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Monday evening found the city council in much more of a responsive mood than has been the case during recent meetings. Your reporter feels that he is doing a service both to the community and to the council when he offers constructive criticism pertaining to the conduct of the meetings. He trusts that the council, itself, takes this column's occasional critical remarks in the spirit in which they are made. Those on the inside of the rail in the council chamber naturally cannot always accurately gauge the reaction of the audience and this reporter feels it is one of his duties to portray this reaction to the best of his ability. Your reporter feels that this criticism serves the council in that it acts as a barometer to public opinion. No one expects a body made up of human beings to be letter perfect all the time, but unless someone is willing to take the trouble to remind them that they are born of Man and subject to all his frailties like the rest of us, it is conceivable they may get the idea—like the kings of old—they can do no wrong.

From the general tenor of his remarks it is apparent that your mayor has reached the end of his patience on the subject of unlicensed dogs. He pointed out in no uncertain terms that dog owners who have not procured tags for their pets are subject to a fine ranging anywhere from \$5 to \$25. The dog tax ordinance was originally passed, he stated, to provide a restraining influence on the growth of the dog population in the community. From the number of unlicensed dogs roving the streets, the mayor pointed out, the ordinance might just as well have never been placed on the city's books. Hard pressed as the police department is, it appears it is going to be necessary to assign it the task of rounding up unlicensed dogs and bringing in their owners for appropriate fines.

Members of the community delinquent in water bill payments seem to have taken the water department's threats to heart. Commissioner Sharp reports that out of 284 delinquents on the books a fortnight ago, 224 have brought their bills up to date, leaving only 60 still remaining in the past due class. If the city could confiscate dogs as fast as the water department can turn off water we feel that the mayor's canine problem would just about solve itself.

Commissioner Sharp reports satisfactory progress on the new incinerator. Materials for the brick work are expected this week and construction of the walls will start immediately afterwards. Mr. Sharp asked the council to approve payment of \$100 to the architect on the incinerator for services rendered. He also asked and received authorization for the payment of \$750 due for heating equipment on the new fire station and payment of \$5,044 due on general contract work for that edifice.

Commissioner Swanson reported that contacts have been made with property owners at Second and Central for new curbing. He indicated that some trouble was encountered in making some of the property owners in this section see the necessity of this improvement but that definite progress was being made. Corporation Counsel McKenna was instructed by the council at the suggestion of Commissioner Sharp to draw up a paragraph for insertion in the code now being revised that would make allowances for egress from a building a compulsory matter. Such a provision, it was pointed out, would assure the ultimate in fire protection on all future building projects.

First Contest Draws Many Contestants

The first HIGHLAND PARK PRESS Football contest drew scores of answers from contestants, and those who won the first event were: Walter Bennett, 923 N. St. Johns avenue, with a perfect score of 197; Fred E. Johnson, 115 S. Second street, second with 196; Frank E. Ewell, 599 Homewood avenue, third, with 200, and Lydia Beecher, Glencoe, fourth, 201. The first two winners will each receive two tickets to Saturday's Northwestern-Ohio game. The other two winners will each receive two tickets to the Alcyon theatre. The next contest will appear in the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS issue of October 17. Tickets to the Northwestern-Indiana game will be awarded for this contest, as well as the Alcyon theatre tickets.

"Robin Hood" Will Be Given Friday At High School

Tickets for the Junior Programs series are still available. Those desiring tickets are urged to get them now. They can be obtained from Mrs. Albert Bushey, ticket chairman, H.P. 646, or at Geell's Drug stores, Highland Park and Ravinia.

On Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. in the High School Auditorium Edwin Strawbridge will appear in "Robin Hood" assisted by a local cast of thirteen, and Martha Pechin, narrator, who has outstanding ability in speaking the parts of every character. The dance-play version of "Robin Hood" will be enjoyed by adults as well as children with the profusion of scenery, costumes and lighting effects, the exhilarating sounds in the green wood of Sherwood Forest, while Frier Tuck, Little John the Tinker, and Robin Hood practice their merry pranks.

On February 28 the play "Run Peddler Run" will be seen and April 18 the operatic version of "Jack and the Beanstalk." Junior Programs is sponsored by P.T.A.'s of Elm Place, Lincoln, Ravinia, and Braeside schools.

"Harvest Days" Last Promotional Event, Oct 17-26

The last evening in the "Forward in Forty" promotional program sponsored by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee will be "Harvest Days" and will be held from Thursday, October 17, through Saturday, October 26. As this period is the peak of the fall season, it is most appropriate that "Harvest Days" should be held at this time, permitting every line of retailing to participate and enthusiastically promote his seasonal lines of merchandise.

The last event, which was Dollar Day, held on August 8, was the most successful in recent years. It is hoped to make this event an even greater success.

The purpose of these promotional programs is to bring a closer contact between the consumer and the public. It is a means of attracting the buying public to the local business houses, where they may learn the merits of "Purchasing in Highland Park."

During this week's event, every Highland Park merchant is expected to participate. Many attractive window displays are being planned, and street banners are to be hung on light posts throughout the business district, prior to the event.

The committee in charge is composed of Paul G. Olson, chairman; Fred Fell, Oscar L. Lundgren, F. J. McDonough, Harry Roberts, and J. L. Wehrheim.

Largest Enrollment Recorded in Adult Classes Now 525

Enrollment figures advanced on Monday, October 7th show that the regular evening classes are larger than ever before. One hundred and thirty more adults were registered in the various groups.

The classes in badminton, sewing, upholstery, metal work, woodwork and beginning shorthand are already filled. Only a few more registrations can be taken in beginning typing, advanced typing, advanced shorthand, discussion of current affairs and bookkeeping.

More registrations are needed in English literature.

Persons are urged to register by October 14th so that they will not be behind in their class work, especially in the commercial subjects. The Adult Education council hopes that the Highland Park people will take advantage of the outstanding lecture series being offered on Wednesday evenings at the high school. Season tickets for the five meetings are very nominal.

Open Republican Headquarters Here

Republican Headquarters, sponsored by the Young Republican Club of Highland Park, are now open at the corner of Green Bay road and Central avenue. Information regarding registration and the coming election as well as the location of polling places will be gladly given to interested parties calling at the headquarters. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Their telephone is 4993.

Mrs. Robert A. Taft To Speak Sunday At High School

Residents of Highland Park and the 10th Congressional District are promised a real treat next Sunday afternoon, October 13, when Mrs. Martha Taft of Cincinnati, and the wife of United States Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, will speak at the Highland Park High School (Deerfield-Shields) at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Taft's subject will be "Our Civic Responsibilities."

Mrs. Taft is known as one of the ablest women speakers in the country and last week she shared the honors of addressing the National Convention of Republican Women's clubs at Detroit with Wendell L. Willkie. Those who heard her at that time said she gave the audience of several thousand people the real thrill of the convention.

A year ago she spoke before 800 women at Evanston and earlier last winter she addressed 2,500 Republicans at the Stevens hotel. During the pre-convention campaign of her husband for the Republican Presidential nomination, she spoke in many parts of the country.

She was assigned to Sunday's meeting by the National Republican committee. Mrs. Taft will make only one other speech in Illinois during the present presidential campaign, after which she will go east to participate in the campaign in New York state.

A group of 50 Lake county women, headed by Mrs. Louis Lev- (Continued on Page 8)

Fall Rummage Sale Of Ravinia Woman's Club to Be Oct. 17-18

A rummage sale is a threefold blessing. It clears out clothes closets and attics, provides clothing and other needed articles at small cost to those who need them, and at the same time provides generous proceeds with which to help those who are in want.

The Fall Rummage Sale of the Ravinia Woman's Club will be held in the vacant A&P store, next to the Ravinia post office on S. St. Johns avenue, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17 and 18, starting at 9 o'clock each morning. Already many gifts of warm clothing, bric-a-brac, books, and countless articles have been promised by the members of the club, and these articles are to be taken to the store some time Wednesday, so that they can be sorted and priced in time for the Thursday sale.

In charge of this work is the Philanthropic Committee of the club of which Mrs. C. Richard Parsons is chairman, Mrs. Arthur Raff, co-chairman, and the following are members: Mrs. L. E. Nickels, Mrs. Wesley Backer, Mrs. Harry J. Paul, Mrs. Gordon Fox, Mrs. Daniel Gutmann, Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson, Mrs. W. Ross Marvin, Mrs. Franklin J. Bickmore, Mrs. Judson F. Cross, Mrs. Maxwell Rahner, Mrs. Harry J. Van Ornum. Helping with this sale will be Mrs. George Prindle and Mrs. Godfrey Eyer, who have both served as chairmen of this committee in past years, and the attractive posters placed about the town were made by Mrs. William Savin.

Alcyon's Screen Attractions For Week Unusually Fine

A sure cure for the blues, rating a laugh a minute, screen at the Alcyon on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday in "I Love You Again," co-starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. The film, presenting a fast-moving, laugh packed series of situations, deals with the plight of a man who suddenly recovers from an eight-year attack of amnesia.

On the same program is the story of two men who met in a banana republic. One of them was honest all his life—except one crazy minute. The other was dishonest all his life—except one crazy minute. They both had to get out of the country." The words above preface the opening of "The Great McGinty" comedy-drama featuring Brian Donlevy and this reviewer cannot conceive of a preamble which could promise more for entertainment.

Distinguished by a most unusual story and a brilliant cast, the picture "The Way of All Flesh," which the Alcyon will present on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, indubitably will leave its indelible impression on the hearts and minds of all who have the good fortune to see it.

Need Workers To Man Polls For Draft Registration

Supervisor W. W. Steele is issuing a call for sixty workers to man the polls in Deerfield township next Wednesday, October 16. This is the date set throughout the United States for the selective service registration of all men from 21 to 35 years of age inclusive.

The registration for the draft will run from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will be held at the regular polling places in the township.

Mr. Steele asks that those who are willing to give their services, call him at H.P. 3240 or see him at his office at 630 N. Green Bay road.

Confusion as to the precinct polling places is anticipated due to the fact that the state selective service board has ruled that no polling place located in a business establishment may be used in the registration.

Out of the 16 polling places in Deerfield township, 7 are business houses.

Supervisor Steele has received no further instruction regarding the registration.

Dr. Kellogg Speed Noted Surgeon Will Be Heard by Legion

Commander George Abernathy of Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion announces as guest speaker for the next meeting of the Post, Dr. Kellogg Speed, nationally known surgeon. Dr. Speed, who is a member of the local group, will give an illustrated talk on "Wounds of the War," Thursday evening, October 10, in the Legion club rooms, in Masonic Temple.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Adjutant Leslie McCaffrey, speakers chairman, Edmund Eitel and Wm. C. Heinrichs. Dr. Speed's talk will center around his extensive experiences during the World War, and will be intensely interesting because of his expert knowledge and national reputation.

His first service was with the British in 1916, serving as Hon. Lt. Col. R.A.M.C. of the British Expeditionary Force in charge of Surgical division, General Hospital No. 23. He later served as Major and Lt. Col. of the M.C. U.S.A. of the A.E.F. in France, with most of his service devoted to front line work during the years of 1917 and 1918.

He is a professor of Surgery at the Rush Medical College, attending surgeon at the Highland Park hospital and the Presbyterian hospital of Chicago. His honors include Pres. of the American Assc. of Surgery of Trauma, 1938; Pres. of Chicago Surgical Soc., 1925 to 1926; Pres. Western Surgical Assc. 1927-28; Chair. Special Exhibit Comm. on Fractures, Am. Medical Assc., Chair. Chicago Regional Fractures Comm., member of Chicago Surgical Soc., American Orthopedic Assc., Societe Internationale de Chirurgie, and several nationally known fraternities including Beta Theta Pi, Nu Sigma Nu, and Alpha Omega Alpha.

Dr. Speed has traveled and lectured extensively throughout the world and has been the honored guest of the medical profession in many countries including China, Australia, Japan, the Philippine Islands, Russia, Northern Africa and others in Europe. He is a member of the Chicago University Club, the Chicago Club, the Tavern Club, Exmoor Country Club, and resides with his family at 530 S. Sheridan road.

Your Financial Aid To Community Chest Helps 13 Agencies

The current Community Chest drive, concluding on November 2, gives support to the Highland Park hospital, Highland Park Community House, the Highland Park Social Service, the Hospital Auxiliary, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Dorcas Home, Arden Shore, the Infant Welfare Society, the Y.W.C.A., the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Northwestern Settlement.

None of us can escape an obligation to the institution comprising the Community Chest. We create a better city to enjoy, keep alive the traditional desire to help those less fortunate, perpetuate the institutions that in themselves make our city such a pleasant, desirable place in which to live.

Our children, and we ourselves, profit by our civic consciousness. Your financial aid to the 13 agencies comprising the Chest should be as generous as you can afford. It is a job no one of us can leave to another.

All Day Voters School Sponsored By League Oct. 16

Louise Leonard Wright of Chicago will give an "Analysis of Political Party Platforms in Relation to Foreign Affairs," at the luncheon session of the Voters' School, sponsored by the League of Women Voters for the entire community all day Wednesday, October 16.

Mrs. Wright has been chairman of the Department of Government and Foreign Policy of the National League of Women Voters for six and a half years, and is an unusually capable speaker. Her intensive interest in international relations dates back to her college days at the University of Minnesota, where she majored in history and was a history instructor for a short time. In making a special study of foreign affairs and international peace efforts she has visited many countries to obtain first-hand knowledge of the situation. She has accompanied her husband, Quincy Wright, who as a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, on his trips to the League of Nations in Geneva and on his investigations of the mandate system in Palestine, Syria, and Iraq. Mrs. Wright was an adviser to the U. S. delegation to the 8th Pan-American Conference at Lima, Peru, in December 1938, and was a delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations held in California in 1936, and in Virginia in 1939.

The Voters School opens at 10:30 at the Public Library Auditorium, with Mrs. Marc Law, former president of the H.P. League of Women Voters, and now a director on the State Board, covering the subject of "What Democracy Demands of Its Citizens." At 12:15 luncheon will be served at the Y.W.C.A. for which reservations may be made with Mrs. Earl Jerome, H.P. 3718, or Mrs. G. C. Lyman, H.P. 207, through Saturday, Oct. 12. Following Mrs. Wright's luncheon talk at the Y, Mrs. Law will again take charge with the 2 o'clock session dealing with the subject of "You and Your Government."

This all-day Voters School, the regular monthly meeting of the League, should tempt everyone in the community to attend one or both the sessions.

Ruth Page Will Feature Opening Of Woman's Club

The Highland Park Woman's club launches its year's program with the opening meeting on October 15 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A reception and tea will follow the featured dance recital by Ruth Page and her dancing partner, Mr. Bentley Stone, with Ruth Gordon at the piano.

This dance recital gives early lustre to the club's program-year. In interviewing Miss Page, this writer learned that the eleven numbers in the recital were chosen with special care for the tastes of this North Shore audience. It is also the first North Shore appearance Miss Page has made since her recent return with Mr. Stone from their South American tour, made with their full contingent of Page-Stone ballet dancers.

Some of Miss Page's comments in connection with the appreciation of ballet during her recent South American experiences were both interesting and witty. For Ruth Page, we found, is just as interesting and charming on, or off, stage.

She said, "My first experience in dancing outside this country was with the Pavlova company on its last tour of over a year in South and Central America. But times, if not the public's taste, have changed since Pavlova's day. The competition of movies, which the people can see for 75 cents, extends sharply to a ballet company which must charge a larger price even to make expenses.

"For example, the Opera and Ballet Company with which we have just played for one month in Caracas, Venezuela, charged \$11 for each orchestra seat. Caracas is probably the most expensive city in the world due to its being on the gold standard and, as almost everything is imported, one has to pay fabulous prices for just ordinary living necessities. About the only thing which we discovered inexpensive is dancing lessons. Teachers are only able to charge about \$1 for class lessons. But their classes were flourishing.

Miss Page went on to say that our Latin-American neighbors adore ballet dancing but that their tastes definitely run to "hot" dancing. And, (Continued on Page 8)

Open Community Chest Drive With Dinner, Tuesday

General city-wide solicitation in Highland Park's Sixth Annual Community Chest Campaign will get under way with a whirlwind start next Tuesday, October 15, at the opening dinner to be held at Northmoor Country Club.

With all district committees already manned 100% by efficient leaders and hustling workers under the general chairmanship of Donald E. Nichols and his capable assistants, Mrs. Walter Lilienfeld, George C. Baldwin, and Renslow P. Sherer, Chest officials are predicting one of the quickest and most successful of local Chest campaigns despite the increased goal of \$50,000 this year.

"The Special Gifts Committee which has now been at work just a week has been turning in most gratifying reports showing liberal increases to meet the increased community needs," said Richard A. Kebbon, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee, last night. "We feel certain that if the ratio of increased generosity is maintained by this committee and followed through by the general sales committee that a larger goal for this year will be met."

General Chairman Nichols is greatly pleased by the splendid response of Highland Park citizens in volunteering to assist in the general campaign. "We have added many new workers," said Mr. Nichols, "and the efficient manner in which all district chairmen have organized their districts leads me to believe that if the citizens in Highland Park will respond as promptly and as cordially as have their neighbors in the voluntary army that we should be able to complete the campaign within the set period of October 15 to November 2. We certainly are going to try to do so and I hope the public will join us in the effort to set a record. We all know the job must be done and there is no reason why we can not do it within the time limit set.

Community Chest Campaign headquarters have been set up for the duration of the campaign at 390 1/2 Central avenue through the courtesy of Baird & Warner, agents for the building. This is the same location which was occupied by the Chest for the campaign last fall.

Refutes Statement Made Regarding Local Building

In regard to the new store building on Central avenue, it is regrettable that the wrong impression was given by a Waukegan paper. My statements at the council meeting were that the building was well built and of fireproof construction; that I had gone over the matter with the fire chief and we both felt that the building was safe, and the construction followed the city ordinance in every respect. I told the council that the first set of plans showed a rear door which we thought was desirable and we tried to secure one but because the building occupied the entire lot, three of the walls being lot line walls, this was not permitted.

I am very anxious to correct the misquoted part of my remarks. I said that if a competent commission found any building unsafe, such a building could be condemned; that it was not necessary to allow a hazardous condition to continue just because the city had issued a permit for its construction. This is true and quite different from the paper's inference that your building be condemned.

Yours truly,
SIDNEY D. MORRIS,
Building Commissioner of Highland Park.

C. H. Witt Family In Florida Crash; All Three Injured

Clarence H. Witt, former manager of Bowman Dairy company, his wife and daughter Joan, were seriously injured Tuesday morning in an automobile accident in Florida. The family had left Highland Park Friday to drive south, expecting to reach their destination in Florida yesterday (Wednesday). Mr. Witt sustained two broken legs, his wife received a broken left arm and broken right leg, and the daughter a broken leg. Full details of the accident were not available. All three are in Flaeger hospital in St. Augustine, Fla.