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## ELECT COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE

### Plan To Start Community Chest Fund Here; Seen as Step Forward

A committee to organize a Community Chest Fund in Highland Park was elected at a meeting sponsored by the Citizen's Advisory Committee, held in the assembly room of the Highland Park Public Library last Monday evening. Members of the organization committee are as follows: A. T. Sibley, chairman, Allan Wolf, E. C. Jones, William Ross, Mrs. Florence Lowe, Mr. L. B. Sinclair, and Mr. J. B. Garnett.

Most of the 50 organizations in Highland Park were represented at the meeting and all were agreed that the community fund plan, if accepted in Highland Park, would be (Continued on page 7)

## Ice Carnival To Be Presented at Ravinia

The success of the Ravinia skating rink this season is to be celebrated on Friday evening, Feb. 1, with an ice carnival. The program begins at 7:15 p.m. with races and skating by boys and girls of the Ravinia School. Following that will be presented exhibitions by members of the Chicago Figure Skating Club.

Frank Schoeningger and daughter, Mrs. Louise Snyder, will do what is called a "Pair." Miss Nancy Meyer, Highland Park juvenile skating star will perform a special number which she has been rehearsing for the Daily News carnival. Lawrence Apt and Louis Pitts will give a comedy act, entitled "The Organ Grinder and His Monk."

Following that Barbara and Jean Tennant of Highland Park will do "Turns and Twirls." Louis Pitts will then perform a single, followed with a special waltz number with Mrs. W. Jacobs. Hugo Lauer and Clara Szanski, the latter a juvenile skating star of the Chicago Figure Skating Club, will appear together in a spectacular act.

And then will come the big special feature of the evening. Through the courtesy of the Nestor Johnson Skate Co., "Red" McCarthy, star of the Black Forest at the Century of Progress, is scheduled to appear. Mr. McCarthy is a member of the Canadian Olympic Skating team, and has been for twelve years undefeated speed champion. He will present a breath-taking exhibition of speed, figure skating on long blades, and jumping.

A small charge will be made for attendance. The carnival will climax the work done this year by the skating rink committee of the Ravinia School P.T.A., headed by Mrs. A. T. Sibley. The entire committee is to be congratulated on the fine results achieved.

## Women Voters To Hear FERA Chief

The local League of Women Voters is again sponsoring an evening's entertainment which should be of interest to all residents of Highland Park and the vicinity. Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, chief of the FERA, is to give a talk on Saturday, March 2, on some phase of his work. Mr. Hopkins is recognized as a magnetic speaker, and an authority in his field. Further details will be printed in another issue.

The Illinois League is working hard for the passage of the Permanent Registration Bill, which is aimed at greatly reducing, if not eliminating illegal voting. Local members are urged to "tune in" on station WJJD, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 o'clock in the morning to hear Mr. Oakley E. Distin, chief supervisor of elections in Detroit, who will explain the system of permanent registration used in Detroit.

## Ravinia Civic Ass'n. To Meet Monday Night

The Ravinia Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 4, at 8 o'clock in the music room of the Village House. Wm. F. G. Ross, chairman of the association, will make his annual report, and three new directors will be elected. The nominees for the directorship are Frank W. McDonald, Edward M. Knox, and Wm. C. Pohrte.

The most important matter to be brought up at the meeting will be that of the establishment of a community chest for Highland Park. Edwin C. Jones, for fifteen years the financial secretary of the United Charities of Chicago, will present the matter to the association. Mr. Jones is thoroughly acquainted with community chest organizations in a number of cities in United States, and has made a preliminary survey of the problem as it specifically affects Highland Park.

## Two Weeks Remain For Circulation of Liquor Petitions

The following is a copy of a notice that is being sent to all civic organizations in Highland Park with reference to the "wet" and "dry" petition.

Inasmuch as this is not a partisan matter but purely a civic affair, and as the signing of the petitions is neither a vote for nor against the "wet" and "dry" question, The Press is giving this matter prominence in its columns.

Petition blanks are obtainable from the city clerk. They cannot be placed indiscriminately about the town because the signatures have to be attested and the person who makes the attestations must be willing to state that he knows the signers to be legal voters of Highland Park.

The notice is as follows: January 29, 1935 To the Organization addressed, regarding the "wet" and "dry" referendum petition:

Only two weeks remain for the completion of the above mentioned petitions, which must be signed by at least 1,500 Highland Park voters if this important subject is to be placed on the ballot at the April election.

Up to the present only a few petitions have been returned. Will you please fill out the enclosed postcard and mail same back promptly?

The misunderstanding still persists to the effect that Highland Park can be voted part "wet" and part "dry" by permitting the sale of bulk liquor and prohibiting sale for retail consumption on the premises. The citizens should know:

1. That unless enough voters sign the Referendum Petition the question cannot be voted on at all and the city automatically becomes "wet" which means bulk sales and retail consumption sales.

2. That under the law there is no provision for voting on the question of permitting bulk sales but prohibiting consumption sales.

If this matter has not already been taken up with your membership we believe it is of sufficient importance that it be done promptly, as the time limit for having completed petitions filed is February 15.

Very truly yours, Committee: M. R. Cleary, Dr. Earl D. Fritsch, Mrs. Irving E. Stieglitz, Charles A. Wright, Alfred T. Sibley, chairman

## Anna M. Atwater Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock yesterday from the Trinity Episcopal Church in Highland Park for Mrs. Anna M. Atwater, widow of the late Henry C. Atwater, who died Tuesday morning, after a brief illness of pneumonia at the Alice Home Hospital.

Mrs. Atwater was born in Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada, on 1855, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron Drury. She had one brother, Sir Charles Carter Drury, a vice-admiral of the British Navy, who died in 1914.

After the death of Mr. Atwater, who was a prominent lawyer in New York City, Mrs. Atwater made her home at the Moraine Hotel in Highland Park, where for twenty-five years she had been a much beloved member of the community. During the last two years she has made her home at the Deeparth Inn in Lake Forest.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Frederick A. Preston of Lake Forest, Philip Drury Atwater of Santa Maria, Cal., and Henry Atwater of Leicester, Mass., and six grandchildren.

## N. S. Trust Bank May Pay In-Full

S. Parker Johnston, deputy receiver for the North Shore Trust and Savings bank of Highland Park, announced recently that dividend checks have been received from the printers and will be ready for distribution in about a week. No extra clerical help will be employed so the checks will be a few days in preparation, he said.

The dividend will be for 33 per cent of \$438,000. If present conditions prevail, the bank will pay a total of 85 per cent, with a possibility of 100 per cent if general business conditions improve, Johnston stated.

## ANNOUNCE DOLLAR DAY

It has been announced that Highland Park merchants will observe the semi-annual dollar day on February 15. Full details have not been worked out, but compete announcement will be given in next week's issue of The Press.

## A STATEMENT

WITH HIGHLAND PARK'S primary election less than a month away, a word concerning its importance and the importance of primary elections in general is not amiss. The fallacy that the primaries are of minor importance is prevalent among American voters.

Nothing could be further from the truth. A vote in the primary election, when there is a contest, is fully as important as a vote in the general election. It is in the primary election that candidates are selected as being representative of the best type of citizen to hold public office.

Many a worthy candidate has had no opportunity to run in the general election, merely because many voters who would have supported him, decided to "wait until the general election when a vote counts for something." No voter who has not cast a ballot in the primaries has a right to criticize a ticket as unsatisfactory when he has not performed his part in its selection.

The Highland Park Press, as a local institution, is not concerned with what candidates you do or do not favor. We have no desire to influence your vote. We DO urge you to do your duty — take part in the selection of candidates who are to be placed on the ballot in the April general election.

The Highland Park Press WILL print in its news columns the announcements of political gatherings or meetings, endorsements of candidates by non-partisan clubs or organizations, and unbiased statements of the qualifications of candidates, whether or not the candidates involved see fit to use our advertising columns.

As a public institution, we feel that our columns should be open to information for the people in the publication area we serve. We do not feel that we should commercialize our paper at the expense of the public which looks to the newspaper as a means of obtaining FACTS concerning candidates or any other matter of public welfare.

As a newspaper we shall, of course, welcome paid political advertising. Nevertheless, we do not believe we are justified in penalizing any candidate who, for any reason, does not appreciate the need to use our advertising columns.

We have no intention of becoming an organ for the dissemination of propaganda for any one, or all, of the candidates. Neither are our news columns open to illegitimate exploitation. In view of our reputation established through nearly a quarter of a century of service as a leading newspaper on the North Shore, we hardly feel it necessary to state that no misleading information will be permitted to appear in our pages. Any statement by a candidate will be clearly labeled as such. The source of any statements as to political policies or purposes will be clearly indicated. In other words there will be no disguised propaganda.

However, we SHALL print the information referred to above. In our position as a public servant we do not feel justified in saying to our readers: "If you desire information concerning this public problem, it must be paid for."

## MANY BENEFITED BY N. U. SETTLEMENT

### Work in Social Adjustment Has Been in Progress For 44 Years

For 44 years the Northwestern University Settlement has been at work, in the crowded northwest side of Chicago, serving as a good neighbor to the people of that community, many of whom were born in the old country and have found adjustment to the new life bewildering and difficult.

Organized by faculty members and friends of Northwestern University, it was originally supported largely by Evanston but it now has active boards in Chicago and several of its suburbs, of which Highland Park and Lake Bluff are the farthest north.

The community about the Settlement is one of the most congested in Chicago. The Settlement offers them not only rooms for social gatherings of all ages, but special classes in manual training, housekeeping and many other activities.

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## NEW BOY SCOUT HEADS SELECTED

### C. V. Nichols Named Chairman, M. D. Bullard To Be Finance Chairman

At its last meeting of the district committee of Highland Park, North Shore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Dr. C. V. Nichols was named chairman of the Highland Park district committee and Milledge D. Bullard was named finance chairman. This will be good news to the many boys and men definitely associated with scouting in Highland Park.

Dr. Nichols, in his capacity as district chairman, is already outlining a very extensive program for the year 1935. Every troop, pack, and unit in Highland Park is backed by a functioning committee for interested men. No matter where a boy lives in Highland Park, he is close to a real organization of boys and men in scouting.

Dr. Nichols says, "Scouting in Highland Park is the process of making real men out of real boys by a real program which works. In this worthwhile program of scouting the power of initiative and resourcefulness is developed. Thru Scouting boys discover themselves. The Boy Scout movement insures good citizenship through participation. It helpfully and sanely offsets the disadvantages which civilization has brought about. It meets the secret hazard of unguided leisure hours."

As most readers of the Highland Park Press know, Highland Park is a part of the North Shore Area Council co-operating with Lake Forest, Elmhurst, Glenview, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette and the Skokie towns. Right now the North Shore Area Council is in the midst of a preparation for a financial campaign to take care of operating expenses for the year 1935.

Mr. Bullard in speaking of this campaign says, "Highland Park citizens know the value of scouting and will respond quickly to the appeal to raise Highland Park's quota. Other towns in the area are doing their part and Highland Park will continue to do its share. Our fellow citizens should consider this not only an obligation but a privilege to contribute to the present generation of youth in a program that gets results."

## Helen Jeffries To Be On Foreign Program

Miss Helen Jeffries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jeffries of Highland Park, will appear on the program of the British Broadcasting Co. on Feb. 7 at 8 p.m., British time, or 2 p.m., Central Standard time.

Miss Jeffries is studying at the Royal Academy in London. The occasion offers an opportunity for Highland Park short-wave fans to hear a fellow townsman broadcast over a foreign station.

## H. P. Social Service Seeks Home For High School Boy

The Highland Park Social Service is co-operating with the Dorcas Home in an attempt to find a Highland Park home for an unusually high type of boy who has passed the age limit for the Dorcas Home.

The boy, who is seventeen years of age, has spent the past seven years in the home. Authorities there recommend him as an excellent student, a hard worker and a very wholesome and clean-cut youth.

Attention in Highland Park was first called to the boy by a member of the New Trier board of education in which home his older sister and brother were reared. This man sent the boy to Mr. Sandwick, principal of the Deerfield-Shields High School, and gave him the highest recommendations. Mr. Sandwick directed him to the Social Service which has since been seeking to solve his problem.

All reports concerning the lad show him to be a type who would fit into any high class home in a more than satisfactory manner. He has had one year of high school and is desirous of finishing his education.

Members of the Social Service feel that as it is a critical period in his life, the question revolves into the problem of giving him an opportunity to become a useful and desirable citizen or allowing him to drift for the next few years with the attendant detriment to his after life.

Interested persons may receive more information by calling Mrs. Flynn at the Highland Park Social Service office.

## Funeral Rites For John R. Blackhall Held Wednesday

Funeral services for John R. Blackhall, 65, manager for the receivers of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad (the North Shore Line), were held at the home 961 Bluff Road, Glenview, at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26. The Rev. W. H. Macpherson of Joliet and the Rev. Louis W. Sherwin of Highland Park officiated. Interment was at Miamiburg, Ohio. Mr. Blackhall died Wednesday evening in Highland Park Hospital after a protracted illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Grove Blackhall, a native of Miamiburg, Ohio, also three brothers and three sisters residing in Canada.

A veteran of 45 years in the electric railway industry, Mr. Blackhall started his career with the Woodbridge & Turner Engineering Company, New York, as a lineman. He rose rapidly to the position of superintendent of electric railway construction, and in 1896 joined the Portland Railroad Company, Portland, Maine, as electric engineer. From 1900 to 1904 he was superintendent of electrical construction for the American Railways Company of Philadelphia.

Mr. Blackhall came to the middle west in 1904 as general manager of the Chicago & Joliet Electric Railway Company, with offices in Joliet, Ill., and in 1925 was elected vice-president of the company. He became affiliated with the North Shore Line in 1927 as general manager, and served in this capacity until the road was placed in receivership, at which time he was appointed manager for the receivers.

During his service with the North Shore Line he directed his efforts to improvement in speed and efficiency, with the result that the road won international honors as the fastest electric interurban railroad five times in the seven years from 1927 until 1933, when it gained permanent possession of the speed trophy.

A leader in affairs of the American Transit Association and other electric railway organizations, Mr. Blackhall made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the industry. He was the inventor of a new type of truck for street cars, which is practically noiseless, and also developed an aluminum body for street cars, which reduces the average weight of a car per passenger almost half.

## Final Reductions in Sport Shop Sale

The Sport Shop, at 360 Central Avenue, Highland Park, announce final reductions in its complete clearance of stock from its Lake Forest and Hubbard Woods shops.

The selections include evening dresses, wraps, suits and ensembles, hats, coats and numerous other articles at greatly reduced prices.

Mrs. Foster is now in New York purchasing new stock. The management of the Sport Shop will be glad to send on word to her to secure any special things in which its customers are interested, and have them submitted for approval.

## PRESENT TRUE STATE OF COUNTY FINANCES

### Officers of County Board Correct Misleading Information on Finances

H. D. Kelsey, chairman of the county board, and John D. Thomas, chairman of the finance committee of the board, present below to the taxpayers of Lake County, a financial statement as of Jan. 28, 1935, showing the true condition of the county finances. Much has been said and printed lately, some of which is misleading.

Like every other county in the state, as well as practically every municipality, Lake County is pressed for funds. There is a reason for all things, and a reason why Lake County is now where it is. Read the following statement carefully.

Present overdraft, after settlement with the 211 tax spending bodies of Lake County has been paid in full, according to the tax collections of the county, is \$47,081.85.

This overdraft is occasioned by the transferring of one fund or budget to pay another, which amount must eventually be replaced in the fund from which it was borrowed.

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## Woman's Club To Hear Pianist At February Meeting

Miss Agnes Conover, celebrated pianist of Chicago, will appear on the regular club program of the Highland Park Woman's Club Tuesday, Feb. 5. Miss Conover is distinguished both as a concert pianist and as a teacher. She has appeared as soloist with the Chicago Symphony and the New York Philharmonic orchestras.

The education committee of the Home and Education Department of the Highland Park Woman's Club present two morning talks to the members of the Highland Park Woman's Club on club days in February.

Tuesday morning, Feb. 5, at 11 o'clock Mrs. Raymond Simon will talk on "What Every Woman Should Know About Her Legal Status." Mrs. Simon is herself a lawyer, and also state chairman for the League of Women Voters on the legal status of women. She is particularly well informed on this subject, is a dynamic speaker and peculiarly well fitted to discuss this subject, and answer any questions that may be asked. After the talk luncheon will be served by a committee of the club at a very nominal fee. These luncheons are proving very popular and sociable.

On Tuesday morning, Feb. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Raymond Bernhard, insurance counselor and expert on life insurance, will discuss "What Every Woman Ought to Know About Life Insurance." Mr. Bernhard will discuss not only the types of life insurance but also the handling of insurance by estates, insurance for taxes and for income purposes, and will also answer any question asked of him.

## Primary Campaign Has Slow Start

With the exception of Daniel Cobb's campaign letter, little public activity on the part of candidates for nomination in the primary election this month has so far been evident.

Although there are nineteen candidates in the field, five of whom are up for re-election, they have apparently been waiting for a breathing spell before plunging into an active campaign.

In spite of the fact that nothing has really been done to bring public interest to a high pitch, almost every candidate has some group of supporters who believe his nomination to be assured. Nevertheless, a hot fight is anticipated for all nominations except those of police magistrate, where there is no contest.

Cobb is seeking nomination for mayor as are William Dooley and R. P. Sherer.

## Former Resident Commits Suicide

B. C. Highly, 60 years old and formerly of Highland Park was found dead in the Brevoort Hotel with a bullet through his right temple last Sunday night. He had been registered at the hotel for about a week.

A pillow covered his head and a .38 revolver from which one shot had been fired, was clutched in his right hand. A note was found in the room asking that a brother-in-law, Theodore S. Chapman of Chicago, be notified. Chapman said that Highly had been despondent over ill health.