

City Council



Calendars

Your City Government And What It Is Doing

Accomplishments Made During Past Year; Council Considers Program for Coming Year.

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Because of lack of a quorum no regular council meeting was held this week. The members of the city council, along with the entire community put aside the cares of office and business during this period to pay homage to the Spirit of the Yuletide Season.

However, Kris Kringle himself could not quite stem the stride of civic progress. Scheduled for any early date is the dedication of the fire department's new station.

In the meantime both the city council and the community at large are looking forward to see what lies in the future.

Looking backward, much has been accomplished. The problem concerning the location of the incinerator has been solved. The building of the structure itself, in spite of labor troubles and other obstacles has progressed. The latest word from Commissioner Sharp indicates that the completed unit will be turned over to the city for operation around the 15th of January.

The sale of the old City hall and the erection of a new fire station are two additional milestones which measure progress in civic endeavor.

The greatly enhanced parking facilities throughout the business district have also been appreciated by the members of the community. Again, one might also mention the start of an efficient and decorative street lighting system for this same area.

In passing the orchids around, as Walter Winchell might say, we must not forget the police department. Under the able direction of Rex Andrews, his department is working on an accident prevention program that in the not too distant future should represent the saving of both lives and property to the community.

The administration of the city's government as a whole has been built along progressive lines. The reader must not forget the limitations put upon this administration along with its predecessors because of the lack of working capital. Money, money, money, where can we get the money? This has been the cry of the City Fathers for these many years past. There has been so much to do with so little money to do it with.

The records show that the present administration is living within its income with, perhaps, a little to spare. The question now before the council is to find ways and means of stretching this operating surplus to its fullest extent for the greatest good of the community. The funds available are not large and will not amount to a great deal for some time to come. However, the fact that the city's government is operating in the black is definitely estab-

lished and unless something unexpected shows up to upset the applecart this condition of finances should still be in force at the end of the fiscal year.

As the city gradually works itself free from the entanglements of red ink it will find itself more and more in the position of acquiring the things which now, of necessity, must be relegated to a program of the future.

The program of the future as this writer sees it, is now largely wrapped up with the Citizens Advisory committee, recently appointed by Mayor Ronan. As former Mayor Hastings pointed out at the committee's first meeting on December 16, the program as outlined by Mayor Ronan on that date is an ambitious one and one that should not be expected to be realized in its entirety for many years to come.

However, while many of the projects contained in this program take money to put into operation there are still many others whose success of being is not entirely based on the expenditure of large sums of money.

For example, take the last but decidedly not the least item in the committee's program as presented by Mayor Ronan. This project deals with the formation of a health control organization for the city. A full time health officer and perhaps an assistant does represent a tidy sum of money for a community of the size of Highland Park. However, when the advantages and protection of such a setup are weighed with the money it costs this writer is sure that it will represent funds well expended.

To date this community has been fortunate in the physical well being it has enjoyed. Recent surveys show that this city is well above the average as far as its general health is concerned. However, those close to the situation also realize that there is vast room for improvement in the health organization structure as it exists in Highland Park today.

The solution of the problem of garbage collection is another item on the committee's program that can undoubtedly be worked out without putting too great a strain on the city government's budget. There are many in the community who feel that the present system of garbage collection could be improved upon. Many newcomers in town cannot understand why they should pay for the collection of refuse. This problem is listed among the first on the committee's list for solution.

The apartment problem in A and B zoning districts, the tavern problem, and the street lighting program for residential areas are just a few of the items on the Citizens Advisory committee's program that can be tackled immediately.

Highland Park Events for Coming Week

Thursday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m. Craft guild; Chess club.

Saturday, Dec. 28, 9:30 a.m. Airplane club.

Monday, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m. Cub Parents meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 2, 7 p.m. Craft guild; 7 p.m. Chess club.

CAMERA CLUB

All adults who fill out the charter application for membership into newly formed Highland Park Camera club become members without the payment of an initiation fee. These applications must be filled out before January 1st. Get a blank at the Center.

CRAFT GUILD

Adults interested in craft activities are invited to attend the Tuesday and Thursday evening informal meetings in the Center's Craft Shop. Avery Jones will make any new members welcome.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Set aside Wednesday evening January 8th as a date to come to the Center and become a charter member of the new Table Tennis club. All devotees to this game are most welcome.

THE NEW YEAR FAIRY

Should a Good Fairy appear before you on New Year's Eve, waiving a magic wand and bidding you say, what you would have the New Year bring you, for what would you ask?

A hard question isn't it? After giving the matter serious thought, I believe I would ask for the following:

1. Good Health: To enjoy life the first essential is good health. To do good work, good health is absolutely necessary. To render service to worthy causes depends upon an abundance of energy after the regular work of the day. Yes I would put good health first.

2. A Job that fits me: Most unhappiness is caused by square pegs in round holes. Blessed is the man who loves his work, for work is life and good work is good life. In a task one likes, one finds the largest opportunity for self expression and service.

3. Friendships: One's life at his work, in his home and outside, depends upon friendships. I would ask for friends with whom I would dare to be myself, friends with ideals and aspirations, friends who would inspire me and help me to live a bigger, more worthwhile life.

4. Constructive Recreation: Body, mind and soul must be recreated frequently. Good books, music, religion, fishing, golf. I would ask for time for these things.

5. Home. Home is the center of life. A home with children, a wife who is a pal, a garden, cozy corners, pictures, an open fire; I would ask that this be preserved.

Now what would you ask for if the Good Fairy should call upon you one minute before twelve on New Years Eve?

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

These words, echoed by grateful voices in this nation, betoken mutual understanding and respect — not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year.

Our children of America hold in their hands the destiny of this country for which our forefathers bled and died. Will we remain a nation of tolerance, or become a bigoted, hate-infested people seeking to destroy the principles of religious and racial freedom upon which this country was founded?

Today we live in a world of unknown future. Race hatred and religious intolerance now sweep the dictator countries of Europe. Their hysterical hymn of hate will fall upon deaf ears if we but teach our children — tomorrow's citizens — to love one another, regardless of race or creed.

America will not suffer the poison of intolerance. Our right to worship as we see fit will not be denied us. Freedom of speech and freedom of thought are inalienable rights of every American.

"APPRECIATE AMERICA" as a nation of religious liberty the land of the free.

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Walter Hampden, the distinguished American actor, believes it is a great thing to pretend gracefully and well on the stage or in the world. "Life and the play set their limitations," he says. "They defeat little men. They challenge big ones." Don't worry because you fail to please everyone all the time. Even an angel can not do that.

Do your Christmas buying early! Only 363 days until Christmas!

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER PARTY

Sisterhood Will Annual Aff

All is ready for the Daughters party day December 30th. Sisterhood of the congregation Israel. take your choice of old-new ideas for old, as shown in playlet written for Mrs. Walter Hart. The play are appealing list of North St. their daughters.

This, the third of its kind, is going yet, and will fit happy holiday. The party was a the requests of daughters who vially set apart with their mother fellowship.

Directing the which is the pl Louis Sigel of Wi began a successf a tiny tot at H eago, and she ha since. More rece directing plays adults all over and was outstar at the Communi netka. Her nam ing, smooth-run at the Glencoe has just finished act play for the festival.

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