

City Council

Calendar

*Formulate Highland Park's Program for National Defense;
Plan Recreational Activities for Servicemen*

Editor's Note: Monday evening's City Council meeting with only three members in attendance was completed in the record time of fifteen minutes to allow those interested to attend the Co-ordinating Council meeting on Highland Park's Program for National Defense. In view of the importance of this program to every citizen of Highland Park, this space, usually devoted to the City Council meeting, has been set aside for a review of this project.

By **ELMORE M. MURPHY**

With the recent approval by the Congress of the United States of the Lease-Lend Bill and its program of "all-out" aid to the beleaguered democracies, the distant rumbling of the guns of the second world war is coming closer and closer home to the average American community.

Highland Park, centered as it is near two great military posts, is, by the happenstance of its location, bound to feel the effects of the National Defense Program to a greater degree than many of its sister communities.

Latest advices from Fort Sheridan indicate that from 18,000 to 20,000 men will be stationed there by early summer. Great Lakes reports a near-future population of some 8,000 to 9,000 men.

While the two posts are accountable for this vast army of men while on duty, the responsibility of their welfare and the welfare of the citizens of the surrounding area devolves largely upon the communities themselves.

Foresighted citizens of Highland Park have foreseen the great need for the provision of some sort of recreational activities for the men and have joined together in developing a well thought out and intelligently applied program for National Defense—of which the contemplated recreational project for Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes men is an integral part.

With Mayor Ronan as the directing head, the Highland Park Program for National Defense is separated into three divisions. 1. The Civic or Social side of the program which finds its outlets through the Co-ordinating Council and the Community Center. 2. The Civil division which leads directly to the City Council and the various departments of the city government, and 3. The Highland Park Committee for National Defense which will be largely responsible for directing the carrying out of the vast-amount of detail connected with the program. Members of this committee and the various activities which they will supervise, include: Citizenry, Cloud Wampler; Education, A. E. Thurston; Public Relations, Alfred C. Houser; Health and Safety, Rex Andrews; Business, L. Nieter; Co-ordinating, John O. Guthrie and Mrs. Osborne; Recreation, Mrs. Tom Wyles and George Scheuchenpflug; Americanism, Harry Aiston; and Churches, Mrs. Frank Ronan.

Headquarters for the operation of the program will soon be opened at 21 N. Sheridan Road. This headquarters will be more in the way of a clearing point for the operation of the program, rather than the principal focal point of the program, itself. Here, men in the service will be able to obtain information concerning the recreational program for the week throughout the community. Here, they will be able to find out what dances or parties at which they are eligible to attend—where they are, and how to get there. An approved list of all rooms available in the community for rental to relative and friends will be kept on file.

One of the prominent features of the committee's program is its plan to do as much as possible to bring the soldier into contact with the environment of the home. To further this end, members of the community will be urged to invite one or two men to Sunday dinner from time to time. Again, citizens will be asked to donate their cars and services for sight-seeing drives.

Every available method and source of recreational activity in the city has been listed and will be pressed into service. The Community Center, the churches, the library and the various meeting rooms and halls throughout the community will be utilized.

Vocational training for the soldiers which already has gained considerable impetus in Highland Park under the able direction of E. W. Walters, principal of the High School and A. E. Thurston, its vocational director, will be further expanded. Again the community is fortunate in having the services of Edwin C. Jones, who was recently appointed Co-ordinator of Recreation and Health for the North Shore District. Mr. Jones' job will be to promote similar recreational projects for servicemen throughout the area stretching from Wilmette to Waukegan.

The machinery for the finest recreational program for servicemen in the country has been set up and is practically ready for action. From now on the rest is up to the members of the community. The work of the committee itself can only scratch the surface. The task of directing the recreational activities of a body of men larger than the population of the city, itself, cannot be handled by a handful of people. The problem calls for co-operative action on the part of everyone. If the community does not provide entertaining and inexpensive recreational facilities for the soldiers they are likely to spend their spare hours in less wholesome pursuits. A strong morale in a fighting force is far more important than guns and ammunition. The victory of the Greeks over the Italians was largely a case of the difference in morale.

Aside from the satisfaction derived from purely the patriotic motive, the city will not go unrewarded from the financial standpoint. The monthly payroll at Fort Sheridan alone should run well over half a million dollars. If the city treats the soldiers right they will spend their money here.

The opportunity to be of service both to his country and to his community is available to every citizen in the city. If the individual does his bit, the program cannot fail.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club luncheon at Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. High School P.T.A. Board meeting at School.
- 3:00 p.m. High School P.T.A. meeting in English Club Room.
- 8:00 p.m. North Shore Yacht Club meets at Club House.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary meeting Masonic Temple.
- 8:00 p.m. H. P. Chess Club meets at the Community Center.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th

- 10:00-4:30 p.m. Red Cross meeting in Trinity Church Parish House.
- 10:30 a.m. Ravinia Garden Club Board Meeting.
- Schools Close for Easter Holiday, April 5 to April 13.
- 8:00 p.m. Highland Club, Coe College Band at Presbyterian Church.
- 8:00 p.m. Sheridan Rifle and Pistol Club, Deerfield Range.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

- 8:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Club at Y.W.C.A.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th

- 4:00 p.m. C.A.R. Blackhawk Society 10th Birthday party Community Center.

MONDAY, APRIL 7th

- 12:15 p.m. Rotary Club Luncheon at Sunset Valley Club.
- 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club dinner at Sunset Valley Club.
- 7:00 p.m. Park Board meeting at Highland Park City Hall.
- 8:00 p.m. City Council meeting at City Hall.
- 8:00 p.m. Community Chest Board meeting.
- 8:30 p.m. North Shore Series (Pinza) H. P. High School.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

- 10:00 a.m. YWCA Board Meeting, YWCA.
- 6:30 p.m. H. P. Chamber of Commerce Dinner at Open House.
- 7:45 p.m. School Board meeting District 107, Elm Place School.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

- 9:45 a.m. Girl Scouts council meeting, Mrs. Nereim.
- 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary, Trinity Church.
- 2:00 p.m. Ravinia Woman's Club meeting at Ravinia Auditorium.
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting of the Library Board at H. P. Public Library.
- 8:00 p.m. Royal Neighbors meeting at H. P. Masonic Temple.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club luncheon at Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of the D.A.R. at home of Mrs. Gsell.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion meeting in Legion Hall.
- 8:00 p.m. Young Men's Club meeting at Community Center.

What to Do With Lent?

The important thing about Lent for you and me is not what the world does about it but what you and I do about it.

It is an ideal time for a forward step in life. We need not all take the same step. We need not all do the same thing. Your Lent may be quite different from your neighbors. His may be different from mine.

Yet the three of us can each have a very rich Lenten Season if each one of us does something noble, fine, strong, honorable, aspiring.

What does your moral and spiritual life need the most? Which way should you move? Then do this. Put your hand in the hand of God. Take that step in this holy company and you will have a marvelous Lent.

May God bless us all.

Louis W. Sherwin.

Minister First Presbyterian Church

Many Attend H. S.

Band Concert Sunday

More than six hundred enthusiastic listeners attended the interesting concert given by the High School Band and Chorus Sunday afternoon. In their attractive costumes, the Band members played some stirring numbers under the guiding baton of Mr. Harold Finch which received much merited applause. The Clarinet sextette aroused especially hearty applause.

The Chorus, with Mr. Walter Aschenbrenner as leader, showed the effects of sound musicianly training, with its fine modulations and tone effects, and the solo singing of Marian Berg and Gloira Linari was particularly delightful.

All who attended this concert, will be eagerly awaiting the Orchestra and Chorus Concert, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at 3:30 in the school auditorium. A few years ago, while Mrs. Helen Mayer Mannings was Conductor, the Orchestra won a coveted First Rating in the National High School Music Contest—an exceptional honor for a

school of this size. Mr. Finch has been conducting the Orchestra for the past two years and promises an entertaining program. As guest soloist that day, Andrew Jacobs, Jr., a graduate of the High School who is continuing his music while he is attending Northwestern University, and who recently was soloist with the Chicago Concert Orchestra, will be the guest artist. Mr. Jacobs is a pianist whose facile technique and musicianly playing delight his audience.

Tickets at a very low price can be bought at the door, or from any member of the Orchestra or Chorus.

HIGHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Highwood Ave. and Evert Place

Eskel Frederickson, pastor

Palm Sunday, April 1st

Church School at 10:30 a. m.

Evening Service at 7:45 p. m.

Message by pastor.

There will be three services during Holy Week—a prayer service Tuesday evening; Thursday evening, commemoration of the Last Supper, and Friday evening, a Good Friday service.