the entertainment, modeling and awarding of prizes, refreshments will be served. Everything is free.

Registration of Aliens Begins Here Tuesday

The National Registration of Aliens will begin next Tuesday in Highland Park, according to an announcement made early this week by Daniel A. Cobb, Highland Park Postmaster. Registration begins August 27th and closes December 26, 1940.

All aliens 14 years of age or older are required to register. Alien children 14 years must be registered by their parents or guardians. Generally speaking, foreign-born persons who have not become citizens of the United States are aliens. Persons with first citizenship papers must register. If doubtful whether you are an alien or a citizen of the United States, you should register.

The registration of aliens is compulsory. A specific act of Congress—the Alien Registration Act of 1940—requires all aliens to register during the official registration period, August 27 to December 26, 1940.

All aliens 14 years of age or over must be fingerprinted as a part of registration. A fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for 6 months is prescribed by this law for failure to register, for refusal to be fingerprinted, or for making registration statement known to be false.

Registration is free. You should not pay anyone to register for you, or to assist you in registering. First, you are asked to call at your nearest Post Office. There you will be given a specimen registration form or questionnaire for filling out at home, together with complete instructions. Then, after carefully and completely filling out this preliminary form at home, you should report back to your post office for official registration.

The Alien Registration Act was passed so that the United States could determine exactly how many aliens there are, who they are, and where they are. Registration, including fingerprinting will not be harmful to law-abiding aliens, who are protected by the laws of the United States. All records will be kept secret and confidential and will be made available only to such persons as may be designated with the approval of the Attorney General of the United States.

A receipt card will be sent to every alien who registers. This card will serve as evidence of registration. After registration, the law requires all aliens and parents or guardians of aliens to report changes of residence address within 5 days of the change. Forms for this purpose will be kept at post offices.

You may secure NOW at your post office specimen registration forms and instructions. Official registration starts Aug. 27th.
D. L. Cobb, P.M.

The Highland Park High school will open this year on September 5 for freshmen and September 6th for upperclassmen. Freshmen are also to report on this day. Students are to be at the school promptly at 8:45.

According to a ruling made by the Board of Education a few years ago, only those students living with parents or legal guardians will be admitted. For further information regarding this matter, interested parties should contact Miss Lillian Tucker, secretary to the Board of Education, at the high school.

All new students who have not as yet been tested should report to the high school office on Monday, Aug. 26, at 9:30. The tests will last from 9:30-11:30 and from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Students are to report for both the morning and afternoon tests. It is necessary for all new students to be tested before they can be enrolled.

The bookstore will be open between 9:00 and 12:00 and 1:00 and 3:00 on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and between 9:00 and 12:00 on September 4. There will be bus service to accommodate Deerfield students.

It is requested by the high school that all students who, for any reason, are dropping school to please leave this information with the high school office.

The Board of Education of the high school has appointed Mr. A. E. Wolters as acting principal for the coming year due to the resignation and marriage of the principal. Mr. Charles S. Stunkel, who has been teaching in the East High school, Aurora, Ill., has been secured to teach mathematics. He has a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Miss Alice E. Anderson, of La Crosse, Wis., is to teach Italian and French this year. She is taking over the work of Mrs. Prugger and Miss Cowles, as the positions held by them has been combined into one. Miss Anderson has a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Miss Lorraine Frick, who has been teaching in the University High school at Iowa university, will teach English and an integrated course of social studies and English here this year. She has a master's degree from Iowa university. She is succeeding Miss Dorothy Barton who was employed at a temporary basis as a cadet teacher.

Mr. Lloyd E. Cunningham of Gurnee, has been secured to take over the chemistry classes of Mr. Ball, who has been granted a year's leave of absence. Mr. Cunningham has been teaching in the Warren Township High school in Gurnee. He took his master's work at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Walter Hargersheimer will teach physical education at the high school this year. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he also secured his master's degree, and has been teaching at Oberlin college. Mr. Hargersheimer is taking over the work of Mr. Tharon Persons, who was secured as a cadet teacher and later took over Mr. Lauer's work at the time of his resignation.

Mr. Roland Ortmeier, who has been attending Northwestern university, has been secured as a cadet teacher in the physical education department. He is taking over the work of Mr. Frank Young.

Mr. Leslie Lihakien of Pontiac, has been secured to teach social studies in the place of Mr. Karl Schuessler, who has a fellowship at the University of Indiana for the coming year. Mr. Lihakien received his master's degree at the University of Iowa. He has been teaching in the Pontiac High school, where he acted as dean of boys and was head of the social studies department.

Mr. Walter Aushenbrenner, of Chicago, is to be a part-time teacher in the music department. He is taking over the work of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Gibson, both part-time cadet teachers. Mr. Harold Finch will have charge of both the band.

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Local Woman's Cousin Carries Out Threat

Last Thursday Mrs. Floyd Book, 1021 Loretta place, received a letter from a cousin, Mrs. Erna Nichols, postmarked Chicago, reading that she was about to commit suicide.

Chicago police were notified to check hospitals and morgues. Yesterday an unknown woman was found dead of an overdose of sleeping pills in the Alexandria hotel in Chicago.

Mrs. Book identified her as her cousin.