

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO OUR WAR HEROES

FRED D. SILBER WOULD BUILD COMMUNITY HOUSE

Writer is Convinced That Our Citizens Would Contribute Liberally to a Memorial of This Kind. He Suggests That Contributions in the Form of Liberty Bonds Be Solicited.

The following letter containing a most excellent suggestion for the new memorial has come to the office of the Press with a request for publication in this issue.

The proposed memorial for the Highland Park young men and women who have given their lives for humanity, is, quite naturally, a subject which interests all the people of this city, and interests them vitally. The Press is therefore not only willing to act as a public forum for any suggestions on the part of the townspeople, but most earnestly solicits ideas on this important subject for first page publication.

The following idea comes as a first suggestion to the office of the Press, and, in the light of a more utilitarian and humanitarian philosophy of life everywhere, it is well worthy to head the list.

To the Editor of the Highland Park Press:

Doubtless anyone who has given any thought to the subject of a fitting memorial to be erected in the near future by our Memorial Association, has some special form to suggest. The writer feels keenly the importance of adopting the most expressive memorial for this community, which has stood out so pre-eminently, voicing the best thoughts and the best performance in the service of our soldiers and sailors.

It has been said that our advance in civilization may well be judged by the manner in which we pay homage to our heroes. While parents, wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts, in spite of their heavy losses, have gone bravely forward with their duties, now that the world is once more reverting to its normal channels of activity, they will feel the real force of their bereavement. How shall the honors properly be paid, not alone to those who made the final sacrifice for the true essence of freedom, but to those who were ready and anxious to make such sacrifice, as well as to those to whom belong these heroic men and women? Is it too much to demand that the war which changed the whole face of the world and brushed aside ancient ideas, customs and ways of thinking, shall now bring us a glorious, new method of paying tribute to those who fought to make us free?

It may be that there is a sentiment on the part of some that the proper memorial should be a monument of stone or bronze, to be contemplated by the coming generations, to revive or kindle patriotism and the spirit of self-sacrifice. Such was the popular idea of memorial monuments after the Civil War, and the evidence can be seen in our villages, towns and cities in the shape of statuary, which, more often than not, is no educator of good taste and artistic bent, no matter how fine the original sentiment that produced it. Let us hope that a memorial which will have no public usefulness beyond inspiring patriotic sentiments will not be the choice of this community.

The war aroused in us a common enthusiasm for community effort. It caused us to make every-day sacrifices of luxuries and in many cases of comforts—certainly of time and effort—so that the result was to furnish the best possible surroundings for our soldiers and sailors in their leisure time. All of the forces of the community sprang into action and labored together to produce the seed of true hospitality from the finest flower of patriotic endeavor. Organizations and individuals that never before had worked together joined their forces and did the best teamwork that was ever done, to bring about the result that all were striving for. Such community co-operation is one of the most splendid by-products of the strain and anxiety of the fearful conflict. But it has made possible a nation-wide reception for the new spirit of Democracy, which, unless we are to lose entirely the local benefits of the war, will be our own greatest gain. This spirit of co-operation; this close welding of community spirit, this won-

derful willingness to join forces and work together to accomplish community purposes, must not be lost, and if we are going to make a conscious and deliberate effort to retain it, there must be some concrete expression, some permanent home, in which that happy spirit may find its eternal abode. Such a home should be the true and proper memorial of our beloved dead.

It is easy to let the imagination have its way, and to see standing, in all its beautiful simplicity, a memorial community house located in some central part of our beautiful town, built upon fine and appealing architectural lines and dedicated to the spirit of true Democracy for which those departed heroes and heroines gave up their lives. In such a properly designed auditorium, which would be the "little theatre," the dramatic societies, the musical organizations, the literary and artistic groups; there would be meeting rooms and an ample dancing floor—even a gymnasium; there would be a lounging room and facilities for entertainment of a simple but adequate character. It would be a place where lectures and community programs would be given, where town meetings and other gatherings would find a proper background. Such a structure would represent constantly the strivings of the community to express itself along

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RECORD OF MAYOR HIGHLY APPROVED

REVIEW OF PRESENT TERM

Some of the Accomplishments of the Commission Form of Government Under Mayor Hastings

Highland Park in general heartily endorses the public spirited efforts of the Citizens' Committee in securing Mayor Hastings' consent to be a candidate for re-election. Mayor Hastings has given the citizens one of the best and most business-like administrations the city ever had. Under his leadership and efficient management the City has made a splendid record of Municipal accomplishments.

The Press prints herewith a number of improvements made by the Council during the first four years of Commission form of Government:

- City Improvements**
 1. Paved a system of streets in Ravinia, viz: Wade Street, Bronson Street, Kincaid Street, Judson Ave., and a portion of Marshman Street. Three concrete bridges were built in connection with this paving, spanning the ravine at Wade Street, Bronson Street, and Judson Avenue.
 2. Constructed concrete bridges spanning the ravine at North St. Johns Avenue, Hazel Avenue and Linden Avenue.
 3. Built addition to the City Hall.
 4. Completed Garbage Disposal Plant.
 5. Completed the work of paving the Michigan Avenue.
 6. Oiled all of the streets and paid for the work from the General Funds of the City, the former plan of raising money by private subscription being done away with.
 7. Repaired the South Sheridan Road wooden bridge, making it safe for general traffic.
 8. Made general repairs to the pavements on all of the streets.
 9. Reorganized our Fire Department, making it more efficient, which has reduced the cost of insurance in the business district.
 10. Completed the work of installing water meters.
 11. Moved the City Barns, Dog Pond, Sheds, etc., from the City Lot to the City's five acres near the Sko-

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President of Highland Park Hospital Association Makes Interesting Report



The following interesting report of the splendid achievement of the Highland Park Hospital was made at the annual meeting of the stockholders at the City Hall last Saturday night, by Walter H. Baldwin, president of the Association:

To Stockholders of the Highland Park Hospital Association, Highland Park, Ill.:

Your hospital was formally opened July 14, 1918. Since then and up to December 18th, our records show we have admitted 13... patients. The operating room has been used for 38 surgical operations, and there have been 17 births. Surgical work has been performed by surgeons resident in Chicago and Evanston, and by the Army and Navy Surgeons from Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes. During the past week we have had as many as 19 patients at one time, whereas we opened on July 14 with 14 patients' beds.

When you were soliciting subscriptions for the hospital project many opposed it and gave wide circulation to the idea that good surgeons would not come here to operate because we could not give them facilities as good as could be had in large institutions in Chicago and elsewhere. Our experience in the last five months has proven the fallacy of this idea. We believe our facilities for surgical work rank well with any in Chicago; and the care of surgical patients when convalescing by our local family physicians has a personal interest which is not given to strangers in large city hospitals.

When we started to build many criticisms were made because we did not wait until the war was over and building costs were lower. Even though our construction costs may have been higher than a few months or a year

or two hence, the service rendered up to date and which will be rendered this coming winter to the community has amply justified the high cost of building and has shown the wisdom and foresight of your Advisory Board in going ahead when they did.

We have admitted patients not only from Highland Park, but also from Deerfield, Libertyville, Great Lakes, Fort Sheridan, Winnetka, Glencoe and Chicago. We have not, however, and will not take in non-residents when there are enough patients from Highland Park to fill our beds. Up to date we have had 22 non-resident patients.

The abnormal amount of sickness which has followed the influenza epidemic and which the authorities predict will continue throughout the winter will probably tax our capacity for some time to come, and perhaps we shall have to refuse applicants. Such has been the case in the past week when we have used our reception room and the three sun porches for patients.

The rates charged are made as near as possible to those of similar institutions. We have no funds for charitable cases except the Hately endowment, which nets \$500.00 per year, or only \$41.66 per month. This will not take care of the charitable work we should do. We need further endowment more than anything else, and it is hoped that other generous and philanthropic people will give money for the cure of the needy sick as Walter C. Hately did. Because the institution is so small, necessitating a high cost per patient, our income will probably be less than our expense of operation. We cannot tell what this deficit will be for the first

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WE CELEBRATE A REAL WHITE CHRISTMAS

Community Singing and a Jackle Band are Features of Tuesday's Entertainment

All those who wished for a white Christmas should have been pleased with the Christmas Eve weather.

The truth is there was such a blizzard on the corner of St. Johns and Central that even the boldest glimpsed the municipal tree from the protection of their furs and hurried to cover.

The tree was lighted at seven p. m., as advertised, but the Jackle band, owing to a blizzard schedule in transportation, failed to arrive on the scene until sometime after eight o'clock. When they did come, however, they made up for lost time.

The band was installed in the Highland Park Trust and Savings Bank, where their Christmas cheer, (such as it was after their long journey) could not be dampened by the weather.

Mr. Carl Booth, the ever faithful, whether in wind, rain or snow, needed no such persuasion to lead the occasion, and presenting his well known smile to the blizzard led over a hundred people in community singing. And thus they sang song after song, for how could anyone falter, or show the white feather with such a good scout leading on?

The mayor, because of the weather and perhaps the lateness of the hour, did not make any speech on this occasion.

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FORMER HIGHLAND PARK GIRL PASSES AWAY

Helma Norrien of Evanston Died of Pneumonia Sunday at Evanston Hospital

The news of the death of Miss Helma Norrien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Norrien of Evanston, a former resident of this city, which occurred on Sunday, comes as a shock to her friends in this city. Miss Norrien who was twenty-two years of age, was a graduate of the Elm Place Grammar School and served as book-keeper in the Palace Cash Meat Market for about three years.

She was taken ill with influenza which terminated in double pneumonia. She was removed to the Evanston hospital where she died Sunday morning.

Besides her mother and father, she leaves two brothers, Edward and Gustav, to mourn her death. Funeral services were held at their home in Evanston Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, with burial at Rosehill.

LIEUTENANT LINDHOLM IS REPORTED KILLED

A recent unofficial report received by Mr. Fred Lindholm of Dean Avenue, states that his son, Lieut. Reuben P. Lindholm had been killed in action. Mr. Lindholm has made every effort to confirm the report through the channels at Washington but up to this time has been unable to do so. The fact that no official news has arrived gives Mr. Lindholm every reason to hope that the news is untrue.

DEATH TAKES TWO PROMINENT WOMEN

MRS. CUSHING-MRS. ULLMANN

Wife of Dr. H. J. Ullmann, Who is in France, Victim of Influenza, Dies On Saturday

Mrs. F. W. Cushing Mrs. Cassie Cushing, one of Highland Park's most prominent society women and wife of Mr. Frederick W. Cushing, proprietor of the Moraine Hotel, passed away Sunday morning at four o'clock following a short illness of pneumonia and other complications. She was sixty-two years old and was the daughter of F. D. Scott, of Merrill, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cushing had celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary December first. Not only was Mrs. Cushing prominent in social affairs but she was also active in Arden-shore work.

She leaves to survive her, a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Trimble, wife of Captain Robert Trimble, Jr., who is stationed at Camp Knox, Ky., and Mrs. E. A. Small, Jr., whose husband just received his discharge from the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Taylor, Ky. Mrs. Trimble has just returned from Duluth, Minn., where she has been engaged in Red Cross work in the devastated district.

Services were held Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at Lake Forest Cemetery with Dr. P. C. Wolcott officiating.

Mrs. Henry J. Ullmann

The death of Helen Luscombe Ullmann comes with poignant sadness upon the people of Highland Park. She was the wife of Dr. H. J. Ullmann whose rare scientific skill made a large place for itself in this city before the greater demand came and he answered the call of his country to serve in foreign fields.

About ten days ago Mrs. Ullmann contracted the influenza which later developed into pneumonia. She was taken from the Moraine hotel where she was spending the winter to the Highland Park hospital where she died at 3:30 last Saturday afternoon. She leaves two children, a boy, Henry J., Jr., eight years old, and a girl, Helen, six, who are now under the care of Mrs. William Ullmann, Mrs. Ullmann is also survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luscombe of Woods Hole, Mass.

Dr. Ullman is still in France where after repeated efforts, he was reached by cable Monday. He enlisted in 1917 with the British Medical Reserve, and later when America entered the war, he joined the American Medical forces ranking as Captain.

The sympathy of the entire community cannot fail to follow this man who has left comfort, home, and family to offer his fine technical skill to the cause of suffering humanity. And may the conscious rectitude of service well done bring its meed of comfort.

The funeral of Mrs. Ullmann was held at Trinity Church last Monday at four p. m., with Dr. P. C. Wolcott officiating. Burial was made at Grace-Land Cemetery.

NEW YEAR'S MIDNIGHT SHOW AT PEARL THEATRE

Six Acts of Vaudeville to be Given December 31, Alice Brady in "Her Great Chance" Wed.

Pearl Theatre will present the following motion pictures next week: Sunday, Theodore Roberts and a Paramount star cast in "The Squaw Man," also a Vitagraph comedy and a cartoon; Monday, J. Warren Kerrigan in "Prisoners of the Pines," "Wolves of Kultur," and a Pathe comedy; Tuesday, Barbara Castleton and Johnny Hines in "Just Syria," Pathe news, Mutual Comedy. (There will be a midnight show with six acts of vaudeville.) Wednesday, Alice Brady in "Her Great Chance," Allies war news, Christie Comedy; Thursday, Theda Bara in "When a Woman Sins," Pathe News, Arbuckle Comedy; Friday, Wallace Reid in "Too Many Millions," "Far Behind the Battle Line," Mutt & Jeff; Saturday, Lillian Gish in "The Greatest Thing in Life," Burton Holmes Travelogue, also a Fox Sunshine Comedy, Matinee at 2:30.

MAYOR S. M. HASTINGS TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

COMMITTEE GETS ANSWER

Credit for Accomplishments Given to Commissioners and Hearty Co-Operation of the Citizens

As the first term of four years under the commission form of government began to draw to a close, many of the citizens of Highland Park expressed their concern as to whether or not Mayor Hastings would consider becoming a candidate for re-election. A committee representing these citizens was formed with Mr. F. W. Cushing as chairman.

Some weeks ago this committee waited upon Mayor Hastings at his residence for the purpose of urging upon him the necessity of continuing in office for another term, so that the benefits of the work so well begun would be secured to the City of Highland Park.

At this time the committee requested the Mayor to take the matter under advisement and give his answer at some later date. Fearing that they had not succeeded in convincing the Mayor of the universal approval of his administration, a petition was presented to him bearing the signatures of 178 of Highland Park's citizens from all sections of the city, in which they recited their appreciation of the services he had rendered the city as so great a personal sacrifice to himself, and pledged to him their hearty support and co-operation during another term as Mayor.

Mayor Hastings, after careful consideration, made known his intentions on Friday of last week, at which time he was interviewed by Mr. F. W. Cushing of the Citizens' Committee. The Mayor said that he appreciated very much the expressions of confidence and esteem to him by the citizens of the committee and stated that he felt highly honored that the work that had been accomplished during his administration had received the approval of the public.

Mayor Hastings said, "I feel that in serving the city of Highland Park during the past four years, I have only done my duty as a good citizen. The credit for the accomplishments of my administration is due to the splendid work of the commissioners and the hearty co-operation of the citizens. If it is in the interest of the City that I continue in office for another term, I will willingly consent to become a candidate for re-election. I feel that it is the duty of representative business men to volunteer his services for public office."

\$350 REALIZED FROM BENEFIT VAUDEVILLE

Large Attendance in Spite of Inclement Weather, Money to Benefit Army and Navy Center

The vaudeville benefit given last Saturday evening at the Deerfield-Shields High School was very successful and exceedingly interesting. In spite of the inclement weather there was a very large attendance. The money received amounted to three hundred and fifty dollars, which will be used to equip the room at the Army and Navy Center for the Fort Sheridan Convalescents.

CANTATA TO BE GIVEN AT TRINITY CHURCH

Combined Choirs of the Lake Forest and Highland Park Episcopal Churches to Sing Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at Trinity Church the combined choirs of Trinity Church and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, under the direction of Mr. Arthur Ranous and Miss Grieg will sing H. Alexander Mathers' beautiful cantata, "The Story of Christmas," evening in the Church in Lake Forest. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.