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**DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY**

were appointed to work out a scheme and report at the next meeting.

The Defense Council will welcome any suggestions at any time where by the effectiveness of the work can be improved. Please remember the Council is a Clearing House for all War Activities and belongs to the people of Highland Park. It is every ones duty to help. The Council meets regularly at the City Hall every Tuesday night at eight o'clock.

**Patriotic Food Grower's Report**  
To the Defense Council of Highland Park:

The Committee which has had charge of promoting small gardens in Highland Park, under the name of "Patriotic Food Grower's Association" respectfully submits to the Defense Council the following report covering the season:

The work of the Committee consisted of obtaining permits for the use of vacant ground, plowing and preparing it for planting, allotting the same to individuals for cultivation and conducting a community garden in which navy beans were planted. Owing to the late cold Spring, all planting was greatly delayed, but practically all of the ground which was acquired and prepared for use was put under cultivation.

The work was financed by procuring a loan from the Highland Park State Bank for the sum of \$450.00 and from contributions aggregating \$379.50, making a total of \$829.50. Twenty-three lots located in all parts of the City, running from ten acres down to a single city lot, were prepared for cultivation, at a cost of \$337.84 and allotted to individual gardeners in lots averaging 75x150 feet. None of these individuals had other gardens of their own, and therefore the products derived from these gardens were in addition to the normal production. This, however, was not the only beneficial result of the campaign, for there was a large increase in the number of private gardens and old established gardens were cultivated more intensely.

An attempt was made to conduct a community garden by voluntary labor, but it did not prove altogether successful and it was necessary to employ considerable labor at different times in order to save the crop of beans. The plowing of this garden was donated. The seed beans cost \$120.79 and the labor for cultivation cost \$169.73, making a total outlay of \$314.52. We harvested approximately 25 bushels of beans, which at 16c per pound are worth \$240.00. Those beans we are offering for sale at 35c per quart, which price is somewhat in advance of the valuation given above and will return \$250.00 if all are sold at that price.

The Committee has on deposit in the Bank in the name of Mr. Anson Morgan, who acted as its Treasurer, the sum of \$171.14. The loan from the Bank of \$450.00 is still outstanding, which leaves a deficit of \$378.86, which will be wiped out as soon as the beans on hand are disposed of.

The Committee suggests that the Council assume and pay the balance of the indebtedness due the Bank, for which it will be reimbursed from the sale of the beans, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Treasurer of the Council from time to time as the same are disposed of.

In addition to the cash donations which are shown by the attached statement, labor was donated by a large number of the citizens and a large amount of the plowing was done by a tractor furnished by the Albaugh-Dover Company of Chicago.

To the Committee the season's work has been highly gratifying. The work in Highland Park was an infinitesimal part of a national campaign. The result throughout the country has been marvelous and beyond all expectations.

The campaign is already on for next year for more gardens, more and better crops, and still greater conservation of products for winter use. Our duty is plainly before us. The need is greater than ever. The result of next year's work must measure up to the requirements.

Your committee recommends and urges the most liberal support and cooperation of the Council in this work of encouraging the small garden. Every available vacant lot suitable for cropping should be put under cultivation. From our experience of the past season, we believe that community gardening is not advisable. All efforts should be directed toward increasing gardens cultivated by individuals, who are to have the crop for their own use or sale. We believe this can best be accomplished by the Council obtaining the use of the ground, preparing it for the crop, and allotting it to individuals for planting. This will entail an expenditure from which no direct return will be received, but the value of the addition to the community's and consequently the Nation's stock of food will surely be many times the expenditure. Under authority already given by the Council, plowing is being done, and your Committee has under way a survey of vacant

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With the help of the enrollment list printed in last week's issue of the Highland Park Press, the Elm Place school has begun a list showing the names of all the men in the service Highland Park Press, to the Elm Place

lots available for gardens and to obtaining the necessary permits for their use.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank L. Cheney.

**PARENTS AND TEACHERS**

Mr. S. J. Ducan Clark, War News Editor of the Chicago Evening Post, spoke under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association, South Division, to a large audience at the Lincoln School, Tuesday evening. He took as his subject, the European War, giving a very interesting and instructive talk, using lantern slides to illustrate his subject. He showed with maps of the various countries at war, the positions and lines held by the contending armies at various times since the war and at present. The railroads, rivers, canals, their base of operation, with coveted positions that are held by one or the other of the contending armies, which are continually being fought for to attain, and of what strategic importance they are. On the whole his talk cleared up many a misconception as to certain phases of the war, giving a new view of the situation. In closing he said we must win this war, and that every one must place personal gain and comforts secondary, and all work to that end.

Dr. Samuel H. Newhall of the Deerfield-Shields High School sang several solos.

Mr. Carl H. Booth led in the Patriotic singing.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Elm Place, Lincoln and Ravinia schools jointly, will entertain the Jolly Tars at Waukegan, week end later part of December, or first part of January, 1918. Definite announcement as to time will be made later.

The association will appreciate if any not members will support this work by giving in the way of food and refreshments for this entertainment, of which, advise with either Mrs. Robert E. Seyfarth, Mrs. George Green, Mrs. N. Crandall, Mrs. R. J. Beatty, Mrs. Ferd de Anguera, and Mrs. S. F. Knox.

**H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Highland Park Woman's Club met at Witten Hall last Tuesday at two thirty. Reports were given by Mrs. Robert E. Seyfarth and Mrs. Harry E. Barrackman of the State Federation session held last month at Sinai Temple.

Mrs. Martin R. Mavor pleased her audience greatly with two groups at the piano, Miss Grace Ethelwin Cody's charming paper was excellent in the fine ideas she brought on "What do Our Children Read" and the delightful manner in which she read it.

The next meeting of the club will be the annual children's party, December twenty seventh at two thirty o'clock at Witten Hall.

Mrs. Alice Blanche Wellington and her daughters Ellen and Marcella will entertain the little people with reading and dancing. Children of members are privileged to bring their friends.

The Woman's Club stand for the sale of Red Cross seals is located in the Post Office.

**OSOLI CLUB**

Next Tuesday afternoon at two thirty o'clock the next meeting of the Osoli club will take place. "Poetry and Warfare" by Rupert Brooke, Robert W. Service and Alan Seeger, will be discussed by Mr. Franklin B. Snyder. This is the third of a series of most interesting talks given by Mr. Snyder.

**EBENEZER EVANGELICAL**

The services for next Sunday will be held as follows:  
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.  
The lesson is found in Neh. VIII. Ezra and Nehemiah teach the Law. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Evening Worship, 7:45 p. m.  
The pastor will preach at both services.

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