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## Rosenwalds Present Gift For Park Improvements

The Park District of Highland Park has been the recipient of a substantial cash donation in the form of a gift of \$25,000 from the family of the late Julius Rosenwald, formerly residents of Highland Park. This is the first time in its history that the district has received a donation of this kind.

The gift was announced to the Park District of Highland Park through a letter from Mr. Leonard Rieser, attorney for the Rosenwald family, specifying that the gift is to be used in connection with the improvement of the new Lake Front park and beach at the foot of Roger Williams avenue. Mr. Rieser's letter reads as follows:

"The children of the late Julius Rosenwald, namely Lessing J. Rosenwald, Adele R. Levy, Edith R. Stern, Marion R. Ascoli, and William Rosenwald, or the philanthropic funds and foundations established by them respectively, have authorized me to inform you that they propose to make a gift to the Park District in the aggregate amount of \$25,000, to be used toward the cost of construction, equipment and furnishing of the new bath house which you are undertaking to erect on the beach at Rosewood park, including the cost of the furniture for the deck now contemplated in your plans. It is their hope that as a result of this gift the bath house may be so built and furnished as to be most fully enjoyed by residents of the community.

"While not a condition of the gift, because otherwise guaranteed by law, it is assumed that the facilities of the park, including the bath house, will always be available to all persons in the community, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin."

With this donation, it will be possible for the board of commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park to go beyond the original plans for the beach house which had been planned for this park and provide furnishings not originally contemplated. This generous gift comes with special opportunity as sharply rising building costs would have made it necessary to produce the original scale of the park development, according to Edward M. Steele, president of the Park District of Highland Park.

As now proposed, the beach house will be a lannon stone building about 85 feet in width and 26 feet in depth set against the face of the bluff. Some protection will be furnished by the new pier, the construction of which is practically complete. The beach house will have dressing rooms for men and for women, a refreshment stand and the attractive feature of a roof deck over the entire building, a portion of which will be covered, where people may view the lake from the shade or lounge in the sun.

The new park will be given the name Rosewood Park, which is a literal translation of the Rosenwald name. This naming of the park is particularly appropriate since the property was the site of the home of the late Julius Rosenwald, whose extensive philanthropies are being carried on through the generosity of his family, and was sold to the Park District of Highland Park by his daughter, Marion R. Ascoli, at a most reasonable price for the purpose of creating the park.

The board of commissioners of the Park district have expressed to the Rosenwald family their deep appreciation for this most generous gift.

## Study Group of Women Voters to Meet Sept. 30

The foreign policy and economic welfare department of the League of Women Voters will cooperate in a study group on the "Control of Atomic Energy" at the first meeting of the year, Monday, September 30, at 1:15, at the home of Mrs. Melvin Wolens, 1519 Dean avenue. Mrs. Graydon Ellis, chairman of the foreign policy department, and Mrs. Wolens, economic welfare chairman, will lead the discussion.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the meeting and enjoy the study of this subject.

## Brief Resume of Mr. Kramer's Report on "Operations Crossroads"

(This material has been in the hands of the Highland Park Press for over two weeks, but was withheld until after his appearance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, Sept. 17.)

Mr. Kramer regrets, he states, that the effects of the atomic bomb were played down, in come quarters. A bomb which could produce the effect this one did, he declares, is no firecracker.

Andrew W. Kramer, a resident of Highland Park since 1937, managing editor of Power Plant Engineering, a publication having 20,000 subscribers consisting of important power engineers, plant executives, etc., and present at "Operations Crossroads," describes the spectacle, which he witnessed in the role of technical observer, in effect, as follows:

Imagine a ball of dazzling brilliance close to the horizon growing instantly into a semi-circle of slightly less intensity. Then a solid column of water rising 5000 feet, throwing off a white hot mass of gas and vapor 4000 feet higher—the whole mass one-half mile in diameter. The cloud of smoke, Mr. Kramer states, rose and spread rapidly, until, after 2½ minutes, it was 3800 feet wide.

At his distance of 18 miles, he felt no heat effects from the blast, and about 2 minutes later a relatively weak blast was audible; there was a slight pressure on the ear drums. The cloud rose rapidly to a height of 22,000 feet in 7 minutes, and 2 minutes later it was 38,000 feet high and 12,000 feet wide.

At first obscured by cumulous clouds, later it rose above them, dazzling white, tinged with deep red—"like a giant vanilla ice cream cone with a dash of strawberry."

The mass leaned with the wind, the red persisting for well over 30 minutes, then again becoming obscured by clouds.

### Trip to Bikini

Mr. Kramer's trip from our west coast to the Bikini atoll, situated about 170 miles east of Eniwitok and the same distance northwest of Kwajalin in the Marshall islands, was made in the amphibious force flagship, Appalachian, which was abundantly supplied with equipment capable of transmitting a minimum of 200,000 words daily to our west coast.

The 110 press representatives aboard represented a cross section of the entire American news service. About 10 more were picked up at Honolulu. The foreign press represented Australia, Canada, France, Mexico, Poland, the United Kingdom and Russia.

Bikini is formed exclusively of coral, and was selected for the experiment because of the excellent harborage afforded by the shallow lagoon. The 161 natives, prior to the evacuation, affiliated to the Polynesians, are competent navigators.

### Object of the Trip

The mission of this joint task force was (1) to determine the effect of the atomic bomb upon naval vessels for defense purposes, and (2) to afford training for the Army Air Force personnel in attack with the atomic bomb against ships, and (3) determine its effect upon army and navy installations placed aboard the target ships.

### Safety Precautions

Special protective goggles were provided for observers, to be worn for 2 minutes before and at least 1 minute after the blast. No one was allowed in the lagoon until it was declared safe by the radiological safety group. Radioactive particles present, though invisible, can do permanent injury to the bone marrow.

### Immediate Effects of Blast

After 3 days it was possible to judge, in a measure, the effect of the blast. Contrary to divided and extreme opinions, it was found to have taken a middle course. Although it did not sink the entire fleet of ships, it did a great deal of significant damage. In view of the fact that ships must have great strength to withstand the ceaseless force of the sea, it is not surprising that, exploding as it did probably 500 to 800 feet above water, it sank only 5 out of 73 vessels in the target area. However, an examination of the battleship Nevada, before and after the blast, was enormously impressive. Her mighty stack was crushed like cardboard; her bulkheads above deck were twisted and stove in. It is

## North Shore Citizens Organization Elects Nominating Committee

The nominating committee elected at an open meeting of North Shore residents on Sept. 9 at the Winnetka Community House held its first meeting on Tuesday of this week. Its members will carry out the mandate of the newly organized North Shore Citizens committee and select candidates for a governing board that will implement the purpose expressed in the preamble to the by-laws—"expose openly and combat prejudice, discrimination, intolerance or segregation in whatever form these shall appear."

The members of the nominating committee were elected after a lively discussion. Over 400 votes were cast. The temporary committee had prepared ballots containing 38 names and selected a board of judges to supervise the voting. Twelve were elected: Lester Ball, Miss Elizabeth Bredin, Judge William Campbell, Abe Fell, Matthew Gaffney, L. Julian Harris, Stanley Harris Jr., Miss Agnes Lilley, Frank McCulloch, Paul Misner, Chandler Montgomery and Austin Wyman.

One month before the election the list of candidates for the board will be published. In the meantime the temporary committee is distributing membership applications. Only registered members may vote in the November elections.

Dr. Bickham of Wilmette, chairman of the Illinois Inter-Racial commission, in a letter to Chandler Montgomery, chairman of the N. S. citizens temporary committee, commented on the vitality of this spontaneous effort of North Shore citizens to secure unity and good feeling among groups who attend different churches or belong to different races and nationalities.

## Parents of Ravinia to Be Guests of New PTA Board

The new board of the Ravinia Parent-Teacher association met for tea on Friday, Sept. 6, at the home of its president, Mrs. Elwood Hansmann to meet the new principal of the school, Ray J. Naegele, and to make plans for the coming year. Officers of the board include Mrs. Hugh Riddle, vice-president; Mrs. John Coleman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Virginia Melville, recording secretary and Mrs. Louis Behr, treasurer. Committee chairmen are Mrs. James A. Davis, Mrs. Bowen E. Schumacher, Mrs. Robert J. Christopher, Mrs. L. J. Stirling, Mrs. Alvin H. Baum, Mrs. Julian L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowen Stair, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Kraft, Mrs. John S. Wine-man, Mrs. John B. Wilbor, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. E. Craig Davidson, and Ray J. Naegele, faculty advisor.

At 7:45 on Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, the mothers and fathers of Ravinia children are invited to come for dessert and to meet Mr. Naegele and the faculty. The program for the evening will be presented by Miss Orpha White, executive secretary of the Lake Co. Tuberculosis association. Miss White will explain the tuberculosis tests that will be given to the Ravinia school children when the new mobile x-ray unit owned by the association is brought to the schools in District 108 in October.

## Royal Neighbors to Hold Bingo Party at Masonic Temple

The Royal Neighbors will hold a public bingo party Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 8:15 p.m., at the Masonic temple on Sheridan road. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Heading the entertainment committee is Cora Coke, assisted by Freide Humer and Elizabeth Dimer. The refreshment committee consists of Mabel Wilson, chairman, Flora Werner, Rose Heardt and Augusta Butler.

## Kiwansians and Ladies to Hear Talk on Glassware

On Monday, Sept. 23, Ladies' night at the Kiwanis club, to be held at Sunset club, the guest speaker will be Harold E. Christensen, buyer of glassware for Marshall Field & Co., who will speak on "Modern Trends in Glassware."

apparent that the force of the blast was so far beyond that produced by ordinary explosives that comparison becomes useless.

## Voters Must Be Registered Warns the County Clerk

### Schools of Dist. 108 Open With Enrollment Of 958 Pupils

Schools of Dist. 108 have opened this year with a slightly lower enrollment than they had at the end of the last school year. The enrollment at the opening was 958. Additional enrollment will be obtained raising these figures slightly. One of the main reasons for the drop in enrollment appears to be that the new residents of the district who purchased homes during the summer months tended to have children in the pre-school age level. Thus, while the enrollment may remain static for the next weeks, it appears that following this there will be a large increase in the lower grade enrollments. The enrollments of the four schools is: Braeside, 261; Lincoln, 266; Ravinia, 400; West Ridge, 63.

Four teachers announced previously as coming to District 108 this fall did not join the faculty for various reasons. In their places new teachers have been employed at the last moment. Mr. Kelly was replaced by Mr. W. E. Treichel, who will have middle grade physical education and upper grade science at Braeside. Mr. Treichel is a graduate of Milwaukee State Teachers college and has done advanced work at the University of Wisconsin. He was discharged from the Army in August, 1945. Mrs. Pat Foley has been employed as third grade teacher at Ravinia to replace Mrs. Caspersen. Mrs. Foley has had experience on the west coast and has worked in Highland Park during the summer for the Recreation board. Two new teachers have been employed since the beginning of the school term. To teach fourth grade at Braeside, Miss Margaret Ray has been employed. Miss Ray is a graduate of Loyola and has taught during the past two years at Downers Grove. As art teacher at Ravinia and West Ridge schools, Miss Ruth Riss has been employed. She is a graduate of Rockford college, and has been an art teacher and art supervisor in the Stretor public schools for the past five years. Miss Riss has done advanced work at the University of Colorado.

In preparation for the opening of school a series of opening teachers' meetings was held. In these meetings plans were made for the details of the opening and items involving school policy, curriculum, and the like were discussed. Mrs. Levinson, board member, welcomed the faculty on behalf of the Board of Education. On Tuesday afternoon a tea was given honoring the new teachers. Members of the Board of Education, the faculty and PTA officers were in attendance at this tea.

These opening meetings of the school served to perfect organization details for school opening and to orient new teachers to the operation of the schools.

## Mrs. H. Zischke Hostess To Inter-Faith Group

The entire membership of the local Inter-Faith group and the presidents and program chairmen of 60 local organizations have been invited to attend a tea at the home of Mrs. Herman Zischke, 100 Hazel avenue, Monday, Sept. 23, at 3. The tea is sponsored by the Inter-Faith group on behalf of the national conference of Christians and Jews to meet Dr. James M. Yard, executive director of the conference, Mrs. James Getzoff, program chairman, and Mrs. Abel Davis, recently elected president of the North Shore branch. Dr. Yard will present a brief summary of the purposes and activities of the conference. Mrs. Getzoff will explain program techniques, study group material, available speakers, literature, slides, films and other available material for programs on the subject of racial and religious understanding. Mrs. Davis will also report on the international conference which she attended in England the past summer, and will speak of the functions of the North Shore branch of the conference. The speeches will be followed by informal discussion and by an appeal for suggestions from the group present. Miss Elizabeth Bredin is president of the Inter-Faith group.

The permanent registration law provides that any elector before he will be permitted to vote must first be registered. This law applies to all elections at which state or county officers are to be nominated or elected. A person in order to register must appear in person before the proper registration officers and execute the necessary registration cards. The qualifications necessary in order to register are that he be a citizen, have resided in the state one year, in the county 90 days, precinct of his residence 30 days and be not less than 21 years of age by the date of the next election, which this year is November 5. Under this law once a person registers in the county he remains a registered voter as long as he resides in the county, however the law provides that if a registered voter after registering should move to a different residence, he must request a transfer of his registration. This must be done in writing, and only over the personal signature of the registered voter desiring the transfer. Persons who have changed their name by marriage or otherwise must authorize the cancellation of their previous registration and register ANEW. The above requirements are applicable to all civilians excepting those released less than 60 days from the armed services by the date of election and all persons in the armed forces on election day. Jay B. Morse, county clerk, for the convenience of electors, has appointed deputy registrars in all of the townships in Lake county, in addition to the permanent registration office at the court house. All persons who find it inconvenient to come to the court house in Waukegan, may register or if registered and have moved, request a transfer of their registration at the nearest convenient registration office, which in Deerfield township are W. W. Steele, 394 Central avenue, Highland Park, and Clara Bernardi, city hall, Highwood. Also, Irene A. Rockenbach, town hall, in the village of Deerfield, for West Deerfield township. New registrations and transfers of registration may be executed any day except Sundays until October 7 as that is the last day for those offices to be open before the November election.

## Nursery School Opens Soon

A group of 12 pre school children will be enrolled in the nursery school which is coordinated with the home making course at the Highland Park high school. The nursery school will open Oct. 7 and will extend through May 29th.

The nursery school program will be in session from 9:30 a.m. until 12:25 p.m. and will include the child's complete dinner. The children's activities will include both outdoor and indoor play with a wide variety of equipment and creative materials. Organized group activities of stories and music, bathroom and resting periods, and the luncheon period will comprise the child's nursery school day. After luncheon children will be prepared to go home with their parents.

The nursery school unit is an important feature of the new home making course in the Highland Park high school. This unit is provided to give girls who take the course practical and supervised training and experience in the management of young children. Only upper classmen are enrolled in the home making course and these girls will be carefully supervised by a trained director while they serve as assistants in the nursery school.

Application blanks and further information concerning the school will be sent upon request by telephoning the Highland Park high school, H. P. 4300.

## OFF FOR ALASKA

Ten days ago Martin Victor Jr., of 1300 Edgewood road, accompanied by Jim Bowles, and Bud Piper of Deerfield, left for Alaska, where Mr. Victor plans to set up a factory at Juneau.

Mr. Bowles is an apprentice furrier and Mr. Piper plans to remain in Fairbanks, where he will attend school. Mr. Victor will return the first week in October.

## Redeemer Guild Marks Golden Jubilee

The guild of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church, 587 Central, will celebrate its Golden Jubilee Sept. 29 with a full day of activities. During the morning worship at 10:45, Rev. John Baumgaertner of Capitol Drive Lutheran church, Milwaukee, will deliver the sermon. The church choir will sing selections appropriate to the 50th anniversary. In the afternoon, at 4, Erwin G. Becker, organist of St. Johns Ev. Luth. church, and principal of St. Johns parochial school, will offer an organ recital with the church choir assisting.

A buffet supper will then be served by the Dorcas society. Rev. John Baumgaertner, guest speaker, is a grandson of Rev. Heinrich Wunder, D.D., who was responsible for the early growth of Lutheran missions and churches in Chicagoland, and also a founder of the local congregation. The father of the guest speaker delivered the Christmas sermon in 1897, and on other occasions. Mrs. George Scheuchenflug is a granddaughter of Dr. Wunder, and sister of the guest speaker.

The early history of the Redeemer guild is interesting. Organized Sept. 20, 1896, the first officers were: Mrs. Christ Staebing, president; Mrs. J. Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. F. Arnswalt, secretary, and Mrs. Minnie Quadt, treasurer. Originally there were 26 members. Mrs. Anna Ohlwein and Mrs. Minnie Quadt continue as charter members today. The income for the first year amounted to \$6.30. The constitution of the organization set the purpose as that of reducing the church debt, beautifying the church, and producing fruitfulness worthy of Christian faith. The ladies took turns cleaning the church every week, and once a month scrubbed it on their own knees. They cleaned and polished all kerosene lamps. Inasmuch as the pastor's salary was very small, the membership made it a practice to take turns inviting the pastor and his family for meals regularly. A new teacher or pastor was taken into the homes of the members for weeks and months at a time. Dues for the membership were fixed at either 5 cents or 10 cents monthly, depending upon the circumstances of the donor.

## Dedicate Addition to Macon Sanitarium Sunday, Sept. 22

The dedication of the new addition to the Macon sanitarium of the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois will be held Sunday, Sept. 22, at 2:30 at Macon.

Mrs. Frances Bergschneider of Peoria is chairman of the program and the principal speaker will be Mrs. Johanna A. Thompson, worthy grand matron of the Eastern Star of Illinois.

This addition, built at a cost of \$75,000, consists of 12 rooms and a solarium, and will increase the capacity of the sanitarium to 80 patients. Members of the Order suffering from incurable conditions are admitted to this institution, and are taken care of for life.

An important part of the program will be a pageant depicting the history of the Macon institution since it was founded in 1897.

The grand officers of the Order will also participate in the dedication ceremonies.

## Community Center To Resume Activities

Activities at the Community center will be resumed in full force on Sept. 16, and the swing of events promises to be even greater than in the past year.

The place has been freshly decorated, and reservations are being taken for outside clubs and organizations which meet at the center.

## Veterans and Guests of VFW Dance Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) there will be a meeting of the veterans of VFW at Elks hall. A free dance from 9 to 12, with music furnished by the Dave Conrad orchestra, will be staged. A business meeting will be held from 8 to 8:30.

All members and guests invited.

Homecoming Day, Sat., Sept. 21