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## Highland Park Gets Army - Navy "Y" This Week!

### USO Highland Park Fund Rousing Public Support

#### Will Later Become Part of USO Program.

The immediate and overwhelming success of the initial drive for funds by the Highland Park Chapter of the USO as part of the national campaign and to support our own local Service Men's club is heart-warming evidence that we are awake to civic opportunity and alert to the needs of the National Defense program.

Harry Aiston, vice chairman, states, "Highland Park is the ideal place for USO to set up its program for service men. Our Service Men's club which has been doing such a splendid job is the counterpart of the type of organization USO will establish in 360 vital communities. We are indeed proud that our efforts on behalf of the soldiers and sailors has achieved such splendid recognition, and we feel sure that every citizen of our city will continue to rally to the support of USO with contributions, be they large or small."

#### Contributions Flooding In

Within a period of minutes after the delivery of the committee's letters explaining the need for support for Highland Park's USO work, which were sent to a group of leading and public-spirited citizens, the checks started coming in, and the response continues to be most gratifying to the committee.

The desire of the executive committee is to have every man, woman and child in Highland Park wearing the USO button in token of both moral and financial support of the USO chapter, which bids fair to do so much for the citizen soldiers who are so frequently the honored visitors to our city.

#### Mayor Explains USO

In the midst of the campaign to arouse intense support in Highland

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#### Ban Sale and Use Of Fireworks Here

Mayor Frank J. Ronan today issued a warning about the sale and use of fireworks, or firearms.

Highland Park has an ordinance which prohibits the sale or use of fireworks, including toy pistols, guns, canons, and all fireworks of an explosive nature.

Any firms, corporation, club or group of individuals who wish to have fireworks displays on the Fourth of July must submit a written application to Mayor Frank J. Ronan for approval.

#### Gourley Appointed To Board of Review

A. Lyle Gourley, 271 Cedar avenue, was named a member of the Lake County Board of Review for a two year term, last Friday by Judge Perry L. Pearsons. He succeeds D. H. Minto, Antioch Republican whose term expired with a social session of the Board of Review on May 9th.



Mr. Gourley who is Highland Park Commissioner and a Precinct Committeeman in Deerfield 14, attended the first organization meeting of the Board of Review in Waukegan Monday morning.

An embarrassing situation exists since the election of David Van Patten, Democrat as chairman, in April, for it gave the Democrats a two out of three membership on the board, contrary to the state statute governing the political affiliations of review board members. It is quite likely that Judge Persons will declare a vacancy, asking Ivan Harlow, appointed in 1940, for a two year term, to resign.

#### Spring Concert At Elm Place School Tomorrow Evening

Friday evening the Highland Park Community Choral club will present their spring concert at Elm Place School auditorium. The program will begin at 8:15 p.m. Harold Betts, better known as "Doggie Dan" of the radio is musical director. William Miller, tenor, will be guest artist.

Among the Highland Park soloists will be, Miss Ruth Simpson, Mrs. Dorothy Singer, Miss Mary Santi, Miss Marguerite Moldaner, and Mr. Spiro Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Patterson quietly celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 18. Mr. Patterson was connected with the Udell Printing Co. for 23 years.

#### Correction

In our May 29, 1941 issue, in the item about the postoffice employees, we stated that Mrs. Ellen Cox Sawyer, 922 North St. Johns street, was one of the first employees of the Highland Park postoffice. It was not Mrs. Sawyer, but her sister, Mrs. James N. Faucett, 665 Grove street, Glencoe. Sorry!

#### Senator Wheeler To Speak Here Sunday

America First Committee Also Presents Hon. Samuel Pettengill at High School

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, vigorous non-interventionist, will return to the Chicago area next week to address an America First Committee meeting in Highland Park. Senator Wheeler will speak at the Highland Park high school auditorium on Sunday evening, June 22, at 8:30 p.m.

Appearing on the same program will be Hon. Samuel Pettengill of Indiana. Senator Wheeler will be heard over WGN at 9:30 p.m.

General Robert E. Wood, Acting National Chairman of the America First Committee, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. Philip Johnson, chairman of the Highland Park committee, and Mrs. Thomas Creigh, are directing arrangements for the rally.

Senator Wheeler was born in Hudson, Mass., in 1882. He is a direct descendent of Quaker stock that fled England in the early 17th Century because of religious persecution. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1905. He was admitted to the bar in Montana in 1906 and practiced law in Butte until 1911 when he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives. In 1913 President Wilson appointed him U. S. District Attorney for Montana. In 1924 he ran as vice-presidential candidate with the Senior Lafolette on the Progressive ticket. He has been in the Senate since 1923.

Mrs. Wheeler is a member of the Washington, D. C., America First chapter. His son John is chairman of the Los Angeles chapter.

National attention has been focused on Senator Wheeler during recent months for his determined stand against participation by the United States in a foreign war. In commenting on the attempt of administration advisers to sell this unwanted war to the American people, Senator Wheeler recently said,

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#### Sieze Young Boys In Robbery Attempt

Five Highwood boys, the oldest 12 years of age, were siezed Friday night by Highwood police in the act of rifing a cigarette machine in the Pagoda tavern, which was burned Monday night. The boys were turned over to their parents, who were ordered to make restitution to James Nugent, operator of the Pagoda.

Fire officials and the Highwood police have decided that the Pagoda cannot be reopened, as it is not in a safe enough condition to be rebuilt.

#### Local Board Formed To Facilitate Aid To Service Men.

The Service Men's club of Highland Park this week became the Army-Navy Y.M.C.A., under the joint direction of the Army and Navy committee of the YMCA and a board of directors made up of Highland Park citizens.

The Service Men's club, developed out of Mayor Frank J. Ronan's committee for National Defense and sponsored by the Co-ordinating Council, has been doing the kind of work for men from Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes that is contemplated in a national way by the United Service Organizations.

This week Mayor Ronan recommended that the Service Men's club be turned over to the Army and Navy committee of the YMCA. This recommendation was endorsed and acted upon promptly by the Co-ordinating Council.

#### Local Directors Named

Chairman, Herman Zischke; vice-chairman, Ed. Menke; treasurer, L. B. Sinclair; secretary, Mrs. Dwight Davis; Harry Aiston, Major Glenn R. Douglass, of Fort Sheridan, Harry Earhart, Gen G. L. Homer of Fort Sheridan; Eugene Pfister, Mrs. Tom Wyles, I. M. Williams, chaplain at Fort Sheridan; Mayor F. J. Ronan, J. O. Guthrie, L. Neiter, Alfred C. Houser.

Nick Young, who has been directing the affairs at the club, under the sponsorship of the Coordinating Council, will continue to head the Army-Navy "Y", which it is thought will ultimately be taken over by USO.

#### Committee Adopts By-Laws

The committee met this week to name the Board of Directors, complete its by-laws and set its organization in motion.

The by-laws as adopted give the "Y" its formal name, "Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association of Highland Park." General responsibility was vested in a committee of management, to select and employ personnel, maintain the building, and "supervise and encourage a range of activities that will best provide for the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical welfare of the men of the service." The management committee will also do the work of securing funds for operation of the "Y", keep expenses within the boundaries of income to prevent deficits; the committee will likewise maintain happy and intelligent relations between the association, the service men and the civilian community.

Thursday night the Singing Men's chorus and musicale at 8. The fellows really have a lot of fun getting together to sing. Why don't you join them? Its' at the Service Men's club.