

TWO HIGHLAND PARK BOYS DIE IN SERVICE

VICTIMS OF PNEUMONIA

Edwin Benson, Serving with the Marines in France; Barnes Bertness Stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Two more gold stars have been added to Highland Park's service flag making a total of seven. These two new ones represent the lives of Edwin Benson and Barnes Melville Bertness, both victims of pneumonia.

Last Friday morning a telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. August Benson of 116 South Green Bay Road, informing them of the death their son, Private Edwin Bernard Benson, which occurred Sept. 19th in France as the result of bronchial pneumonia.



Edwin Benson

Edwin Benson was born August 15, 1896 in Highland Park and was twenty-two years of age at the time of their son, Private Edwin Bernard three years spent in Holton, Mich., he has made his home here all his life. He was a student at Elm Place Grammar school, but completed his education at Holton, Mich. When the family returned to Highland Park Edwin entered the Metropolitan Business College. After completing his course there he entered the employ of the Farewell Company, working as traveling salesman. Later he was employed by the Harder Hardware company. On May 28th he enlisted with the Marines at Paris Island and, after three months, he was sent to France where he was a member of Company C, Third Separate Battalion, First Casualty Regiment, U. S. Marines.

The news of the death of this young man who so willingly gave his life for the service of his country, came as a shock to his many friends and relatives.

Edwin was a member of the Mystic Workers, of the Swedish Luther League, and was also a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Besides a mother and father he leaves to mourn his death a brother. Continued on Page 5

EXMOOR EMERGENCY HOSPITAL CLOSED MON.

Last of Patients Removed. A Statement of Moneys Received and Disbursed to Appear Later

The last of the patients at the Exmoor Emergency Hospital were removed to their homes Monday and the Emergency Hospital closed. On account of the approaching cold weather it has been decided to use visiting nurses in homes where the epidemic still continues, or may in the future appear.

In order that the Exmoor Club building and its furnishings may be returned to its members in as good condition as when it was received, the Board of Managers of the Emergency Hospital have instructed Mrs. Mackin to destroy, replace, or to renovate all bedding and other furnishings to whatever extent she may deem necessary, and present the bill to them for payment. All fuel, light, food, etc., and salaries of the Exmoor staff during the period of occupancy were paid by the Committee in charge of the Emergency Hospital. A complete statement of money received and disbursement will be published later.

RESCIND ORDER TO HOLD PUBLIC GATHERINGS

Highland Park Practically Free from "Flu" Epidemic, but Will Observe State Order

No sooner had announcement been made of the lifting of the quarantine for Highland Park last week when the local board of health, responsive to the recommendation of the state board of health, revoked the order. At that time it was generally anticipated that the order for resuming of public activities of all kinds would go into effect on the following Sunday, but now a state-wide blanket order has subsequently gone into effect which puts the ban on churches, theatres, moving picture houses, and schools, exception only being made in the case of those schools which are immediately under the surveillance of medical skill—a proviso which exempts the Chicago public schools.

In a bulletin issued at Springfield on October 15th, a canvass of the state shows 277 towns to be suffering from the epidemic, 55,725 cases in the state of which 17,943 are in Chicago. Deaths in Chicago up to that period being 2264 in number.

Highland Park, according to a statement of the local health authorities, is practically free from the "flu" epidemic. Except for a few light cases and a possible addition of two or three a day, also in light form, the influenza, as far as Highland Park is concerned, has run its course; in fact, it was at an end a week ago, according to a statement of the board.

Highland Park, however, will remain closed in respect to all activities of public institutions under the general order of the state board of health.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM MRS. L. M. BERGEN

Writer Desires to Know Reasons for The Removal of the Local Post Office

The following letter was received at the Press office October 2nd, too late for publication in our issue of the third. Owing to the enormous pressure of the recent epidemic, it was also omitted from our last week's issue.

October 2nd, 1918.

To the Editor of the Press:

Will you please tell me if anything more has been done in the matter of changing the post-office from the East to the West side of the railroad? The majority of the box-holders and particularly those who rent lock-boxes and get their mail Sundays as well as week-days are residents of the east side; and it seems to me they should have the preference as to where the postoffice is located. Isn't the present location, a good one? People going to and from business will find it much more inconvenient to get their mail if the office is on the west side. Will you kindly publish in your next week's paper just what the object is in moving the Post-office.

AGNES A. BERGEN.

Editor's Note—In another column of this issue we publish a news item concerning the removal of the post office and the government's reasons for making the selection.

DEERFIELD SHIELDS DEFEATS THORNTON 23-0

Game Played on Home Grounds Last Saturday. Deerfield to Meet New Trier Saturday P. M.

Deerfield opened its grid schedule last Saturday afternoon by blanketing Thornton 23 to 0. During the first quarter it seemed as if the teams were evenly matched as no scores were made by either side. In the second period the Thorntons fumbled on their own goal line and Kimball turned the fumble into a touchdown for Deerfield by falling on the ball after it had rolled over the line. A few minutes later Kimball again displayed some sterling football by kicking a forty-two yard drop kick. This seemed to take the fight out of Thornton and the rest was comparatively easy. In the third quarter Morgan made another touchdown for the (Continued on Page Five)

"CANNING" SEASON NOW HERE

These ALLIES are MAKING a BUM of me



The FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

We are nearing the hour of victory. The allied armies are pressing on. At every moment of the day or night, while we go about the pursuit of our activities, our boys are pressing on—pressing on. We glory in their victory. We have feared any possibility of an armistice with the foe, and, as a nation, we have said so in no unmistakable terms. We have demanded that those fighting armies be not denied the fruits of victory in this the very hour of its fulfillment. And now they are pushing on with even a greater zeal, and we breathe once more.

But now that the shouting is over for the time being, what are we going to do about the loan? Are we going to back our enthusiasm with our dollars? In a recent speech in Chicago Mr. McAdoo said: "Every idle dollar in America is fighting for the Kaiser; that is just as true as it is that two million of our men have gone over there to lick the Kaiser. An idle dollar is a 'hoarded dollar,' or a dollar spent for some luxury we do not need. The only dollars which are not idle are those which have directly enlisted in the cause of the government."

Governor Lowden says: "Take a lesson from our soldiers. The mere fact that peace has been mentioned, instead of discouraging this loan, should encourage us to move forward with new vigor. Let me learn from the attitude of the boys in the battle line. "When peace was first whispered to them their answer was a renewed charge all along the front, and if they were not seduced to lesser efforts, where their lives were in peril by this promise of possibility of peace, how should we at home relax our efforts in the slightest degree?"

And what will those boys at the front think of the people of their nation at home if we fail to "match bonds with victories" in this their hour of greatest fulfillment and greatest need?

DETENTION HOME PLAN PLACED ON BALLOT

Passage of Proposition to Permit Better Handling of Dependent and Delinquent Children

As the result of the presentation to County Judge Persons of a petition containing several thousand names, Lake county residents will be privileged at the election in November to vote on the proposition of establishing a detention home at Waukegan for dependent and delinquent children.

Immediately upon receiving the petition Judge Persons entered the necessary order which places the proposition on the ballot.

There are no definite plans as to just what kind of a home is to be established but will be left up to the board of supervisors if the measure is passed. The course for the board to take is to provide an appropriation for the purpose and then investigate to determine whether the facilities of the present detention home conducted by Miss Ida Himelreich at Waukegan should be enlarged or whether a new home should be constructed.

Juvenile work in Waukegan and Lake County has increased during the last two or three years until there is such a volume of it that one whole day, Saturday, is devoted to this class of cases alone. Often it is necessary to devote even more time to the work.

The biggest difficulty has been encountered through the lack of a pro- (Continued on Page Five)

\$200,000 SUBWAY AT GREAT LAKES STATION

Will Be Under Sheridan Road and Farragut and Dewey

The contract for the construction of a \$200,000 subway at Great Lakes under Sheridan Road, the C. & N. W. and C. N. S. & M. R. R. tracks, has been awarded by the Navy Department at Washington, D. C., the successful bidder being the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company, whose bid was \$204,100.

Construction work will begin at once.

Work is to be completed in 120 days, or approximately by February 10, 1919.

Late Sunday afternoon work was started in staking off the grounds and in a few days large crews will be put on the job, it was said.

Johns Farragut and Dewey The new subway will be between Camp Farragut and Camp Dewey and will enable men to be taken from one camp to another without leaving the Station grounds. Congestion of traffic at the Main Gate and on Sheridan Road will be greatly relieved.

Lieut. Commander W. H. Allen, public works officer, says that the construction of the subway would not interfere with traffic on Sheridan Road and that at no time would the road be closed to traffic. This is despite the fact that five concrete bridges will be built and the large tunnel dug. (Continued on Page Five)

POST OFFICE TO BE LOCATED IN THE GEO. F. BOCK BUILDING

MR. BOCK SOON TO RETIRE FROM GROCERY BUSINESS

Postal Authorities Take Lease on Building for Term of Ten Years. Was Considered by Them Best Available Quarters in Highland Park from Every Viewpoint

On January 1st the Highland Park post office will move from its present quarters on Central Avenue into the building now occupied by George F. Bock in the grocery business on West Central Avenue. Since the lease for the present building expires on Jan. 1st, the postal authorities, having long felt the urgent necessity for more space, advertised last April for bids for more suitable quarters with at least 2500 square feet. Good daylight was also prerequisite, and a central location. The lease was to extend over a period of ten years; the landlord to furnish heat, light, water, and all furnishings and appointments necessary to the equipment of a post office. This contract also to include fixtures, boxes for parcel post, fixtures for postal savings, city and rural delivery, and fireproof safe and vault.

In consideration of the many essentials enumerated, the size of the building and all other conveniences which met their requirements, the postal authorities considered the proffer of George F. Bock the best bid from every standpoint.

The post office will occupy the east side of this building, a space of 4000 feet, leaving a 20x40 space to be partitioned off which Mr. Bock will rent at his discretion. In their present quarters they have but 1500 square feet, but in the new building they will have 3600 square feet. The building is centrally located and the most perfectly adapted of any in the city to the needs of a post office. It is a spacious modern brick building with stone front, semi-fire-proof construction, high steel ceilings, three skylights, and a large adequate basement that is high and dry. The ventilation is good, and a wide alley in the rear with covered wagon shed affords the needed shelter for mail wagons.

The proposed site is centrally located, only one-half block from the city building, and nearer by twenty-nine yards to the Northwestern Station. Moreover the major part of all in-going mail is from Chicago which means that it is unloaded on the west side of the tracks where in their new location they will avoid delays in waiting for trains and crossing the tracks.

The larger portion of box-holders are also on the west side, according to the statement of Mr. Dooley—a statement embodied in a recent report submitted to the Post Master General.

GEORGE F. BOCK TO RETIRE

George F. Bock will soon retire from active business in Highland Park where he has made so eminent a success and many friends. Since 1904 he has been engaged in the grocery business, succeeding his mother who established the original store in 1891.

Mr. Bock has here a large and spacious modern building, fully equipped for a modern grocery store in times of peace, but now that it is almost impossible to secure imported products, and dealers can secure little more than the bare necessities of food products, it is no time to conduct a large store. The food administration sets the price both for buying and selling and shuts the door of all ideas of expansion in this line of business.

The Bock store has been a proud possession for the people of Highland Park. It was, and is now, a pleasure to go there. The most fastidious could not ask for anything better than the spacious front room devoted to the display of goods, the entire rear portion reserved for putting on orders and the business of the store. A few years ago Mr. Bock put in a refrigerating plant of his own.

It was not that he thought this would be a paying investment, but he knew it would be a sanitary one, and nothing else counted in his desire for a model store.

In the fact of all the competition and regulations, beautiful stores like this are bound to go in war times. The Bock store is a loss to the people of Highland Park, but aside from this, Mr. Bock as a merchant is a loss which will be keenly felt by all who have ever known him in his business relations, for his unfailing kindness and courtesy is to be found in business anywhere. It certainly was there in his store, year in and year out—always the same.

Mr. Bock, however, is not sorry to retire from active business. He has worked hard and been amply rewarded with success. On November 1st he will start disposing of his entire stock of groceries.

MR. GEORGE R. JONES WRITES OPEN LETTER

Would Appoint Board to Initiate and Carry Through Educational and Preventative Measures

To the Editor—Highland Park Press:

Having lived through the worst of the visitation of the Spanish Influenza, it seems opportune to ask ourselves why Highland Park should be so seriously exposed to epidemics, one after another.

As a whole our community is of more than average intelligence, and our environment gives us better advantage in combatting, or better, in preventing, the spread of disease. In our recent experience, such as it is to the credit of our authorities that they acted with decision when the danger grew alarming, and noble as was the work of doctors and nurses and helpers, yet the fact remains that the epidemic had taken a firm hold on all sections of the town before anything was done in the way of public prevention. We acted, I know, as soon, or sooner, than other cities. But that is not the point. Did we do all we could to prevent it, and have we the machinery to do better still next time?

There is nothing fatalistic about the spread of an epidemic. When it meets with effective preventative measures it stops short. If at the time the disease was first raging at Great Lakes, and it was known that soldiers and sailors were in our town in great numbers, the schools and churches and places of meeting had been closed and if instructions had been sent out as they were sometime later as to how to avoid the disease, it may be we would have been spared some part, at least, of its devastation.

The hospital is a splendid start toward intelligent health conditions in Highland Park, but what we need even more is a strong public opinion in favor of an efficient Board of Health, composed not only of doctors as expert advisors, but also of civilians who by inclination and experience are fitted for such work, which would initiate and continuously carry through educational and preventive measures, not leaving to those indefatigable but already overburdened public servants—the doctors—the whole responsibility of an administrative function of our city government.

GEORGE R. JONES.

\$22,062 INHERITANCE PAID TO COUNTY

The sum of \$22,062.29 was paid in to the County of Lake Saturday as inheritance tax in the case of Rose Farwell Chatfield-Taylor, whose death occurred April 5, 1918. The tax will be turned over to the state by the County Treasurer. The appraisal of the estate was made by Attorney Benjamin H. Miller and was approved by Judge Persons. The estate was appraised at \$1,119,110.40. A statutory exemption of \$100,000 was allowed.

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