

### This Week in Washington

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Washington, D. C., April 26—The most important event of the week for the 10th Congressional District was the passage of the Navy Department Appropriation Bill today by the House, which contains an appropriation for the reopening and operation of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Much remains to be accomplished, however. It is necessary to obtain favorable action on the part of the Senate and the signature of the President. We are hopeful that the station should be reopened both as a matter of economy and as a matter of sound naval policy, as well as a recognition of the contribution Illinois makes to the federal government in revenue and men.

Great Lakes Naval Training Station is a model institution for the training of young recruits for the navy. It comprises 225 buildings and covers an area of about 507 acres. The capital investment is approximately \$27 million, not including the value of the land originally given to the United States as a gift for the establishment of this station.

As long as it remains idle there is no return on this capital investment, although requiring an annual expenditure for its maintenance on an inactive status. In fact, the deterioration has been such in the past year that there has been a depreciation of capital investment. This is false economy, particularly when one considers the small percentage (about 1 per cent) of the actual investment which is required by way of an appropriation for the operation of the station.

Moreover, Great Lakes is the only interior training station for the navy. One is located at San Diego, California, another at Norfolk, Virginia, and another at Newport, Rhode Island. It should be the policy to maintain the Navy as a national institution and not as something exclusively for the coast.

The middle west has been furnishing a larger percentage of men for the navy than any other section of the country. It is only fair to these young men that they receive their preliminary training, before being assigned to the sea, near their homes. Enlistment into the service represents an altogether new life. It is somewhat difficult for a young man to become oriented in the new environment and to adjust himself to the naval regulations. The records of the Navy Department show that the opportunity to visit their friends and families during preliminary training has made for fewer desertions after enlistment by recruits. As a matter of fact, this was one of the major reasons set forth for establishing the station on the Great Lakes, readily accessible by railroad and water, and in the very center of the population of the United States. The Great Lakes Station should never have been closed on June 30,

1933. If it is now reopened it will mean a great deal to the merchants and business people of the Chicago area. It will serve to aid the unemployment conditions in the 10th Congressional District.

On Tuesday, March 19th, Congressman John T. Buckbee, Republican, of Rockford, Ill., a member of the appropriations committee, and myself appeared before the sub-committee on Naval Affairs of the House Committee on Appropriations to urge that when the Navy Department Bill is reported to the House that provision be made for the reopening and operation of Great Lakes. The committee took this favorable action and the bill was reported on Tuesday, April 23. Practically the entire week has been given to a consideration of the bill. With its passage we cannot but express our indebtedness to those members of Congress, to the organizations and associations in the district and vicinity, and to the individuals who have given of their time and energy in order that this may be accomplished.

Inquiries directed to the various existing agencies engaged in the handling of relief funds invariably bring the reply that it is not definitely known what the procedure and regulations will be until the new program has been set up. To date the President has announced three new divisions in connection with the recent \$4 billion 880 million appropriation: a division in charge of grade-crossing elimination, a division in charge of rural electrification and a division in charge of rural resettlement. Each day brings a new announcement of the probable program and method of administration.

The two controversial measures to be considered in the coming week will probably be the Bank Bill, which has been reported in the House, and the Harrison Bill, a compromise measure, for payment of the Adjusted Service Certificates of the veterans. The Senate committee on finance voted against the Patman Inflation Bonus Bill and then decided to substitute the Harrison Bill in place of the Vinson Bill.

### Deerfield To Have Tag Day May 6th

The annual tag day of the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult Charities will be observed in Deerfield and throughout Chicago and suburbs on Monday, May 6. Deerfield will have a box again, and taggers will meet all early morning trains, then will be at the main corners of the village throughout the rest of the day. Mrs. William Tennermann is in charge of the tag day. Local people are asked to contribute through Deerfield, as there will be taggers in the entire suburban area on Monday.

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### Boy Scout News

**HIGHLAND PARK TROOPS 100% FOR CAMP**  
Every Scout troop in Highland Park has Scouts registered for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. Many of these Scouts are new boys who have never been to camp and many are boys who have been to camp before and who just can't stay away. Registrations are coming in every day and it will be well to get registrations in as soon as possible as the periods are filling up. As was announced last week all periods are now open to all Scouts including the third period which had heretofore been open only to 15 year old Scouts. The following boys are registered: Troop 39, under Scoutmaster Oscar Anderson; Jacob Leslie Crane, James Black, Robert Black. Troop 33, under Scoutmaster John Decker; Bruce Van Guilder, David Hawarth, Bob Earhart, Hugh Reading, William Reading, Peyton Allen, Bob Weinberg, Ned Garst, Fred Mauer, Kelo Cole and William Hill. Troop 324, under Scoutmaster A. D. Brush; Robert Moon, Billy Letz, Sheldon Fall, James Rankin, Leslie Rankin, Julius Leseler, David Sanders. Troop 35, under Scoutmaster John P. O'Connor, Arthur Baldauf, Bob Jackson.

**SCOUTMASTERS MEET AT HEADQUARTERS**  
The Scoutmasters and commissioners of the North Shore Area met at Scout headquarters in Highland Park, Monday night, April 29, for the purpose of making plans for the Mothers' Day Rally. Plans were crystallized at that time and every troop is now actively engaged in preparation for that great event. Other items of business discussed were Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and the national jamboree, and plans were made for every troop participating in both of these.

**2000 SCOUTS WILL ASSEMBLE ON MOTHERS' DAY**  
Approximately 2000 Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts, will assemble on Sunday, May 12, Mothers' day, to honor and pay tribute to mother. The Scouts will march in a grand entry preceded by the Mailed Colors of the United States of America, from all packs, troops and ships in the Evanston council, Northwest Suburban and North Shore Area council. Just before the grand entry a Boy Scout band will give a concert from 8:30, the grand entry starting promptly at 9:30. After the grand entry there will be Color ceremonies and dedication to the Scout oath, led by Dwight M. Ramsay, Regional Scout executive of Region 7. A prominent speaker has been secured to make an appropriate address after which the Scouts will make a grand rush to the grand stands. For the next thirty minutes there will be Scout demonstrations such as fire building, fire by friction, fire by flint and steel, mass signaling, drill, tent pitching, pioneering, tower building, Cub games, Sea Scout demonstrations and a grand finale with a tribute by all Scouts to their mothers.

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**HIGHLAND PARK SCOUT ADVANCEMENT**  
Troop 35, under Scoutmaster John O'Connor, reports that Siegfried Hoermann has passed his second class test in Scouting. Pack 86, under Cubmaster Roy Fidler, reports that the Bronze Wolf rank was awarded Frank Krohn, James Mout and Anthony Pantella.

### N. S. Gas States Company Policy

Statements outlining their endeavors to meet current economic problems are given by numerous gas companies throughout the country, including the North Shore Gas Company, in the March 30 issue of Gas-Age Record, weekly trade journal for the gas industry. The North Shore Gas Company directs attention to the fact that it is giving as high a grade of service now as it did before the business decline and at substantially lower rates; that it has at all times strived to maintain employment and keep its physical properties in good condition; and that it has taken consistent action to protect its investors. In its statement the North Shore Gas Company also points out the difficulties encountered in recent years because of rising costs of operation and a decrease in volume of business.

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