

1940 Traffic Safety Council Report Shows Improved Conditions

The annual traffic safety report for the city of Highland Park covering the year of 1940 recently forwarded to the National Safety Council by Chief of Police Rex Andrews covers in detail every phase of the safety program which has been actively conducted in the community by his department and the city administration with the cooperation of the Citizens Safety committee, the schools, the Legion and civic groups.

The summary report for the year prepared under the direction of Chief Andrews, a former lieutenant of traffic in the Wichita, Kan. police department, a graduate of the special I.A.U.P. traffic safety course at Northwestern university and recognized traffic expert was compiled from the new modern system of records maintained by the police department and the motor vehicle accident summary for the year was prepared by Police Sergeant E. B. Patten who gave detailed accounting

of location, hour, conditions, weather, light and all circumstances pertaining to each accident no matter how trivial.

During the year of 1940 Highland Park had a total of 81 persons injured, while there were three persons killed during the year and a total of 393 accidents resulting in property damage in 335 instances, the record indicates a marked improvement over previous years, Chief Andrews states that while this is gratifying these figures clearly indicate the urgent need for continued effort and that the problem is serious.

Typical of state and national figures the report shows that the fatal and most serious injuries occurred in the group 16 to 24 years of age. Most of the accidents took place on a straight road, in fact 320 out of the total 393. Most of the accidents happened when the weather was clear and in broad daylight. The major cause of all accidents was excessive speed.

Other important features of accomplishment in the safety program include the cross card index system of police records installed by Chief Andrews, the installation of spot

maps recording all accidents perfected through surveys by Harry Pertz and installed under the direction of Philip Cole, city engineer, the record of efficiency and attained by the entire police force, the perfected system of law enforcement and administration by Henry Hansen, police magistrate, and the many improvements of streets and parking facilities under the direction of Arthur Swanson, commissioner and the city council.

One of the outstanding accomplishments listed during the year is the new and modern traffic code completed under the direction of Edwin Gilroy of the Citizens Safety committee, assisted by Edward Steel, Harry Pertz, and Daniel Davitt with the assistance and cooperation of Mayor Ronen, Philip Cole, Chief Andrews, Phillip McKenna, city attorney and Henry Hansen.

Community Center Calendar

Thursday, March 13, 4 p.m., Junior Chess club; 7 p.m., Chess club; Craft guild; 8 p.m., Young Men's club monthly meeting.

Saturday, March 15, 9:30 a.m., Junior Airplane club; 10 a.m., Curtis Publishing Co. salesman's meeting.

Monday, March 17, 1 p.m., Red Cross first aid; 7 p.m., Table Tennis club.

Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Craft guild; 8 p.m., Community chorus.

Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m., New Red Cross first aid class; 1 p.m., Red Cross first aid class; 4 p.m., Junior Crafts class.

Thursday, March 20, 4 p.m., Junior Chess club; 7 p.m., Chess club; Craft guild.

New Game Room

On Friday and Saturday of last week over 200 delighted boys and girls initiated the new game room at the center by playing active games such as box hockey, table pool and ping-pong. Their eager response indicates that the youngsters of the community are delighted to have a convenient place to meet and play games together.

The old game room has been converted into a library, which may be used for reading, writing, or quiet games such as chess or checkers.

Both rooms have been presented with attractive pictures by the children of the American Revolution. The game room has a set of eight pictures of American sailing ships, and the library five Audubon prints. The members of this organization worked to raise money for buying the pictures.

Athletic Department Open

The new athletic department of the Community Center is now open for inspection and use, and is look-

ing for members, both men and women.

This print consists of a combination squash-handball court and an exercise room, with stall bars, chest weights, climbing ladder, rowing machine, medicine balls, and Indian clubs. A locker and shower room complete the unit.

It is expected that many business men and women of the community will take advantage of this opportunity for keeping fit.

Mrs. Arthur Durand Will Be Heard By Ravinia Garden Club

Mrs. Arthur Durand, a member of the Ravinia Garden club, will speak before the members of the group at their meeting on Friday, March 14. She will talk on the topic, "Some New Ideas for the 1941 Garden." Mrs. Durand is an excellent gardener, and is very capable of imparting her knowledge on the subject to others. She has spoken at the Nineteenth Century club in Oak Park, and recently conducted a WLS radio program on "The Care of Houseplants."

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Dickinson at 2455 N. Deere Park drive, at two o'clock. Mrs. James Lytle, Mrs. C. R. Phillips and Mrs. W. R. Wright will be co-hostesses.

Mrs. Arthur Fathauer completed all plans for the Ravinia club's major entry in the Navy Pier show before she left for Florida. Mrs. P. D. Stokes, Mrs. Oliver Turner and Mrs. Theo. Nehling served as an advisory committee on this major project. The entry is to be a formal garden before an entrance to a house.

The two minor entries are to be executed by Mrs. A. J. Bauldauf and Mrs. M. G. Kettner. The former will do twin arrangements in antique containers. The latter will enter an arrangement in a pillow type container.

The working committee is looking forward to the actual construction of the exhibit at the Pier. Those who expect to don ski suits and durable working gloves for laying bricks, sod, etc., are Mesdames J. D. Dickinson, George Hadlock, E. A. Harrington, R. L. Hudson, Fred Law, C. L. Makelin, John Meyer, Hugh Riddle, Bertram Weber, and W. W. White.

There is yet time to obtain Flower Show tickets at a price below gate admission charge. Any Garden club member will gladly supply all the tickets you desire at this reduced price.

Community Swing To Be Held Here Mar. 21

Bill Jacobson and his orchestra are holding regular practice sessions this week in preparation for the dance to be held at the Community Center next Friday, March 21. This is the first dance sponsored by the Community Center for younger folks and it is hoped that there will be a good turnout. Bill Jacobsen has been playing for Friday night dances at the high school and other popular places. Dancing will be from 8:30 until 11:30 with a small admission charge.

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