

NEWS OF LAKE COUNTY

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This week's discussion of Lake County politics properly begins with the personnel of the Republican Central Committee. Who are these men? What do they do and why do they do it?

These observations are not intended for advanced members of our class in local government, so if you know all the answers to the above questions, just stop reading here, and try your luck another time. Sooner or later you will read something you do not know. And it may surprise you.

The Republican Central Committee consists of five Lake County voters whose devotion to their party has been a matter of record for many years. Each is elected for a term of two years by a majority vote of the 95 precinct committeemen of Lake County at the party's annual convention held in Waukegan. Incidentally one of the committeemen is a committee woman. She is Mrs. Minnie Balke of Highland Park, and is rated by her conferees, as an astute politician, noted for her independent thinking and sound judgment.

Perhaps you have thought at one time or another of asking a favor of some one in office. It has occurred to you that the most direct procedure is to go to the top. That is distinctly not the way it is done. Those in on the know, seek out their precinct committeeman, who is the representative of the party in their home balliwick. If he deems your request proper, he will send you to where you should go, with credentials that command respect and attention.

Lake County right now is fortunate in having a Republican Central Committee made up of exceptionally good men. They are younger members of the party with progressive leanings and a distinct aversion to steam roller methods of party management. One of their big headaches at the moment is to pass on the eligibility of 1,700 appli-

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Park, Mayor Ronan took time out to explain that the ten million dollar national program of USO will be built around just such local institutions as our Army-Navy "Y", already doing a hundred percent job of helping service men fill their leisure hours. He further pointed out that the success of the National Defense rests upon the whole-souled efforts of a united people, to the end that their capacity to support defense efforts will be greatly enhanced.

USO To Set Up 360 Clubs

His Honor the Mayor further explained that the 360 service men's clubs to be built or leased by the government, cannot be supported by government funds, but will be managed and directed by USO and supported by funds supplied from private sources. The hope that Highland Park will be chosen as the site of a USO club is the reason for the formation of the local USO chapter.

cants for 150 patronage jobs in the county—most of them laborers, clerks, etc.

The committee members are: William M. Marks, chairman, of Lake Villa. Mr. Marks is general superintendent of the famous Otto Lehman estate and has served as a precinct committeeman for 17 years. Herman C. Litchfield, well known attorney of Waukegan is first vice-chairman, having been a precinct committeeman for 10 years. Litchfield's public service record is of such a high character that his name is mentioned frequently as probable candidate for either county or probate judge. John J. Spellman of Lake Forest is second vice-chairman. Elmer L. Clavey, nurseryman and real estate sub-divider of Highland Park, is now serving his seventh year as treasurer. He served as secretary for four years, previous to his election as treasurer, has been a member the executive committee for 14 years and has been a precinct committeeman for 24 consecutive years. Frank Poggelay of Waukegan is secretary and C. K. Anderson of Antioch hold the office of Finance Chairman, by appointment of the committee.

Chairman Marks and Treasurer Clavey are definitely the party's strong men. The former is a member of Governor Green's Advisory Committee on Employment and makes frequent trips to Springfield to confer with the state's chief executive. It is Mr. Marks' avowed determination that the taxpayers shall have competent public servants, even though the boys looking for jobs are howling their heads off because of the delay in their getting on the public pay-roll.

That about takes up our space for this week. Sometime soon we will discuss the office of Attorney General Barrett and how he upset the apple cart by snubbing Lake County's Republican Central Committee in making an important local appointment. Not only that, but we'll try to reveal to you what was back of that snub.

NEED ROOMS FOR ARMY RELATIVES

The YWCA, 374 Laurel avenue, has offered to take charge of the housing of relatives who may be coming to Fort Sheridan this summer to visit their boys in camp. In order to do this effectively, it will be necessary to have an extensive list of rooms available in Highland Park for week-end or overnight accommodations for such transients. Will anyone in the community interested in helping with this phase of service of National Defense program, please call the "Y," Highland Park 675, giving information as to rental desired, etc.

It is urgent that the "Y" have this information immediately as the number of visitors is increasing steadily and there will be a particularly heavy demand over the Fourth of July week-end.

Among the Highland Park girls who will usher for the America First Rally Sunday are Virginia Creigh, Marjorie McDonald, Francigene Sheridan, Charlotte O'Brien, Jean Tennant, Barbara Tennant, Marian Bard, Jane Haskins, Nancy Leigh Bowes, Mrs. Robert Gosling, Mrs. Arthur Emerson, Jr., Mrs. Henry H. Hixson.

United States Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for substitute clerk-carrier, 65c an hour, in the Post Office department, Post Office Service, Highland Park.

Applicants must have reached their 18th birthday but must not have passed their 48th birthday on the closing date for receipt of applications. The age limits are waived, however, in the cases of those persons granted military preference.

Application blanks and full information as to experience and other requirements may be obtained from the secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Highland Park, Ill., or the manager, Seventh U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office building, Chicago, Ill.

Applications must be on file with the manager, Seventh U. S. Civil Service district, Post Office building, Chicago, Ill., on or before the close of business July 7, 1941.

300 CHILDREN REGISTER

The Highland Park Playgrounds sponsored by the Park Board started their supervised recreation program last Monday morning. From all indications the program will be as thoroughly enjoyed by the residents of the community as in former years. Approximately 200 children were registered on the Sunset Park playground and over 100 on both Lincoln and Ravinia playgrounds. The attendance has been correspondingly high. Those children of the community who have not as yet registered are urged to do so soon as possible in order that they may fully enjoy and benefit from the entire summer program. There is no charge for any of these playground activities as it is a part of the service offered to the village by your Park Board. Instructors are on the playgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to 12 m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings they are also on the playgrounds from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The schedule for next week beginning Monday, June 23, is as follows: Monday morning, June 23—Story hour and handicrafts on all playgrounds.

Monday afternoon, June 23—Boys and girls baseball—handicrafts.

Tuesday morning, June 24—Baseball games—Ravinia at Lincoln; Sunset Cubs vs. Sunset Sox at Sunset.

Tuesday afternoon, June 24—Tournament program on all playgrounds.

Wednesday morning, June 25—Swimming lessons—Sunset and Lincoln school groups at Central beach. Ravinia group at Roger Williams beach. Groups will meet at their respective playgrounds and go to the beaches as a group.

Wednesday afternoon, June 25—Girls baseball games—General program.

Thursday morning, June 26. Baseball games—Sunset Sox at Ravinia; Sunset Cubs at Lincoln.

Thursday afternoon, June 26—Tournaments on all playgrounds.

Friday morning, June 27—Swimming lessons—Sunset and Lincoln groups at Central Beach; Ravinia group to Roger Williams.

Friday afternoon, June 27—General program on all playgrounds.

Named In Will

Howard Quinlan, 1222 Marion avenue was named to receive \$50,000 from the estate left by his aunt Miss Jeannie S. Quinlan, of Evanston, who died June 11. The total estate was estimated at \$150,000.

Redouble Efforts To Secure Passage Of Children's Aid Bill

The many individuals and organizations interested in aid for dependent children of Illinois now being considered by the State Senate, are redoubling their efforts to secure the bill's passage. At the board meeting of the Highland Park League of Women Voters on Friday, June 13, that group voted to send a delegation to talk with Senator Ray Paddock at his home at Round Lake to urge him to support the bill. The secretary was also instructed to write a letter to Representative Nick Keller expressing the League's commendation for his voting "aye" on the bill.

"The children of Illinois are our greatest resource and our greatest defense for American democracy," declares Mrs. Florence Fifer Bohrer, president of the Illinois League of Women Voters. "We are paying taxes to the federal government to support children's aid in 44 other states but we are not getting any return on our money for our own Illinois children. The proposed law provides for local administration with state supervision. This is a requirement of the federal act and Illinois has no choice but to take it or leave it."

"However, without the general support of the people we cannot be expected to offset the political pressure of the county supervisors and county judges who control the election machine in each county." (The Lake County Board of Supervisors, with two dissenting votes, drew up a resolution against the bill.) "The men who hand out and count the ballots are fighting over the patronage involved in this bill. Our organizations have nothing to gain except that the assistance possible from federal grants will aid taxpayers by reducing the real estate tax on homes and farm land."

Seven Men Will Have Stunt Night

The Highland Park Service Men's club calendar is full for the coming week.

Starting with a stunt night at the club, featuring a musical saw artist, pianist and guitarist Saturday night, the week promises lots of entertainment. Soldiers who can do "stunts" are welcome.

Sunday morning a pancake feed will be held at the club at 8:30. The party will be for 25 fellows, so get your reservations in early. At 3 p.m. a social hour and eats will be enjoyed. A number of girls will be present for dancing. Mrs. Salyards will furnish the cakes and drinks.

The Sheridan Archery club will meet at the home of Mr. Morris Monday night. On the same night at 8:00 the tap dancing class will meet.

Dr. Tangmar will show his movie "Travels in Mexico" Tuesday night.

Wednesday night there will be a card party for 25 men at the Masonic hall, 21 N. Sheridan road. Young ladies will be present. Games will

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