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#### THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

The burning question among housewives today is the high cost of living. During the war the prices of commodities soared to unheard of heights; this was to be expected and people paid the prices with good grace as an incident of the abnormal times, although they had a conviction that profiteering was rampant. But since the return of peace time conditions, while wholesale values have sharply declined retail prices have been slow to follow.

The situation is a peculiar one. The war tremendously speeded up production, with the result that markets were overstocked and in consequence the demand was oversupplied, and manufacturers have curtailed their output and in many cases have closed their factories. Unemployment is becoming alarmingly general and yet labor as a rule is unwilling to accept reduced wages. Building is held up by excessive costs and uncertain labor conditions and the housing problem is daily becoming more acute, while landlords continue to advance rents.

Here upon the North Shore living costs are abnormally high. Highland Park as a place of residence offers advantages which the well to do are quick to discover and make use of, with the result that people of small means find themselves unable to compete and maintain the same standards of living as in less fortunate and desirable communities. Transportation charges from the city sources of supply increase costs in our local stores, but on the other hand they are offset by lower rental values.

There is a general feeling that prices in Highland Park should not be appreciably higher than in Chicago, Evanston or Waukegan, and people are asking why it is. Is it the high cost of living or the cost of high living?

Not long ago the Highland Park Woman's Club invited the local merchants to a conference at which the subject was discussed in a friendly manner and the merchants were given an opportunity to state their case. The general impression is that the results were unsatisfactory and that no definite and constructive conclusions were reached. The whole subject needs further ventilation and the housekeepers have an uneasy feeling that they are paying excessive prices for the necessities of life.

The fact of the matter is that our whole system of merchandising is unnecessarily complicated and wasteful, too many profits are collected on every article sold. The producer, the commission man, the wholesaler, the advertising agent and the retailer all have to make a profit out of the transaction, with the consequence that the ultimate consumer who has to pay the bills is helpless, he is emmeshed in the coils of the system, he is squeezed at every turn, he has to stand and deliver.

The modern chain stores are rapidly establishing themselves because they eliminate the middleman and reduce prices, the trouble with them is that they are used to make enormous profits for the capitalists who finance them, and give a minimum of benefit to the consumer.

The coming system is cooperation. The plan has been worked out abroad and is no longer an experiment. It has proved a great success and commends itself to the good sense of the people. Like any new thing it is slow to gain confidence, but it is sound in principle and is the coming plan. The people will finance their own undertaking and manage it for their own advantage, reducing expenses and lowering costs. It is a good system for the producer and for the ultimate consumer because it cuts out the intermediate profits.

The retailers are beginning to read the handwriting on the wall and they will be wise if they cut their profits to the lowest margin compatible with the successful conduct of their business.

#### BEATING THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

An Arizona paper has the following: "Are you Dr. Smith?" "No, but I know where we can get some." The ingenuity of a considerable section of the people just now seems to be directed to finding out where they can "get some." "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant," said the wise man, and the most difficult task in the world is to enforce an unpopular law.

What the final result of the prohibitory law is going to be remains to be seen, it all depends upon the attitude of the people toward it. To forbid a thing is sure to make multitudes want it, and to place a sumptuary law declaring what a man may eat or drink or wear in the federal constitution, is sure to excite opposition in the minds of those who regard their personal habits as their personal affairs. They may be wrong, but the fact remains and has to be reckoned with.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Merriman of Milwaukee, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Merriman of E. Park ave., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bleimehl of Arlington Heights were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bleimehl of Green Bay Road.

Mrs. Homes Strive of Clinton, Ia., was the guest of Mrs. Frederick T. Golden Wednesday.

Mrs. Allen of Oshkosh, Wis., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen of Glenview ave.

Miss Virginia de Anguerra who attends Pine Manor spent the Easter vacation at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Appbett of Chicago, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ball, of Ridgewood Drive.

Mr. Frank Laing of Toledo, Ohio, is spending this week with his family at their home on Glenview ave.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Decker are the happy parents of a son born Tuesday evening at the Highland Park hospital.

Next week, April 11-16 will be known as Be Kind to Animals Week.

The Waukegan Rug Company, which was located at 213 Water St., Waukegan, and discontinued business during the war, has again opened for business and are located at 1326 Victoria St., North Chicago.

Mr. Archibald Abercromby is on a two weeks business trip to Springfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander returned Saturday from Bellaire, Fla., where they spent the past winter.

Little Margaret Veronica Merriman who has been quite ill at the Highland Park hospital has returned home and is rapidly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer had as their Sunday guests Dr. F. A. Dunsmore of Minneapolis, Mr. Orville Eringer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Porter and son and daughter and Mrs. Frank Lloyd Wright of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Witterhall of Oconomowoc, Wis., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchard of S. Green Bay Road.

Mrs. E. A. Bournique has returned from Hot Springs, where she and her daughters spent the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Prior returned last week from Jacksonville, Fla., where they spent the past few weeks.

Mrs. Malmquist of Iron River, Mich., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Hessler for a few weeks.

Mayor Samuel M. Hastings returned Sunday from a trip to New York.

Mrs. F. C. Norenberg and two children returned Saturday from California where they spent the past six weeks.

Dr. C. A. Harkness has purchased the William Tarr residence at 352 Prospect ave., and will move into it about May 1st. The Tarr family will live at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago.

Don't forget the Fancy Good's Sale at the Presbyterian Church Saturday, April 16th.

Miss Rose Gartner of St. Charles, Ill., is visiting her aunt Mrs. John S. Reesman this week.

Mr. Earl Lea of Minneapolis, Minn., spent Easter week with Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson of Ridge Road.

Frank J. Brady has resigned his position as instructor of the Hub Golf school, to accept a position at the Wayne Country Club, Wayne, Neb.

Mrs. S. T. Stilson of Lincoln, Neb., was the guest of Mrs. Frank Swanson, last Wednesday.

R. R. Robinson has opened the Buzzwick Kennels on Center St., Highland, just off Prairie ave., where he will specialize in Boston Terriers and the boarding of cats and dogs.

Mrs. P. C. Wolcott returned Monday from Jacksonville, Fla., where she has been since Christmas, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lyman Prior.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hoyne have returned from the south where they spent the past few months. Miss Helen Hoyne is still in the east and it is not likely she will return before June.

Mrs. Earl Bower of Chicago, spent a few days last week as the guest of Mrs. B. A. Leisenring.

The Community Center is in possession of a Seth-Thomas clock the gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bingham for which they are very grateful and wish to express their thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. James Cleaver and son and daughter of Moline, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robertson have obtained passports and will sail for Scotland on May 6th to remain indefinitely.

The Dorcas Society met Tuesday evening at the home of Miss E. Lindstrom, Homewood avenue.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Lutheran church will meet this afternoon at the home of the Rev. W. F. Suhr.

The Highland Park branch of the Columbia School of Music, in charge of Miss Helen Taylor, and Miss Mary Allen, will give a pupils recital at the Elm Place School Auditorium, on Saturday afternoon, April 9th, at 2:30. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Anna Anderson of Madison, Wis., will be the guest of Mrs. R. C. Bleimehl next week.

The Royal Neighbors will hold a card party, April 14. Euchre and bunco will be played. A small admission fee will be charged refreshments will be served.

The installation of officers of the B. P. O. E. will be held tomorrow evening (Friday), the Deputy Grand Exalted ruler in charge.

General Leonard Wood left Friday for the Philippines where he will spend three months investigating the conditions of the islands.

#### TRINITY CHURCH

A rally of the North Shore suburban Sunday Schools will be held in Trinity Church at four o'clock next Sunday afternoon at which time the Lenten offerings for missions will be presented. The offering of Trinity Church school is \$150, the result of the Lenten savings of the children.

The Bishop is to visit this parish for confirmation the last Sunday in May and the class is now being formed, it meets in the church on Friday afternoon at 2:45 and on Sunday mornings at 9:30. The rector will be glad to arrange for meetings with individuals at times convenient to them and will be glad if any thinking of confirmation will consult with him regarding it.

The visit of the Bishop of Honduras next Sunday has been arranged through the courtesy of the Rev. Dr. Craig Stewart of Evanston, where the Bishop is staying while on his first visit to Chicago. The rector has never had the pleasure of meeting the Bishop, but hears good things of him.

The mid-week celebration of the Holy Communion on Thursday morning will be continued indefinitely.

The Sunday services are at 7:30 and 11 a. m. and at 5 p. m. The Church School meets at 9:30 a. m.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible School will meet at nine thirty next Sunday morning. Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Strangers are welcome.

The monthly meeting of the officers teachers and helpers in the Bible School will be held at three thirty in the afternoon in the Parish House. Every person who is on the staff of workers of the Bible School should be present at this meeting.

The Young People's Society will meet at seven fifteen in the Parish House. Miss Dorothy Purdy will lead the meeting. The topic for discussion is "Receiving and Giving Praise." The monthly business meeting will follow the devotional service.

The Missionary Union will meet at two thirty on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Carleton Mosley. This promises to be a meeting of unusual interest. The subject is "The Child in the Midst," and the speakers will be Miss Marion R. Mosley, Nutrition Worker with the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund and Miss Florence Towne, in charge of Girl's Work at Erie Chapel Institute. A most cordial invitation is extended to all the women of the church to attend this meeting.

Prayermeeting at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening in the Lecture Room of the church.

Next Monday the Dorcas Society will finish the aprons for the sale to be given April 16th. Box luncheon at noon.

#### EBENEZER EVANGELICAL

Sunday 10:00 a. m. Church school. Decision day will be observed.

Sunday 11:00 a. m. Divine Worship. Subject: "The Positive Life."

Sunday 8:00 p. m. Evening worship.

Wednesday 8:00 p. m. Midweek prayer service.

Thursday 8:00 p. m. Men's chorus practice at the home of Mr. J. Hecketsweiler.

Friday 7:30 p. m. Annual meeting of the church. All members are urgently requested to be present at this session, for a trustees of the church are to be elected, and annual reports are to be read. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday 4:00 p. m. Junior choir practice.

Wednesday, April 13th, at 8 p. m. will be the preparatory service for the Holy communion on the following Sunday. After the service the last quarterly conference of the conference year will be held.

#### SWEDISH M. E. CHURCH CONCERT SATURDAY

The Swedish M. E. Church of Highland will give a concert Saturday evening, April 9th under the auspices of the string band assisted by Engstrom's quartet and other talent. The public is invited to attend.

#### WAUKEGAN DEFEATS WEST RIDGE GUN CLUB

There was a very large attendance at the "Shoot" held Sunday on the Krumbach place under the auspices of the West Ridge Gun Club. Thirty shooters participated in the affair, the visitors being from the Waukegan Gun Club who defeated the West Ridge Club.

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Fresh Roman Lettuce, low price.	Sweet Peas, 3 for 25c
Home Grown Rhubarb, 15c pound	Blue Goose Grape Fruit, 10c each, 15c; 2 for 35c
Fresh Celery, 16c and 25c bunch	Extra, Sweet California Navel Oranges, 35c, 40c, 75c dozen
Fresh New Carrots, 2 bunches 15c	Extra Sweet Tangerines, 40c doz.
Fresh New Beets, 2 bunches 15c	Delicious Apples, 4 for 25c
Fresh Artichokes, low price	Extra Sweet Florida Oranges, 30c, 40c, and 60c dozen
Fresh Telephone Peas, 15c quart	Fine Wine Sap apples 5 for 25c
Fresh Green Beans, 15c quart	Fine July Lemons, 30c dozen
Fresh Spinach, low price	Greening Apples, 4 pounds 25c
Fine New Cabbage 75c pound	Extra Fancy Delicious Apples, 15c pound
Dry Onions, 3 pounds for 15c	Drummed Golden Dates, 25c
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Fresh White Turnips, 2 pounds 15c	
Carrots, 5c pound	
Yellow Turnips, 5c pound	
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