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Our Mayoral Candidates

With two splendidly qualified men in line for the office of mayor, citizens of Highland Park are faced with an embarrassment of riches in the coming election.

If you are still undecided about casting that vote, you will find help in Whitt Schultz' column on page 2 of this issue, where appears a photograph of each candidate with a thumb-nail sketch of his life and a picture of his qualifications for the office of mayor.

Library Drive Starts Tuesday

James T. MacMurchy, chairman of the membership committee of the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library, told the Press this week that an intensive drive for memberships will begin next Tuesday, April 1.

Every home in Highland Park will be visited. Citizens will be asked to join the "Friends" thereby aiding the library, now in urgent need of funds for support.

Individual memberships are \$1. Family memberships are \$5. Children may join for 25 cents. Members will not only aid the library, but will be entitled to lectures, courses on great books and musical appreciation programs.

Funds raised will be used for books and library maintenance principally. Increased taxes — amounting to only 80 cents on \$1,000 — will support the library in 1948, it is believed.

Selected this week to serve on the Friends' executive board of 21 was Mr. Ed. A. Menke.

The Hospital Drive

The Highland Park hospital is doing an excellent publicity job in its current drive to raise funds for a series of much-needed expansion and improvement.

Such drives would be easier, not only for the hospital, but for any other local organization, if the organization adopted and carried out a continuing publicity program. Too often, because of the press of multitudinous other duties, lack of appreciation of what cumulative publicity can do, or, sometimes, plain inertia, organizations let their publicity slide until such time as an immediate problem highlights the need for publicity. The result is that most of the good work done by the organization is known only to the few who have provided it or have benefited from it. A sustained program would make any such job much easier.

The Political Scene

Election fans have plenty to occupy their attention these days. Highland Park is about to elect a set of new officials, the Park Board will elect two commissioners, candidates are seeking the offices of supervisor and assistant supervisor in the township balloting, and Highland will shortly elect four aldermen.

Thus far, none of the campaigns have aroused unusual interest among any but those more or less directly concerned.

Which brings to mind the fact that none of the Highland Park candidates has had anything to say about appointments. It would appear that either they plan to make no changes of any moment, or that they prefer to let sleeping dogs lie.

New Vehicle Tags

Chief of Police Rex Andrews has set April as the "absolute deadline" for purchasing Highland Park city vehicle tags. We note that the city has gone back to the metal tag which must be bolted to the state license plate instead of the paper sticker type which is affixed to the windshield.

Still Another Election

Voters of School Township 43 (some of them) will go to the polls April 12, to choose a trustee to fill the vacancy to be left by Herbert Lautmann, whose term expires this year and who is not a candidate for reelection.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Emergencies attended	20	208
Babies delivered	11	114
Operations performed	22	212
X-ray examinations	84	974
Laboratory examinations	290	3181

Women Voters to Explain "How The Wheels Go 'Round'"

"How the Wheels Go 'Round'" will be the subject for the discussion at the meeting of the Evening group, League of Women Voters, on Tuesday, April 1. The group gathers in the library, historical room at 8 o'clock, 380 Laurel. This will be the last monthly group meeting for this year.

In January a pamphlet, which is a simply worded and clearly organized primer of economics, was mailed to each member of the Highland Park league. It presents step by step the economic theories underlying the "free enterprise" system. Members have been urged to read this pamphlet which will form the basis of the discussion.

Miss Loraine Sinkler, social studies teacher at Ravinia school, is the leader of the discussions for the Evening group. Anyone may attend to listen or to participate.

Used Books for Sale At Elm Place School

This year in a separate part from the regular book fair at Elm Place school you can choose your second hand books at your leisure. On Monday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 1st, between 3 and 5 both days, will find a large and diversified group of used books in Miss Turpin's room at Elm Place.

There will be books for adults as well as for children and it will prove an adventure as well as a means of getting many excellent books at very reasonable prices.

The home room having the greatest number of books brought in will win a prize. Every child and mother contributing is requested to send or bring the books to the home room first, for counting.

Bring them as soon as possible and be sure to have them on hand Monday-morning.

Largest District Music Contest to Start Saturday

The largest district music contest that has ever been held, according to Mr. Harold N. Finch, chairman of the music contest, will take place in Highland Park, beginning next Saturday.

Because of the large number of students attending, the contest will be held in the auditorium, high school music room, English club room, core room, Elm Place school auditorium, Elm Place school music room, E216 and E310. In order to have the contest run smoothly, some member of the faculty will assist. Members of the student council will act as guides and messengers.

The contest, entries for which now amount to over 4553, will be held at the High school on Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, Apr. 19.

There are now 164 contestants on band instruments, 74 contestants on orchestra instruments, and 96 vocal soloists. Seventy-nine students have entered the band ensembles; 19, orchestra, and 21 vocal ensemble contestants.

All districts of the state of Illinois will hold their respective contests on that same day. First place winners will then go to the state contest on May 9 and 10.

These contests are under the direction of the Illinois State High School Music association.

Morgan Playground Project Purposes

The purpose of the Morgan Playground project, a movement under way to improve the Morgan playground opposite Elm Place school on Sheridan road, is to insure adequate facilities for outdoor recreation and supervised athletic activities for growing children in weather of all kinds — summer and winter.

Needs of Playground
Owned by the Elm Place school, the Morgan playground is gravely in need of improvement. Grading, surfacing, backfilling, top soil, fences; fields for football, hockey, baseball and soccer; courts for tennis and basketball; track facilities; skating pond and warming house; lighting and wet-weather facilities — these improvements are necessary to fill the needs of the Morgan playground.

Funds Must Be Raised
The cost of this job, about \$17,500, cannot be covered by taxes because of every dollar of tax money is earmarked for other purposes. It cannot be met by the recent \$100,000 bond issue, because that money may be used lawfully only for such purposes as constructing a gymnasium, maintaining the heating system of the school building, maintaining adequate roofing and proper lighting, etc.

Importance of Project
It is obviously in the interest of ALL that the school children have healthful and beneficial supervised athletic activities. It is insurance against mischief. It is essential training for our CITIZENS OF TOMORROW, who will soon assume leadership in the community.

A One-Time Gift
Generous contributions are in order for this project, as it is a one-time gift. Legal advice gives the assurance that amounts contributed to this project may be deducted from the income tax.

When Do We Start?
This depends on YOU. Just as soon as funds are available the construction will start, and will proceed in a step-by-step manner in direct relation to the amount of funds collected.

Highland Park Boxers Prepare for Tournament

Completing one of the most successful seasons of boxing Highland Park Boys Boxing club has ever had, they are now training for the 10th district American Legion championship tournament to be held April 7 and 9 at Lake Forest Y.M.C. and the finals at the Grant township high school at Fox Lake.

"King Of Kings" to be Shown at St. John's Church

The undying movie, "The King of Kings," will be shown at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:45 pm. Dr. Felix B. Peck, director of church extension, of Chicago, will present the film at the local church as one of the features of its Holy Week services.

HOLD ANNUAL HOBBY SHOW APRIL 26

The annual Rotary Club Hobby show for Highland Park boys and girls will be held Saturday, April 26, at the Community center.

As in past years there will be awards for outstanding exhibits. The plaque award for percentage of participation last year became the permanent possession of West Ridge school so a new one will be started in competition this year. There will be separate divisions for elementary and high school pupils, and a new innovation — competition between local cub scout dens and boy scout troops. Hobbies which win special awards will be exhibited in the Public Service display window for the week following the show.

Two years ago the Eiffel Tower built of toothpicks by Peter Ohlwein, won national recognition after receiving an award in the Rotary Hobby show. Pictures of it were carried by magazines and newspapers throughout the country.

General chairman of the show is Rex Andrews, chairman of the Rotary Youth Service committee. He will be assisted by other members of the committee — L. C. Nusser, George Boardman, L. B. Sinclair, E. C. Reichert, E. C. Schweitzer, Elmer Skidmore, A. E. Wolters, and George Scheuchenflog. Judges will be J. P. O'Connell, V. C. Musser, Roy Olson, C. V. Nichols, Harold Nelson, Clifford Moran, W. E. Meierhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gsell and Mrs. E. C. Reichert.

VFW Auxiliary Essay Contest Ends April 1

The 12th national essay contest of the Ladies' auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars will end at midnight next Tuesday, Apr. 1. At that time all essays must be in the possession of the local contest chairman, Mrs. Earling Zaeske. The essays, written on the subject, "The Home — Cradle of Good Citizenship," must not exceed 1000 words in length. Students regularly enrolled in any high school, public, private or parochial, maintaining their class work at the time of writing the essay, are eligible to compete. Essays will be judged on literary construction, interpretative views and patriotic inspiration. Students in all local high schools are in possession of pamphlets stating complete rules.

The national headquarters of the Ladies' auxiliary will provide these national awards:

- 1st prize — \$1,000 cash and gold medal.
- 2nd prize — \$500 cash and gold medal.
- 3rd prize — \$250 cash and gold medal.
- 4th prize — \$100 cash and gold medal.

Consolation awards: Ten prizes of \$10 each and \$10 prizes of \$5 each.

There will also be a local award of a \$25 war bond.

Judges of the local essays are as follows:
Mayor Garnett, Mr. Stewart and Miss Rinkenberger of the high school, R. B. Olson, editor of The Highland Park Press, and one representative, (to be chosen) from the local VFW auxiliary.

Women of the Moose Gal in Calico

Women of the Moose will hold a barn dance on April 12, at 9 pm in Masonic temple. Ladies are required to wear calico or gingham. Refreshments will be served.

Pot Luck Supper
On April 16, at 9:30, the Women of the Moose will entertain the LOOM members at a pot luck supper, to be held at Witten hall. There will be dancing and other entertainment.

Judge Hansen Speaks
Last Wednesday evening Vernah Sjoberg, social service chairman, introduced Judge Henry Hansen, who spoke on social service. A violin solo was given by Rosemary Holm, accompanied by Vernah Sjoberg.

No. Shore Citizens To Meet March 31

The next regular bi-monthly meeting of the North Shore Citizens committee will be held on Monday, March 31, at 8 pm, at the Winnetka Community house, Winnetka. A nominating committee will be elected whose duty it will be to choose candidates for the board of directors. Meeting is open to the public.

Vote On Sale Of Deerfield Avenue Park April First

Collectors Group to Hear Mr. Sidney Teller

On April 1, the collectors study group, Mrs. Theodore L. Osborne, chairman, will hear Mr. Sidney Teller recount "Tales of a Collector in Search of His Hobby."

The hobby is collecting ornaments and utensils, full size and miniature, hand fashioned from brass and copper.

Mr. Teller's interest in such things dates back over 30 years, when he saw for sale in the window of a Yugoslav immigrant's new home in America, a small collection of miniature household utensils, proceeds from the sale to provide this housewife with shiny new American tinware—probably from the dime store.

Since this small beginning, here in Chicago, Mr. Teller's search has been world wide. The collection, numbering over 2,000 pieces, includes such interesting objects as an Egyptian water carrier, a huge pitcher as tall as a man; a heavily ornamented brass tea kettle which once belonged to Marie Antoinette; and a brass miracle bowl, an ancient receptacle used by Hindu priests.

An important part of the Teller collection is a group of over 200 brass and copper miniature animals. In addition to the animal figures, there are about 500 other brass objects, ranging from tiny household articles to Chinese and African dolls.

Mr. Teller has an impressive write up in "Who's Who in America," in which he has been included since 1930.

Luncheon and Book Review

At noon, Mrs. Garfield Day and her committee will serve luncheon. At 12:45 Mrs. Frederick O. Toof, book review chairman, will present Mrs. Milton Youngren of Glencoe, who will review Louise Field Cooper's newest book, "Summer Stranger." Fanny Butcher in the Chicago Tribune, calls this a "deceptively simple tale" and "subtle, keen satire." She tells us that "the book's greatest brilliance and charm lie in its characterizations . . ."

Mrs. Youngren is very well known to club audiences.

City "Islands" to be Landscaped

A program which has just recently been developed by Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Oliver S. Turner for the planting of trees and lawns in the numerous "islands" owned by the city in various sections of the community, will add much to the attractiveness and beauty of Highland Park's streets.

Commissioner Turner reports that the plan has been developed over a period of several months and that detailed sketches have been completed by Marshall Johnson, a prominent Highland Park landscape architect. It contemplates a different treatment for individual types of "islands" with numerous varieties of trees and planting arrangements being utilized.

"This will not only improve the appearance of the city's streets," said Commissioner Turner, "but it will also be free from the objections of traffic and safety hazards."

The work will progress as rapidly as possible through cooperation extended by Edward J. Brown, superintendent of parks, and Andrew C. Beck, of the department of streets and public improvements.

Lions to Hear From Lady from Edinburgh

Thursday evening (tonight) is Ladies' Night at the Lions club. The guest of the evening will be Miss Irene Cruickshank, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who will tell about her native country and illustrate her talk with slides.

Miss Cruickshank is exchanging posts this year with Miss Laura Deerinck of Elm Place faculty. Miss Deerinck is at this time in Scotland.

Miss Cruickshank is sponsored by Bert Greens.

At a park district election on Tuesday, April 1, the voters of Highland Park will decide whether or not "Deerfield Park" shall be sold. This property on Deerfield avenue, a few hundred feet west of Green Bay, originally contained 6 2/3 acres. Several months ago the park board sold one acre of the tract to the Immaculate Conception church, to use for off-street parking. Most of that one acre was in the rear of the Catholic school building.

More recently, the park board, after a public notice and public offering, leased the balance of the tract to the church for 15 years. The proposed sale will be, of course, made subject to that lease. The remaining 5 2/3 acres, if the voters approve, will be sold according to procedure specified by the laws of Illinois relating to the sale of park property. The park board has for a long time been desirous of disposing of the tract because of its undesirable location and topography, and its proximity to Lincoln and Sunset parks.

The report of Harland Bartholomew and Associates employed by the city of Highland Park to assist in the preparation of the amended zoning ordinance and official city plan recommended that Deerfield park be abandoned. Investigation shows that the land in question has never been developed or used as a park. It was given to the park district many years ago.

The authorities of the Immaculate Conception church have shown an interest in the acquisition of the entire piece of property. Some of the parishioners feel that the land could well be used in the development program to provide off-street parking (an important feature of the new zoning ordinance and the proposed city plan), athletic field and playground, and to afford a desirable area and setting for new buildings.

The park board had the property appraised by three disinterested realtors. The board expects to reject any bid which does not meet the appraised value.

The statute provides the manner in which the proceeds of the property may be used. They would probably be applied to the reduction of the debt of the park district.

"Chalk-Talk" Bergstrom Guest Artist at Lincoln

Mr. C. J. Bergstrom, better known as Chalk-Talk Maestro Bergstrom will be guest artist on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, in the Lincoln school auditorium, during the regular assembly period at 1:30, when he will take the children and parents on a "travel in his paint box."

A Chicago artist, traveling for many years throughout the West, he produces in color in his chalk-talks scenic beauty spots through that section, making running comments as he works. His permanent murals may be seen in the Chicago and North Western and La Salle street rail stations, as well as in the Fair store in Chicago.

The Lincoln school PTA extends a cordial invitation to everyone.

Woman's Club to Hold Rummage Sale

On April 10, the finance committee of the Highland Park Woman's club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Archibald Abercromby will sponsor a rummage sale. The sale will be held in the club basement. Doors open from 9 to 4. Members are bringing an attractive variety of wearables and household articles for thrift-minded customers. Don't forget the date, April 10.

Legion Auxiliary Luncheon: Change in Date of Meeting

The Highland Park Legion auxiliary, unit No. 145, will hold its next meeting April 2 at the Highland House, 23 N. Sheridan, with luncheon at 12:30. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. C. Junl, H. P. 2592, and must be made by Monday, March 31. Attention is called to a change in the date of the meeting.