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## ERNEST MAYER ALSO WRITES TO GOVERNOR

### Urges Loans at Low Rate to Farmers and Small Home Owners; the Letter

That some means should be devised by the state of Illinois for loaning money at 4 per cent interest to sorely distressed farmers and small home owners so that mortgages now more or less generally regarded as "frozen assets," can be renewed, thereby averting foreclosure and loss to the owners, is the urgent plea of Ernest Mayer, Highland Park real estate broker, in a letter just written to Governor Louis L. Emmerson.

This letter to Governor Emmerson is similar in text to one written a few days ago by Mr. Mayer to President Hoover, in which the national executive was urged to turn his attention momentarily, at least, from the consideration of a renewed moratorium or debt cancellation so far as European nations are concerned, to some sort of a moratorium to distressed farmers and modest home owners.

Copies of Mr. Mayer's letter to Governor Emmerson will be sent to members of the Illinois assembly in the hope that some sort of emergency legislation can be provided for speedy relief.

### The Letter

Following is a copy of the letter: Highland Park, Ill. December 19, 1931.

The Hon. Louis Emmerson, Governor of State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Governor Emmerson:

We are all approaching that time of the year when our thoughts and energies should be devoted to all creatures here on Earth.

I have noticed through the newspapers that you exercised your power as well as your duty as you saw it in extending mercy and a chance of redemption of some of Illinois' unfortunate citizens who have been confined in our State Institutions.

Governor, will you permit me to trespass upon your valuable time to try and impress upon you the misery, physical and mental torture, that is now prevailing upon worthy loyal citizens, not only of our State but of the Nation. I refer particularly to the modest home owner and the farmer, and as a real estate operator I know whereof I speak, and in order that you may have a clear vision of what I am driving at I am inclosing an open letter addressed to the President of the United States that was published on December 18, and I refer you to the third paragraph in this letter which was written on December 16, and to substantiate the contents of that paragraph may I quote from the Chicago Herald and Examiner the following:

### PUBLIC HOLDS THE BAG ON BONDS. LAMONT ADMITS

Washington, Dec. 18—In the course of the Senate bond hearing today, Thomas W. Lamont said: "The banks are not loaded up with (Continued on page 23)"

## FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHARITY



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On Friday, November 19, 1931, the Highland Park Traffic Employees' Federation sponsored a dance given at the Masonic temple for the benefit of charity. The Federation is an organization composed of all the Highland Park telephone operators, and is headed by Miss Leola Carlson, chairman, Miss Anna Guay, vice chairman, and Miss Kathryn Hess, secretary.

Energetic work on the part of all the girls made the affair a huge success. It attracted a more than capacity crowd which, together with very low expenses made possible partly because of the purpose for which the proceeds were to be used, netted a sufficient amount for the girls to fill good sized Christmas baskets for 20 needy Highland Park and Highwood families and to provide a two month's milk supply for

one needy party who is on a milk diet.

The names of the needy families were secured from the Highland Park Social Service and the baskets were delivered by the men at the telephone office.

Every basket contained, with weights varying with the size of the family, the following articles:

- One smoked ham, 6-12 lbs; 1 peck of potatoes, 2-3 lbs of sweet potatoes; 5 lbs of flour; 5 lbs of sugar; 1 lb of butter; 1 large package of oatmeal; 3 canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes), cranberries; 3 stalks of celery; 1-2 loaves of bread; 1 quart of milk; 2 cans of condensed milk; 1 lb of coffee; 3 lbs of apples; 6-12 oranges; 1 box of Graham crackers; 1 lb of candy for the children.

### Indians Will Play First Game Jan. 6

A picked lineup for the Highwood Indians basketball teams marked their first regular practice of last Wednesday night.

"Swede" Anderson, "Sheik" Giangorgi, John Shelton, Herb Englund, Peter Peterson, Henry Englund, Ossen Carlson, "Buck" Taylor, John Credi, "Cooney" Zaccanti, and John Brasa compile the heavyweight squad, while "Scabby" Silvestrini, Ettore Lenzi, "Coco" Pierantoni, Enzo Doretta, Joe Scassolatti, Fred Bertucci, Ray Finni, Frank Belmont, Sam Minorini, John Tosi, Jim Bernardino and C. Pasquesi are of the lightweight squad.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, the Highwood Indians will enter their first game of the season, the heavies against Geo. Keller's heavy of Highland Park, and the lights against the Sanitary Barbers, a notable team, in the Oak Terrace school at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Buck Taylor in summarizing the prospects of the Highwood Indians said, "With the material on hand we expect to better last year's record."

### Catholic Daughters Enjoy Party Dec. 21

On Monday, Dec. 21, the Catholic Daughters of America held their first Family Christmas party at St. James hall in Highwood. The party was attended by about 25 adults and 78 children. The small children played games and the older ones with their parents enjoyed bunco and 500.

Santa Claus paid a visit to the party towards the close of the evening. Each girl received a little baby doll and each little boy a towing truck or little car. The entire party, babies, children, men and women then received a pound box of candy.

This was our first Christmas party but from reports that have been coming in it was one of the happiest for both children and parents. We also want to thank all those who helped in any way in making this party the huge success that it was.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Kleiner and daughter Bonita of Chicago will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winter tomorrow, (Friday).

## STRATTON'S OFFICE DISPLAYS ECONOMY

### Efficiency Marked by Operation During Past Year; Many Savings

Application of principles of strictest business efficiency and economy again marked William J. Stratton's administration of the secretary of state's office in 1931.

Passage by the General Assembly of legislation sponsored by his office permitted Mr. Stratton to collect approximately \$500,000 a year from large trucks which heretofore escaped proper payment of automobile license fees.

Inauguration of a new system of photostating applications for automobile license plates resulted in the hiring of heads of families for this work instead of girl typists. It also increases the protection against car thieves.

### Lowest Price

The secretary of state bought the 1932 automobile license plates for seven and one-half cents a pair, the lowest price ever paid for these plates. In closing the contract Mr. Stratton specified that all materials must be purchased in Illinois thereby giving much work to residents of this state.

Notable steps also were taken in the last year by the secretary of state in the safety field. He caused a "code of safety" to be drafted for (Continued on page 24)

## Women Voters League Endorses Gas Tax Bill for Emergency Relief

Following the action of its convention which voted to urge upon the General Assembly provision for unemployment relief from public funds, the Legislative committee of the Illinois League of Women Voters has endorsed Senate Bills 98 and 99, increasing the gasoline tax for 1932 and apportioning two-fifths of the proceeds to the Illinois Emergency Relief commission. The steps were taken because these bills would seem to give the most immediate method for securing funds for emergency relief.

Mrs. Alfred D. Kohn, chairman of the League's Department of Public Welfare in Government, and Mrs. Roy C. Jacobson, co-chairman of the Women in Industry committee, both feel that if the bills are passed it is most important for all those concerned to see that there is effective administration and use of existing, established agencies, with trained social workers, in the distribution of funds.

"The entire group of social agencies is supporting the measure," says Mrs. Laura Hughes Lunde, chairman of the League's Legislative committee, "and we are throwing ourselves enthusiastically into the work to insure their passage. The League's educational program logically leads to political action, and this is our contribution toward improving the present grave condition."