

# Eight Helps for House-cleaning Time

If some kind person should come into your house around Spring housecleaning time, wash and pack away all the winter blankets; clean the motor rugs that show grease spots after the winter's use; take out the summer summer curtains, do them up as you would, beautifully finished; and wash up your feather pillows to a wonderful new fluffiness—wouldn't you be grateful?

Our modern laundry methods are at your service to relieve you of these and other details of spring house-cleaning. Bundle up your curtains, pillows, rugs and other heavier pieces today and send them to us.

## Lace Curtains that Look Like New

We wash your lace curtains in fleecy suds, and pure soft water. Our modern laundry methods enable us to return your curtains exactly in their original size, with scallops even, and all beautifully finished.

## How About Those Heavy Rag and Woolen Rugs?

Are you going to struggle with the washing of those heavy rag and woolen rugs this spring? We can launder them for you. Save yourself, and send them to us.

## Have Your Blankets Washed Before Storing

Of course, you will want to have your blankets washed. Why not let us do this laborious work for you? Our way of laundering them saves the nap, and keeps them soft and fleecy.

## Eiderdown Quilts Laundered Expertly

Our modern washing methods are ideal for your eider-down quilts which you will naturally want cleaned before storing. Here is another bit of heavy work that you will find it economical to have us do for you.

## Your Feather Pillows Made Light and Downy

Feather pillows washed by our specialized methods are soft and downy after their bath in rich suds and drying in clean, warm air currents. Put new life in your old pillows by having us wash them our laundry way.

## And Those Motor Rugs?

You can send your motor rugs to us also, to be washed free of the past season's grime and grease. We have special equipment for handling these extra weighty things.

## Dress Up Your Car in Fresh Covers

This is the time for clean automobile covers. Before you place them on your car again for the season, send these cumbersome pieces to us to be freshly laundered.

## Let Us Wash Your Mops.

Everything else gets washed at housecleaning time, so don't forget that we wash heavy O'Cedar and woolen mops. Bundle them up, and our driver will call.

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That if the Board did not act with due formality, it did, at least, hear the objections presented by property owners and presumably gave them due consideration;

That the 30 per cent raise was not, in fact excessive, unreasonable or unjust; while on the contrary the proper maintenance of our schools and the support of our local government absolutely required that some step be taken to raise the additional revenue;

That if sufficient taxes are not collected for public purposes this year, more taxes will have to be raised next year for the same purpose by a similar process. Unlike individuals, a municipal corporation cannot meet the high cost of living by working more hours. It has only one way of producing revenue, and that way is through its power of taxation.

The importance to the Elm Place School of having taxes collected on the 30 per cent increase on the valuation of the real estate in the district will be appreciated when it is understood that the loss in school revenue this year from a failure of such collection will approximate \$10,000. Due to the necessity of paying teachers a highly-deserved increase in salary, and the steady growth in the number of pupils, with consequent increased expenditures, the district is faced at this time with a deficit of \$20,000.00 and it is estimated that a year from now that deficit will have increased to \$29,000.00, even if all of the taxes anticipated from the increased valuation are collected. These facts are well-known. It is hoped that the legislature will, at its next session, enact laws to remedy this situation which is common to schools, not only in Illinois, but throughout the country. If, however, this hoped-for relief is not realized, our schools will have to be maintained at a lower standard or individual citizens will have to go down in their pockets to support them. In my opinion this latter plan is only to be resorted to as an extreme measure. Primarily, the burden of supporting schools should rest equally on all the taxpayers.

It is, indeed, an alarming situation with which our common school system is confronted, not only in Highland Park, but throughout the entire country. Teachers are leaving the profession in large numbers to take up other callings less arduous and more remunerative. Who can blame them? As I write this letter the morning papers announce that the garbage collectors of Chicago have gone on strike because the city authorities will not allow them a wage in excess of \$4.40 per day. This daily wage for a six-day week, produces an annual stipend of \$1372.80 which the garbage collectors are unwilling to accept. They demand \$5.60 a day, a wage which, on an annual basis, would exceed the average annual salary of the school teachers of Highland Park.

This situation tempts one to dwell upon the American public's sense of relative values, but I will not enter this field of discussion further than to point out that among other differences between the garbage collectors of Chicago and the school teachers of Highland Park is this, that the latter have not gone on strike, but have remained loyally at their post of duty, instructing our children at a financial loss to themselves.

It should not be necessary to emphasize the fact that the welfare of the American people at this time depends largely upon the continued efficiency of the common-school system. The back-bone of that system is the devoted service of school-teachers who, for love of their work, have willingly toiled during the last few years for a stipend less than that earned by workers in almost every other field of labor where special skill is required. The challenge has now come home to each of us in a closely personal way. Shall we pay our taxes as assessed, or shall we seek to escape for a time, but only for a time, our fair share of the common burden? It seems to me that it is not only good citizenship, but it is good sportsmanship to yield, for the welfare of the school of which we are so justly proud, any technical point of personal advantage which we might gain by attacking, in court, the validity of the increased assessment.

Yours truly,  
JOHN V. NORCROSS.

### UNITED EVANGELICAL

Special Pentecostal services are being held in this church every night this week, except Saturday night, culminating in the Easter service on next Sunday. The pastor is speaking on "Some Messages of Jesus." On Monday night the message was to the laboring man; Tuesday to the intellectual man; Wednesday night to the moral man; on Thursday night it will be to the sorrowful man; on Friday night to the sinful man; and on Sunday morning to the Christian man. The services begin promptly at eight o'clock and last one hour. Come

when you can and stay as long as you can.

There will be special Easter music both Sunday morning and evening. Good singing at the evening services.

### Y. W. C. A. NEWS

**Mothers' Club**  
Mothers, do not miss the interesting program which will be given at the next meeting of the Mothers' club on Tuesday evening, April 6, at 8. Miss Harriet Lee Johnson, who is supervisor for the Red Cross in the public health hospitals in the Central division, will give a talk on Red Cross work in France, and her address is sure to be of great interest to all mothers. Miss Dora Krueger will give a violin solo. Refreshments will be served as usual, and the mothers will enjoy a social time together.

**No Vespers Sunday**  
There will be no Vesper service on Easter Sunday because of the vesper services which will be held in the churches. The meeting will be held as usual on the following Sunday, at 5 p. m.


**Friendship Parties**  
Some of the girls of the Friendship club and of the Rainbow club entertained their young men friends at a party last Wednesday evening. Part of the evening was spent in playing games and the remainder in dancing. Delicious refreshments were served. Fifteen more of the girls of the Friendship club will entertain their friends at a game party on Thursday evening, April 1. Games and jokes appropriate to the day will afford amusement.

**Club Leader Returns**  
To celebrate the return of their club leader, Mrs. C. G. Alexander, the girls of the third corps of Girl Reserves gave a party on last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Alexander told the girls of her vacation trip, and then they all played games and sang the Girl Reserve songs. Refreshments were served to make it a "real party."

**Senior Dancing Classes End**  
The last lesson of the term for the Senior dancing classes was given last Thursday evening. The members of the first class entertained the other girls with a "spread" of delicious "eats" after the classes were over. Although the lights were out of commission, and the girls had their party by wick candle light, they had a jolly time, and most of them made plans to be back with the class next year.

**Aids Give Party**  
About twenty of the reconstruction aids and stenographers from the fort enjoyed a "stunt" party at the Association rooms last Friday evening. Each girl was dressed in costume, and each gave a clever "stunt."

Men who claim there is no place for sentiment in business, seldom find any other place for it.



## A Story of Spring

A dialogue between Mr. Commuter of Highland Park and his wife

"Why so sad, tonight, my dear?"

"Because Springtime is coming and most of our friends have had flowers planted since last fall, while we have nothing in our garden coming up early in the Spring. I am getting very anxious to see our beautiful home surrounded by trees, shrubs, evergreen, flowers, roses, vines, a pool and fountain, a rustic tea house and a beautiful lawn."

"Well my dear, you do not need to be sad. It is not a serious matter that we have not had our plants started early, or shrubs planted last fall. We can have our place made beautiful within a short time."

"How could it be possible to have this work done within a short time?"

"Coming out on the 5:10 this evening, I heard of an honest, experienced landscape gardener named Fiori. I believe this man is interested in his work and could solve our problem."

"Good! As he is honest and experienced, why not call him on the phone and arrange to have him come over Sunday morning to discuss this matter with us?"

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NEW BOOKS FOR YOU

Lucas Malet writes "The Tall Vase" as well as she wrote "Sir Richard Calmady" and her former admirers will be pleased to read another tense and fascinating story.

"The Man Who Understood Women" is the provoking title of Leonard Merrick's new book. It provokes women to mirth, and almost every one to curiosity, so that you just have to read it, to see what strange sort of man he was. The introduction signed by William J. Locke which endorsement for any volume of stories with a much less enticing title. To quote from his introduction "The field covered by Mr. Merrick in this collection is one which he has made peculiarly his own. Mainly it is the world of the artist, the journalist, in the years when the hopes are high and funds are low when the soul is full and the stomach empty. It is neither the Bohemia of yesterday's romance nor the Bohemia of degradation, but the sober, clean living struggling Bohemia of today. Yet he does not belong to the star school who set down the meagre greatness of their conditions. He is a poet. . . . Is it a poet who understands women? I wonder."

"The Unseen Host and Other Plays" by Percival Wilde will draw host of readers. These little one-act plays were written to be read, but many of them have been put into action, at first for the war benefit performances, and later because of their own intrinsic value. They are very readable. Wilde has the distinction of having more of his plays produced in Little Theatres in 1917 than any other American. This volume was published in 1917, but the demand for has been so great that it has been difficult to secure copies.

"September" by Frank Swinnerton whose last book was "Nocturns" will appeal to many readers to whom the triangle love affairs always appeal. The new twist which he gives his plot is the contrast between two women: one a mature woman still beautifully young and the other an undeveloped, strangely sophisticated, fascinating girl. Their friendship, with the struggle between them makes a readable tale.

"A Place in the World" by J.

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### Boys' Suits



### Easter V

Just arrived, new Easter Hats, Shirts and Ties. prices are well below day's standard as they based on last fall's advance purchases, and not on day's market. Large assortment to select from. Also a nifty line of Sport Caps.