

School Children Of District 108 Hold Mock Election

"Name, please?" a dignified voice queried.

"Phyllis Weed."

"And what is your address, Phyllis?"

"Sixth grade, north," was the prompt response.

A hasty checking through improvised registration books revealed that Phyllis Weed had been duly registered as a legal voter of the sixth grade. Thereupon Judge Stroud, head of the election board and a member of the eighth grade north of the Ravinia school, wrote his initials on the back of the ballot and handed it to the young voter who seized it with eagerness, turned and walked into the polling booth.

Approximately four hundred Toms and Marys and Elizabeths in Braeside, Lincoln and Ravinia schools cast their ballots for President of the United States on Monday, October 28, under the direction of the social studies teachers in the upper school, Perry Graybill, Stanley McKee, and Lorraine Sinkler. For most of the four hundred it was their first experience with a real ballot, but no citizens of voting age ever assumed their responsibilities as voters with more earnestness. To them it was not a mock election but a vital experience in democratic living.

The social studies departments of Braeside, Lincoln and Ravinia schools took advantage of the widespread interest in the election to make civic education really functional. Instead of merely reading accounts of the electoral process, Tom, Mary, and Elizabeth learned the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship by participation.

In order to have sufficient information to conduct a school-wide election, the boys and girls in the upper school made a thorough study of the development of voting and the machinery of elections. They studied such related problems as: (1) purpose of political parties; (2) the qualifications of a voter; (3) amendments to the Constitution in regard to voting qualifications; (4) the Australian ballot; and (5) the distinction between the popular and the electoral vote. Assembly programs were presented to inform other children in the school who were to participate in the election.

On Thursday, October 24, the school polls were open to enable all qualified voters to register. Ballots were marked in private polling booths. The League of Women Voters generously furnished several hundred ballots for this purpose.

The following people served as judges and clerks of the election: Braeside—Dick Patton, Bruce Robinson, Shirley Haskins, Suzanne Olmsted, Don Johnson, Jean Topper; Lincoln—Carroll Shaffer, John Kittermaster, Rita Bolini, Shirley Markell, Harriet Olsen and Emma

Christensen; Ravinia—Jack Stroud, Barbara Osborne, Russell Smith, Jeanette Jennings, Jonis Uhlman, Mason Armstrong.

The polls closed at 4 o'clock after which time the ballot boxes were opened and counted. On the night of November 5th, the children plan to keep a tabulated score of the real election returns to see how their vote corresponds with that of the people of the country at large.

These mock elections were exceedingly interesting to all who participated but they were not just a "stunt" designed to sugar coat the pill of knowledge. They were utilized as a means of achieving some of the major objectives of the social studies—helping the child become an active participant in the group rather than a passive on-looker, a better understanding of the responsibilities and privileges as a citizen of the United States, and increasing awareness of the continuity of human experience through the study of the electoral process, and a greater appreciation of our country as a "government of the people," by the people, and for the people.

Police Force Lays Out Maps Showing Points Of Accidents

Maps of Highland Park, showing strategic points where accidents have occurred, are being arranged by the Highland Park police department and will be hung in the city hall for inspection. Pins will be used to mark the site of each accident classified as non-injury, injury and fatality. Colored pins will indicate the type of accident.

At a later date other maps are to be made, classified as to hours—that is, one map will show the accidents which occur between the hours of 4 and 8, 8 and 12, and 12 and 4. These will also indicate the cause of the accident, such as bad intersection, etc. A spot map showing where traffic arrests were made will also be arranged by the police department in the near future.

"Democracy Must Not Be Destroyed" Says Dr. Bradley

"We must have freedom of speech, and freedom of speech means Democracy," said Dr. Preston Bradley when he addressed a meeting sponsored by Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion, Tuesday evening in the Highland Park Woman's club.

"Democracy cannot be destroyed by one man. Whether Roosevelt or Willkie is elected will have little bearing on our future. It is not the top which we are concerned with, but the underlying factors which govern that top. We must become more concerned about our duty, rather than our rights in our government. We must begin at the bottom and our first step is in our city and county, then the state and nation."

He stressed the need for alertness, denouncing corruption in American politics and urged the people to become more interested in our democracy which has outlived all other governments of nations.

"Until three weeks ago, I was convinced that this nation was headed for dictatorship," he said, "but tonight I am confident that the American people have awakened to this situation, and our Democracy will not be destroyed."

Advocating a change in our election ballot, Dr. Bradley would divorce the national contest from the state and county ballot, thus eliminating the straight party vote.

Because the Woman's club could not accommodate so large a crowd, hundreds of interested listeners were turned away from Tuesday evening's lecture. It was both inspiring and educational, and those who were privileged to hear this noted preacher, were well repaid for their efforts, and deeply indebted to Dumaresq Spencer Post, which sponsored him.

In his opening remarks he expressed his appreciation for the large attendance saying, "I am deeply impressed that so many Highland Park citizens have decided which way they are going to vote. For had they not, surely they would not have come out to hear me tonight, when there are so many eloquent speakers on the radio."

Aside from officers of the local post, seated on the rostrum with Dr. Bradley were Ex-Mayor Hastings, Mayor Frank Ronan and Commissioners Gourley, Sharp and Swanson, acting principal A. E. Wolters of Highland Park high school, and Principal R. H. Price of Elm Place school. The Musart club also was seated on the platform and lead the singing. Mrs. Fred Okey sang "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Halloween Party
An old fashioned Halloween dancing party will be held Saturday evening by Highland Park lodge No. 1362 BPOE, according to Raymond Sheahan, chairman of the program committee. The date was previously set for Thursday night. Many Halloween games will be included in the evening's program as well as ducking for apples. Game prizes and costume prizes will be awarded. Old clothes or fancy costumes may be worn. A buffet supper will be served.

Clarence Witt Writes PRESS Telling Of Florida Accident

A letter from the C. H. Witt family who were involved in an automobile accident in Florida three weeks ago, has just been received by this paper. It is as follows:

"It will be three weeks tomorrow since myself, Mrs. Witt and Joan were brought to this hospital where we are resting comfortably without much pain.

The accident in which we were involved occurred within a mile of St. Augustine, Fla. A motor bus passed me without any warning and crowded me off the highway. I was forced to take to the ditch or we may have all been killed. I managed to control the car so that it did not turn over, but we hit a tree.

My hip was dislocated and the backs of my hands cut. Mrs. Witt's left arm was broken near the shoulder and her right leg was fractured below the knee.

Joan sustained a clean break in the thigh, but she is very cheerful with it all.

We are in a lovely hospital right on the west side of the bay. They wheel our beds out on the porch so that we get that beautiful sunshine when the wind is not too cool. Best wishes to all my friends.

Sincerely, Clarence H. Witt, Mabel and Joan.

Mr. Witt also expresses their deep appreciation for the kindness and solicitation shown them, and reports that they are getting along nicely and everything is being done for their comfort.

Contest Winners To See Illinois Game

Another of the series of football contests sponsored by the Highland Park Press appears in this issue.

Winners in this contest, four in number will receive free tickets; the first two winners will receive tickets to the Northwestern Illinois game on November 9th, and the latter two, tickets to the Alcyon theatre.

Read the rules of the contest and get busy. We will enjoy having you as our guest.

The following were winners of last week's contest and the first two will be our guests to Saturday's game between Minnesota and Northwestern.

John Hall, 808 S. Linden Ave. 246
Arthur Bernardi, 221 North Ave. 250
Mrs. E. B. Low, 241 Laurel Ave. 250
Alvin S. Culver, 28 N. Sheridan Rd. 237
Arthur Bernardi, and Mrs. Low, tied for second place with scores of 250 each. Promptness in submitting answers govern the winners.

Invite Legionnaires To Armistice Service

The members of the Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary are invited to attend an Armistice Day service at Bethany church, Sunday, Nov. 10, at 11 o'clock.

Hold Party Nov. 1
A box social and scavenger hunt will be held by the Young People's Fellowship of Grace Methodist church, Friday evening, Nov. 1 at 7:30 o'clock. Anyone of high school age or over is invited to attend.

Poetry Studio Meets
The first regular meeting of the Poetry Studio will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, instead of Nov. 5th, as previously announced. The change in date was due to election.

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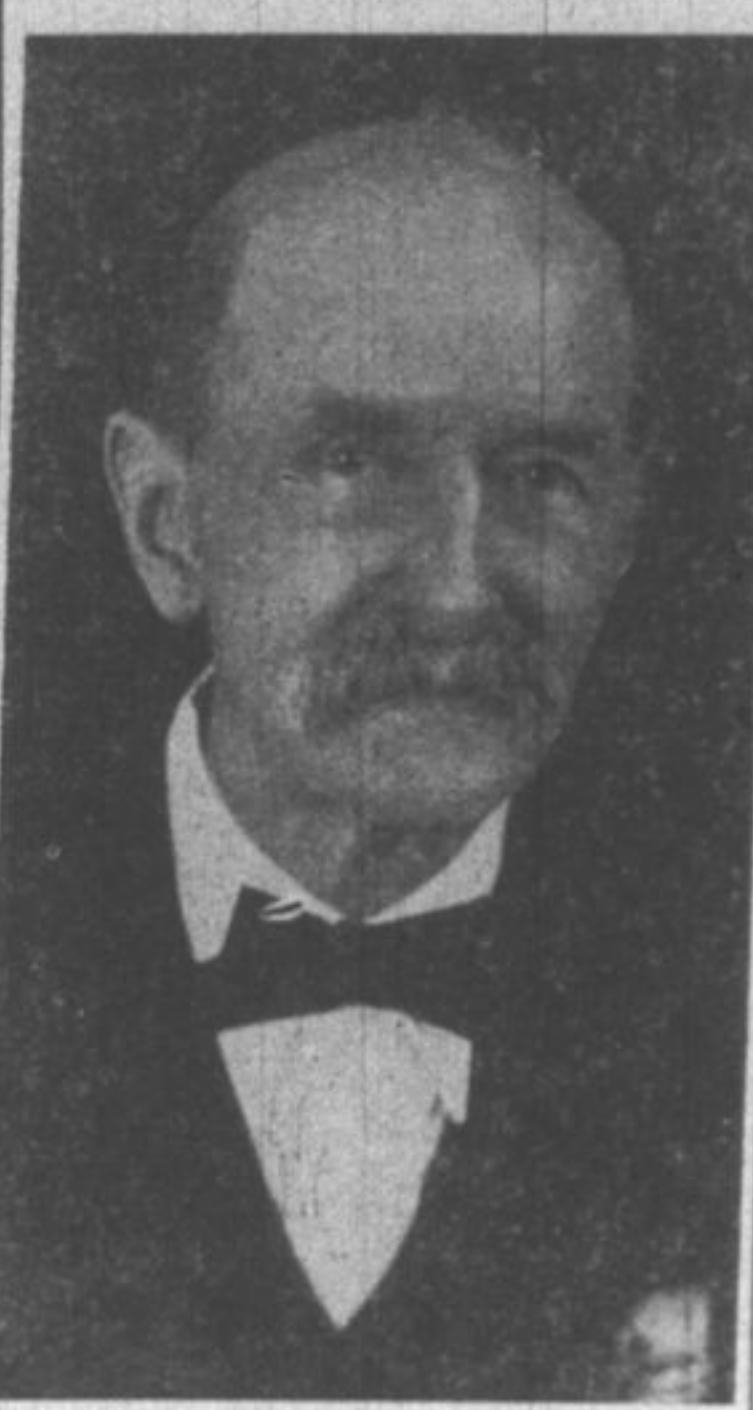
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Hospital Board Elects New Members Monday Evening

At a meeting of the Highland Park Foundation Board of Trustees Monday evening, three new and 12 present members were chosen. One-third of the board of 45 members is retired each year.

The new members are A. E. Sunstrom, Frank Selfridge and Ernest H. Volwiler. Those re-elected were R. P. Sherer, H. Earl Hoover, Donald Boynton, Mrs. George Childs, Mrs. Henry Getz, George C. Baldwin, A. G. Ballenberg, H. F. Friedlich, Samuel M. Hastings, Samuel S. Holmes, A. T. Sihler and Frederick Watkins.

Past President R. P. Sherer presided in the absence of Retiring President Roderick Macpherson.

Reports were given by Mr. Sherer representing Mr. Macpherson by Mrs. Thomas Creigh, retiring president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital; Charles Z. Henkle, treasurer of the Founda-

tion; Dr. Grover Q. Grady, head of the staff, and Miss Marjorie Tbsen, superintendent.

Mrs. George C. Baldwin was elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary. The board of trustees will meet shortly to elect a successor to Macpherson.

August Koch Will Address Men's Club

The Men's Garden club of Highland Park will have as their speaker Monday night August Koch, former chief horticulturist of the Chicago park department and Garfield Park conservatory. The meeting will be held in the Community Center, 8:15 p.m.

Organize Chess Club

Plans are being completed for the organization of a Chess club in Highland Park. The first meeting for Chess enthusiasts will be held Thursday evening, Nov. 7, at the Highland Park Community Center. All interested players are invited to attend.

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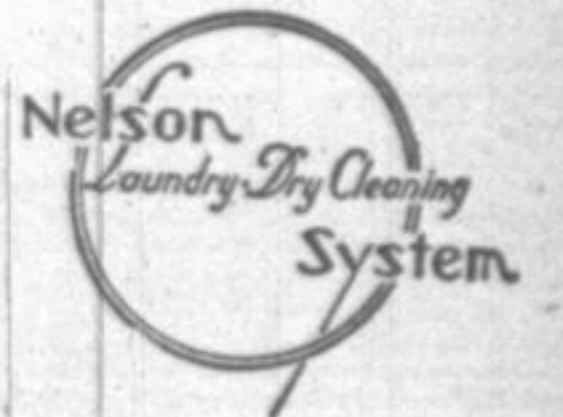
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