

ELECT COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE

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the solution to a great many problems. With this plan, all organizations who raise money through subscription, pool their resources together in one drive to raise funds for all community activities, each organization being allowed a certain percentage of the money thus raised for its work.

The advantages of the plan are many. In the first place it eliminates the multiplicity of appeal by various groups for financial aid and concentrates all efforts in one drive to provide for all.

Representatives of both the Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as those from other groups declared that with the chest plan, their committee could function with much greater efficiency, as they could put all their efforts into the purposes of the organization rather than spending the greater part of their time in raising money for their work. Mr. Allan Wolf, of the North Shore Area Council, Boy Scouts, stated that scouting in Winnetka is on a higher plane, mainly for this reason. The same is true of North Shore Girl Scout activities.

Maurice Berkson pointed out the fact that such an effort, which would require the co-operation of so many groups would form a splendid beginning for the elimination of the division of interests which exists in Highland Park. He called attention to the fact that seldom in a town as small as Highland Park, are there so many sections which have no, or

almost no, contacts with the other sections. The town, formerly entirely suburban in character, has, especially in the past eight years, become more of a city in its own right, and an unfortunate feeling that there is a division in the interests of the commuter and the local business man has developed. Mr. Berkson stated that he believed a community fund might well prove the starting point to overcome this feeling which must be eliminated before the city can take advantage of all its possibilities.

Other organizations whose representatives endorsed the project, are, the Highland Park Social Service, the Infant Welfare Society, the Highland Park Y.W.C.A., the American Legion, the Highland Park Hospital board, the Northwestern University Settlement, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Edward Jones, who for 17 years was associated with Chicago welfare work and who as one of the drafters of the Chicago community fund, stated that the chest plan is by far the most efficient method of financing organization work. He said that the plan enables the various committees to do really constructive work in social planning because of the financial security provided by the system. He also brought out the fact that the chest plan makes it possible to interest people who have never before shown any desire to participate in welfare work.

H. B. Alston, of the American Legion stated that the recent Legion Christmas party in which all Highland Park organizations participated showed what can be done when working in this manner. The party was financed by a method which is, on a smaller scale, essentially the same as the chest project.

If the plan is adopted, it is hoped to have its organized by next fall.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Editor of the Highland Park Press, to the City Officials, and to the Citizens of the City of Highland Park.

Dear Editor: The enclosed "Open Letter" expresses in brief not only my sentiment and opinion about the liquor question, but also the views and the approval of over 1200 qualified voters who have endorsed a petition submitting the proposition "Shall the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor other than beer containing not more than 4 per cent of alcohol by weight be Prohibited in this city?"

I hope you will believe me when I say that my statements are made in a spirit of loyalty and cooperation, because there is nothing I want so much as to see the success of our good city.

My object in presenting the dan-

gers of this important question is to help to fight the dangers that may arise from the inside.

First of all I would like to say that in the course of the survey we find that in our city nobody wants the saloon. Our experience from the last two years of trial and observation with the beer also proves without the slightest danger of contradiction, that the majority of the people approved moderation.

The number of those that would like to see the city bone dry is very small. The number of those that would like it dripping wet is still smaller. Between the two extremes lies the wish of the majority especially the business men.

If, for example, Chicago, Elgin, and Waukegan were our nearest wet cities, we could probably afford to have it bone dry, but as we are surrounded with nearby wet territories within but a few minutes drive from Highland Park, it would be of no advantage whatsoever for Highland

Park business to have the people go out of town, especially on Saturday afternoon just for the simple lure of a glass of beer.

Although we are told that the wording of a petition only permits Highland Park to be wet or dry, the law says that "The proposition to prohibit the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor other than beer containing no more than 4 per cent of alcohol by weight may be submitted to referendum in a similar manner."

Said proposed liquor petition, if voted dry, would facilitate the enforcement of the liquor law in Highland Park and help our authorities to settle without difficulty the liquor question.

The question can be solved satisfactorily to the majority. All it takes is common sense, decency and purity of purpose.

The form of said petition is recommended and approved by the Attorney General's office at Springfield.

Many of our prominent and broad-minded citizens who do not approve saloons have approved said petition as the most sensible way of satisfying the majority and still preserve the integrity of our city. A. R. Esmia.

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