

STRICTLY LOCAL

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HONOR THOSE BELTS!

From coast to coast, as here in Highland Park, hazardous traffic spots near public school have for some years past been scenes of action for the school safety patrol. This year the Highland Park traffic commission, with Rex Andrews, chief of police and the superintendents of the two school districts, Mr. Wright and Mr. Price, have worked out a safety patrol plan that is expected to make our streets entirely safe for children going to and from school. This is a plea to motorists living in Highland Park: NEVER, NEVER be in such a hurry as to ignore those white-belted boys who are doing such a splendid, unselfish job of traffic direction. These white-belted lads are not clothed with police authority; they have only the authority vested in them by public opinion. When they hold up a hand for you to stop, they cannot issue a summons if you fail to heed their signal. But the potent force of public opinion is behind the signal of the school traffic patrol, and woe unto he who fails to heed.

ROOTERS WANTED

The Highland Park High School football team has started its season. These young men are giving a lot to the school's hope for a successful football season. They practice afternoons when they could devote their time to other activities. They play their Saturday games with an intensity that is thoroughly admirable. But let's remember these lads are, in spite of their brawn, just boys. A word of encouragement means much. A good cheering section with a liberal sprinkling of interested dads would add to the zest of the game for the players. We venture the suggestion, too, that many a paternal breast will swell with pride to see Young Hopeful in there doing his full share.

And speaking of football, we also have the Highland Park Merchants team, an aggregation of former high school players whose love of the game prompts them to continue to take an active part. The Merchants play under the lights at Sunset Park, and offer some good lively entertainment to the sport-minded among us. Their first game is being played as this editorial goes to press. We wish them well, and bespeak the enthusiasm of the whole community on their behalf.

VIRTUOSOS?

The Community orchestra which begins its work next week wants players, but doesn't expect virtuosos, according to a news item elsewhere in The Press. They do want players however - perhaps men who laid aside their saxophones after the college years ended, or the erstwhile little boys whose fiddles began to gather dust as soon as Mother quit insisting on that hour of practice. In the days long before automobiles, movies, golf, bridge or the radio, Americans furnished their own entertainment, generally to the accompaniment of music - the fiddle, banjo and mouth organ being favorites. The same thorough personal enjoyment derives today from exactly the same effort. To Highland Parkers worried to the point of illness over business, politics or personal affairs, we suggest, "Dig out that old fiddle and come on over and tune up with the rest of the folks."

SPLENDID, MRS. WILLIAMS

This week Nick Young of the Service Club announced the appointment of an assistant directress, Mrs. Ruth Williams. She is the widow of the late beloved Chaplain Ira Williams of Fort Sheridan, who died just recently. Mrs. Williams will act as a house mother and hostess at the Service Club. Like a good soldier, she has laid aside her personal grief to do what she can for the service men. We admire her fortitude, and predict a tremendous success for her work. A salute to you, Ruth Williams!

CHARITY, 1941 MODEL

Not so many years ago, most housewives were called to the door almost daily by someone soliciting funds for some charitable purpose, or by beggars appealing for handouts. This type of solicitation is almost a thing of the past in Highland Park. The reason is easy to find - we have a Community Chest that takes care of all legitimate charity needs. This fund provides fully for the many charitable organizations active in Highland Park. One solicitation is made each year. The 1941 drive starts officially on October 21, but the Special Gifts Committee begins its work this week-end. We urge every citizen, to take council with himself and decide his own fair contribution, so he can make it promptly. The solicitation of funds for charity is a thankless task. The least we can do for the people who contribute so royally of their time and effort is to receive them graciously, and expedite their work, so the \$50,000.00 goal can be reached with a minimum of effort.

WHO GETS YOUR MONEY?

We hear weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among local business firms that feel the community loses more than money when its people go elsewhere to shop or entertain. We have seen the shopping trains loaded with Mrs. Highland Park, Mrs. Ravinia and their daughters going elsewhere to spend their money. The plain fact is that Highland Park stores carry A-1 merchandise, their clerks are as helpful and courteous as clerks can possibly be, and these people pay local taxes helping to make the tax burden lighter on all. Those who are accustomed to spend their money elsewhere could well afford to remember that this community is built on its business enterprises, and every dollar spent elsewhere makes Highland Park poorer, and that much less desirable as a home community. All our buying dollars together, if spent at home, would bring us bigger stores, lower prices, better paid clerks and lower taxes. Do your bit, Mr. and Mrs. Highland Park.

PATROLS to GUARD H. P. CHILDREN

Safety Commission Police Department Developing New Boy Patrol Group

Gilroy, Wright, Price, Andrews Push National P T A Plan

Beginning within the next thirty days the City of Highland Park will inaugurate a city wide plan for School Safety Patrol Boys based on the model plan of the ational Safety Council, the State of Illinois, and to conform with the recommendation of the National Parent Teacher Associations.

The plan according to Edwin Gilroy, chairman of the Highland Park Traffic Commission, has been worked out during the summer months by the commission, in consultation with R. H. Wright, superintendent of School district 107 and C. G. Price, superintendent of School district 108, and under the direction of Rex Andrews, Highland Park's police chief.

Chief Andrews, he adds, is particularly well qualified to conceive and direct this new organization of Patrol Boys having had extensive experience in this work. As Lieutenant of Police in charge of Safety in Wichita, Kansas, he established a record which gained him national recognition. He later was associated with the University of Wisconsin and lectured on Safety. During the recent Mid-west Police Chief's Convention, Chief Andrews was one of the featured speakers.

The details of the new city wide Patrol Boy Organization will be announced within the next two weeks and shortly after it is expected to have it in operation. Chief Andrews states that general plan will apply to all schools and that separate provision will be made to care for the problems applying to the individual school.

He further states that the purpose is to accomplish safety within the capabilities of the Patrol Boys and with equal regard for the safety of both the Patrol Boy and the school children. It will be based on a system which in addition will include (Continued on Page 8)

Chest Goal \$50,000

The Highland Park Community Chest announced today that the goal for the seventh annual campaign of the Chest to be held Oct. 21 to Oct. 31 will be \$50,000, the same as last year.

At the same time they announced that splendid progress had been made in the organization of the campaign committee personnel under the direction of General Campaign Chairman Horace Vaile and Special Gifts Chairman A. C. George.

Mr. Vaile announced the complete formation of the district committees, which will have charge of the campaign in the various sections of the city as follows:

- District Committees**
North Section—Hugh H. Wilson, vice chairman in charge.
District I—Samuel S. Holmes Jr., chairman, Mrs. High M. Seyfarth, co-chairman.
District II—R. W. Flinn, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Maxwell, co-chairman.
District III—D. L. Clinton, chairman, Mrs. John W. Newey, co-chairman.
District XI—Arthur H. Rehorr, chairman, Walter Wagner, co-chairman.
Central Section—Irving Meyerhoff, vice chairman in charge.
District IV—Elmer W. Freytag, chairman, Mrs. Richard J. Loewenthal, co-chairman.
District V—Charles R. Perrigo, chairman, Mrs. Walter A. Gatzert, co-chairman.
District IV—H. Bowen Stair, chairman, Harry J. Van Ornum, co-chairman.
District X—Bruce Blaine, chairman, Mrs. Ben S. Buckmaster, co-chairman.
District XIII—Daniel J. Davitt, chairman, Mrs. Jess Hjelsted, co-chairman.

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Mother, Child Saved; Limited Wrecks Auto Stalled on Tracks

—by Whitt N. Schultz—

"My car stalled on the tracks! I couldn't get it started! The gateman was waving and shouting at me! Bearing down on me and my Patsy was the speeding '400' and another train bound for the city! I grabbed Patsy! A second later the train hit my car! I've never been more scared in my life!"

Thus went the vivid account of the near catastrophe suffered by terror-stricken Mrs. Harry Newman of 101 Crescent Drive, Glenoco. It is a wonder that Mrs. Newman ever lived to tell her dramatic story.

Precisely here is what happened. At about 4:40 p. m. Monday, September 22, Mrs. Harry Newman and her daughter, Patsy, were driving west on County Line Road, Ravinia. They approached the railroad tracks. Simultaneously the bell started to clang. The gates began to lower. Fearfully Mrs. Newman tried to race her convertible across the tracks. But, the motor stalled.

The gateman, Peter Rohnch, shouted: "Whatsa matter lady? Look out! A train's comin'!" The screams brought Mrs. Newman to her active senses. Frantically she grabbed her daughter, yanked her from the car, and both ran to safety.

Meanwhile, heroically, the gateman was making a desperate effort to flag down the southbound 60-mile-an-hour Valley Limited and, at the same time, trying to push the car away from the hurtling engine. His efforts were of no avail. Heading the engine plunged into the Newman car breaking it into bits and crushing it into one half its size.

Several seconds later the "400," heading North, approached at 90 miles an hour. Fortunately the "400" was slowed down and crept by dangerous pieces of wreckage that might have caused serious damage to the streamliner.

"Most terrible thing we've ever seen!" said young lads John Straub of 2360 Lakeside place, and Gordon Garrett of Valley Road, the only eye-witnesses. And, it was!

A word of praise to the heroic efforts of Mrs. Harry Newman and gateman, Peter Rohnch.

Mrs. Williams at Service Men's Club

Mrs. Ruth Williams, has been appointed by the Army and Navy YMCA Womens committee and she has been officially accepted by the Local Army and Navy YMCA Board of Directors, for the post as Activities Director with Mr. Nicholas T. Young, Executive Director of the Local Service Mens U. S. O. Club.

Mrs. Williams has had an extended experience in young peoples work, and with church programs. She is also well acquainted with Army Life and will be of invaluable service to the committees who are carrying on the work. Her main duties will be to assist the Home Hospitality Committee, the Dance committee and is already arranging to organize a Soldiers wives club.

Highwood Center Grant Approved

Edwin C. Jones, field representative of the federal security agency announced this week the approval of the federal security agencies application made to the defense public works for the purchase of the North Shore Bowling ally site and building on Railway Avenue, Highwood, for the erecting of a service men's center, had been approved, and that the rehabilitation of the present building and the construction of a large wing to be started at an early date.

Manage Sale for British War Relief

On October 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. the architects and decorators of Chicago and vicinity are sponsoring a sale for the British War Relief at the British War Relief shop at 615 North Michigan avenue, Chicago, which they opened last year and managed for 2 weeks. In that time they netted \$30,000 on sales from donated articles of furniture, large or small china, glass, silver, books, textiles, costume jewelry or objects of art.

Anyone who cares to donate anything for this sale please notify Earl Fraberg, phone H. P. 3598 and he will make arrangement to have the articles picked up, which must be turned in before October 4.

Merchants Play Kenosha Team

Sunday afternoon, September 28, at 2:30 o'clock at Sunset Park the Highland Park Merchants will play their second game of the season against Kenosha. Kenosha was the team that was responsible for Highland Park's first defeta last year, after loosing to the Merchants in the season opener.

A large crowd of football fans are expected to jam Sunset Park Sunday.

Lutheran Ladies Celebrate 45th Year

The Ladies Aid Society of the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Central & McGovern, will observe the 45th anniversary of their organization next Sunday, September 28th. The 10:30 morning services will be dedicated in their honor and the Rev. Walter Burmeister of Chicago will be guest pastor.

After services on Sunday the members of the Ladies Aid and the immediate members of their families and other guests will hold a chicken dinner banquet at Phil Johnsons.

Olson Opens Shop

Lester "Oley" Olson, who for 20 years was production superintendent of the old Highland Park Press, has this week opened his doors as the Olson Printing Co., at 516 Laurel Avenue. He is busy these days holding open house to receive the good wishes of his many friends.

Grace Moore Appears On Recital Program



Grace Moore, star of concert, opera, radio, and screen has been engaged to sing at the first concert, the Winnetka Music club is sponsoring for the 1941-42 season, on October 21, in the New Trier High School. This will be the eighteenth season of artist recital series, and all artists are of international fame. There will be no course in Highland Park this year.

Miss Moore has just returned from a very successful tour of South America, and the club feels very fortunate in securing her for their opening concert. She sang in all the metropolitan cities of South America, and has just returned to begin a tour of the United States.

Ruth Draper, unsurpassed in her inimitable character sketches will appear on the November 24 recital; Nathan Milstein, one of the great-

est violinists of our day, has been engaged for the January 26, 1942 concert and Vronsky and Babin, foremost duo-piano team will be the artists of the February 21, 1942 musicale. All programs will be given in the intimate surroundings of New Trier's auditorium.

Mrs. Arthur Byfield of this city, is a member of the Winnetka music club.

Mrs. Dwight C. Greutt, Glenoco, chairman of the recital series, says that a number of subscriptions to the recitals have already been sold. Headquarters are at th L and A Stationers, 546 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka. Reserved section tickets for the four concerts are \$7 and the regular season tickets are \$5. To avoid disappointment subscribers are urged to send for tickets soon.