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DOLLAR DAY, AUGUST 7TH

Flower Shows For Benefit of U. S. O.

Highland Park Merchants Plan Dollar Savers

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Just a happy beach scene, the photo shows a small part of the crowd on the beach at the foot of Ravine drive Tuesday afternoon . . . and there's nothing wrong with the crowd, either. However, THERE WAS NO LIFE GUARD PRESENT.

We have had too many examples this summer of the tragedies resulting when people swim at unguarded beaches; if the citizens of Highland Park want to continue to use the Ravine drive beach, some arrangement should be made for guard protection. If the city funds do not permit the employment of an additional guard for this spot, surely some sort of fee system could be worked out so that swimmers could finance a guard's pay. Comments are invited from citizens on this suggestion.

Straight Thinking

Last Friday 13-year-old Francis Finley drowned while swimming off a beach where there was no life-guard. Monday morning, two of Francis' friends, John Picchetti and Lester Wehrmak, saddened by his death, decided to DO SOMETHING.

The two lads went to Chief Andrews, and told him they wanted to do something to keep such terrible things from happening again.

Guided by the Chief, the two boys have started the organization of The Junior Safety Club, with the avowed purpose of keeping their friends and other children from swimming at unprotected beaches, or at places known to be dangerous.

We say these two boys have done a splendid job of clear thinking, and they deserve the help and good wishes of the entire community. If the children themselves realize the dangers that lurk in carelessness at the lake, there will be fewer lake drownings.

We hope the mothers and fathers of the hundreds of children who swim in the lake will exercise parental control enough to make sure the children use only the beaches that are patrolled—there is no need or sense of going to the danger spots.

Repercussion

Repercussions from the editorial in this column last week (referring to the absolute necessity of children being kept away from the wheel of the family car until the age of judgment has been reached) have been many and varied.

Adults, especially those with car-driving young, and persons in positions of public responsibility, such as Chief-of-Police Rex Andrews, have been outspoken in their commendation of the editorial.

Young folks, owners of jalopies or borrowers of the family car, have expressed the opinion that the horrible side of automobile driving should not be portrayed in print, that such editorials make people sick, etc.

If every driver of an automobile—and this means BOTH adults and the younger generation—could see the dead and maimed, the lame, the halt and the blind that are the direct result of driving automobiles recklessly, without due regard to horse-sense safety measures,—perhaps we would not be accused of sensationalism.

You fathers and mothers, you high school and college young folks—dip figurative fingers in the blood of the Janie Browns and the Hilding Olsons who have been victims of the automobile—write across your windshield in letters of everlasting red—"DEATH IS THE PRICE OF CARELESSNESS."

Thistles

Did you ever feel the ungentle caress of the Russian Thistle, the sinister beauty of the vacant lots? Have you dug and fought and cursed this whole summer, getting the dratted things out of your own lawn and garden?

If you think its been tough getting rid of thistles this year, you can look forward to the summer of 1942 with despair and dismay.

The reason? Owners of vacant lots, especially in the southern part of the town, have allowed the thistles to take possession. Despite civic pride and city ordinances, you see thistles, thistles everywhere.

Spots in Ravinia are white with thistle-down, assuring us of a luxuriant, pestiferous crop next year, sprouting in lawns, gardens and all around our homes.

We suggest the Men's Garden Club take the lead in forming Thistle Vigilante Committees to cover every block in the city, and that steps be taken to secure all the cooperation possible from the city fathers. A bit of neighborly cooperation and some sharp sickles, instead of just waiting for the other fellow to do it, would do much to free our town of these nasty pests.

HOP IN, SOLDIER!

Officials at Fort Sheridan and at Great Lakes Naval Training Station state that it is against regulations for soldiers or sailors to hitch hike, or "ride the thumb."

There is no rule against them accepting an invitation to a ride, however, so we have a suggestion to make to every resident of Highland Park or near-by communities, whose business requires considerable driving around this area or in to Chicago.

First, remember these lads are our sons, or the sons of folks like us. They come from homes like ours. They enjoyed amenities of life as civilians which they do not have now, such as having a car to drive.

Make life a little easier for these young men by giving them a lift in your car whenever possible. It is a courtesy which costs but a moment of time, and will earn you and the community a reputation for friendliness.

North Shore drivers willing to give a lift to a soldier or sailor, can obtain free of charge by calling at The Press office at 538 Central avenue, a little sticker that reads "Hop In, Soldier."

The little we can do to make life more comfortable for the lads in uniform will be done, we feel sure, with a right good will.

Eichler Elected Legion Commander

Harry Eichler was elected post commander of the Dumaressq Spencer post of the American Legion, at



HARRY EICHLER

the meeting held Thursday night. He and the other new officers will be installed at the August 14th meeting, with Douglas Getschall, district commander of the 10th district, acting as installing officer. Eichler succeeds George E. Abernathy as commander.

Other officers who are to be installed are: vice-commander, William J. Acker; Junior vice-commander, Arthur E. Johnson; finance officer, James A. Thomas; service officer, DeWitt J. Manasse; sergeant-at-arms, Rocco Stella; and trustee for a 3 year term, Dr. Paul H. Weis.

Eichler is no stranger to Highland Park and the North Shore. He is one of the most respected men of the community, and should make a good leader for the Legion. He is asking the cooperation of all past post commanders, in legion matters, and to be members of an advice council.

So far Mr. Eichler has not named his slate.

Veteran Lutheran Minister to Retire

Rev. W. F. Suhr, pastor of the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran church, for the past 30 years, has



MR. SUHR

retired. He sent his resignation in to the congregation Monday evening, and asked to be relieved from his duties immediately. He will remain at the parsonage for a few weeks taking a much needed rest. Later he will enter some church or welfare work.

It is with regret that his congregation and the townspeople see him go.

Rev. Suhr is one of the most kindly persons in the community. He befriended the town, not only the members of his church, but his many friends of other faiths.

It is our wish, and the wish of your many friends, that you enjoy your vacation and rest, and that you have many years of health and happiness.

CARD OF THANKS

Your kind expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

James and Myrtle Brown

Install Traffic Control Signals

Traffic control signals at seven intersections along Skokie Boulevard and highway were warmly approved today by Marion T. Martin, president of the North Shore Property Owners Association.

"These control signals should help reduce excessive speeds and make it safer to cross the highway at practically all intersections," said Mr. Martin. "The improvement is especially timely in view of the increasing traffic on the Skokie and on other highways throughout this entire area."

Deerfield Fall Festival

The Deerfield Fall Festival will be held August 30, 31 and September 1.

The popularity contest is the big feature of the festival. Young ladies sixteen years old and up, are invited to get into the contest. There will be three prizes, so hurry and enter, and get your friends started to casting votes for you.

Writer's Conference Ends At Moraine-on-the-Lake

The Writer's conference was held at Moraine-on-the-Lake this last week, closing Saturday. The whole conference was a great success, and enthusiastic and interesting speakers were on each day's program. A fine bunch of manuscripts in all fields were submitted. Mrs. Everett Fontaine was in charge of the program and Mrs. Rowena Bennett had charge of the manuscripts, judging and reading, as well as worthwhile commentation.

Mrs. Rose (John) Lemmon, 418 Glencoe avenue, was awarded the

prize for outstanding work as a member of the Creative Writing group of Highland Park. She has written a number of short stories, and is now working on a novel.

Barbara Chinnock, Glencoe, was awarded the Children's Short Story prize and Patricia Sloan, Chicago, a member of the Highland Park Creative Writer's group, won two awards, in poetry and story writing.

There are a number of writer's on the North Shore, and a few really well known ones who were guests of the conference.

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Frank D. Austin Buried in New York

Frank Drake Austin, 67, died at his home, 584 DeTamble avenue Tuesday. He was the general coal and coke agent for the Erie railroad, and has been with this company for 49 years.

He leaves his widow, Olive; three sons, James C., Robert E., and John D. and a daughter, Eleanor.

Services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Kelley chapel. Burial will be in Calicoon, New York Friday.

Form Junior Safety Club

A Junior Beach Safety club is in the stages of being formed, with the support and assistance of Chief of Police Rex Andrews. Two boys, John Picchetti, 14 and Lester Wehrmak, 13, lost a good friend Friday when Francis Finley drowned. It is for him, and to save others from his fate, that these two boys are forming the safety club.

A meeting is being held at 10:30 Saturday morning at the City Hall, safety council room, and will be attended by Chief Andrews, Mayor Ronan and Ed Brown, of the Park board. The club is open for membership to all, and there is no dues.

The object of the club is to patrol the beaches where there is no life guard, and bring children into the police station for an object talk, who stray too far from shore and the watchful eye of the guard.

The Safety club is trying to get a boat for their patrols and for rescue work, if necessary.

William O'Flarity

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning at St. James church for William O'Flarity, former Highland resident, who died in Kansas. Burial was in Ridgewood cemetery.

America First Peace Rally

Under the auspices of the Evanston chapter of the America First Committee a Peace rally will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in

Evanston Township high school gymnasium. The principal speaker will be the Honorable Phillip LaFollette. Mr. LaFollette has chosen as the subject of his address "The Course of True Americanism."

All members and persons interested in the America First Committee are cordially invited to attend. There will be no charge for admission and the doors will be open at 7:30 p.m.

HIGHLAND PARKERS! FILL THIS BIN!!



Central Ave. Aluminum Bin, showing ample room for additional contributions.

An expression of appreciation to the people of Highland Park and Ravinia was made by George Schenck, chairman for their response in the aluminum drive for defense.

DOLLAR DAY has been set for August 7 by the Retail Committee of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. You thrifty shoppers are urged to remember the date, for bargains will be piled high on your merchants counters. With prices steadily increasing, the local merchants have really slashed prices on merchandise taken from their current stock supplies, and promise that this will be the biggest DOLLAR DAY Highland Park has ever known.

DOLLAR DAY SPECIAL
One Year's Subscription to The Highland Park Press \$1.00
Our subscribers are privileged to renew their subscriptions on Dollar Day only at the same bargain figure.

DOLLAR DAY, August 7, will be one of the outstanding sales events in the history of Highland Park. Watch the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS next week for the sale advertisements.

Sanborn Doing Six Months S. American Research

Colin Sanborn, 1612 Pleasant avenue, Ravinia, sailed from New York, July 18, for Peru, South



COLIN C. SANBORN

America, where he will collect for the Field Museum and also finish his last six months work on his Guggenheim fellowship. He did his first six months individual research work in London in 1938 and 1939, and will complete his fellowship work on the South American trip. He is the Curator of Mammals at Field Museum, Chicago.

Mrs. Sanborn and daughters, Judith 7, and Louise, 11, remained at home.

Major Douglas, Morale Officer, Addresses Rotary

The Highland Park Rotary club met at Moraine on the Lake Monday noon for luncheon and their regular weekly meeting. Clarence Witt had charge of the program. Major Douglas, post morale officer from Fort Sheridan, was the guest speaker.

The aluminum will be loaded into a truck, weighed and sent to the Chicago aluminum dump the latter part of the week. From there it will go to various places, to aid in the defense work.