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• MAKE IT A MONTHLY TOWN MEETING

The November 5th Town Meeting already arranged by the Highland Park League of Women voters promises to be a live gathering of live citizens. Discussion of our city and school district business should be most informative to interested taxpayers. The community would profit in every way if the Town Meeting is held monthly. The trend of affairs in Highland Park may be less serene than appears on the surface. If there are skeletons on our community closet, they should be uncovered and vigorously jangled about once a month. Harking back to the apartment house idea: it is easy to understand why many of the wealthy men who maintain their houses in our midst would like to keep this a quiet, almost a rural community, where nothing would ever occur to disturb the calm. But let's think of the thousands of taxpayers who in the aggregate mean so much to the town. A growing population, made possible by more plentiful housing facilities would help to lower our per capita cost of maintaining the city. Our vacant property would have a bigger value. Our merchants would have more customers. Our schools would serve more children. Few cities remain fixed in size or character. Highland Park is no exception, and must either grow or stagnate. Let's discuss some of these problems every month, to the end that our public servants will have the benefit of public guidance in handling city affairs.

• WHERE DO ARMY OFFICERS LIVE?

At the Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting Tuesday evening, President Neiter brought up the fact that the Chambers proposes to try to have Highland Park declared a Defense Area, so that its merchants and business people will be in position to obtain the materials and supplies necessary to take care of the varied needs of the Fort and the thousands of men there. On the street, almost any hour of the day, one finds army officers, just back from maneuvers, frantically searching for some sort of house or apartment in which to live. The facts are that the type of living quarters sought by the officers are simply not to be had. We have few apartments and no "flats" in which these men can shelter their families. If this is logically a Defense Area, we should amend our local ordinances to permit the erection of whatever structures are necessary to house overflow Army and Navy personnel.

• SELF-STARTING "CHESTERS"

Tuesday evening 400 volunteer Community Chest workers will meet to plan their drive to raise the funds necessary to take care of our sick and needy for twelve months to come. These 400 people have undertaken a task that requires keen interest and plenty of long hours. The Community commends them, and we feel sure Highland Park's quota will be raised with its usual promptness. When one of these self-starting folks calls at your door, give him a warm welcome and make your contribution as promptly as possible. When you save the worker's time, you help the Chest achieve its objective that much sooner.

• SERVICE CLUB SERVICE

Indications are today that the new Service Men's Club will be well on the way to completion by the first of the year. Elsewhere on this page is the story of the purchase of locally drawn plans by the War Department, which will expedite construction materially. After the months of work put in by many Highland Park citizens, it will be grand to see ground broken and construction in progress. Highland Park will then be in better position to take care of its soldier and sailor visitors.

• WE DON'T SELL ELECTRICITY!

And the Public Service Company isn't sending us a check for this paragraph - but it does seem to us that Highland Park merchants who discount the value of the rent they pay by failing to keep their windows illuminated at night are missing a mighty good advertising medium. Why have fine plate glass windows filled with interesting wares, and then make it impossible for the passersby to see in? Light your windows, and see how night traffic of window shoppers builds day traffic of buyers.

'BOUT THE WEATHER

Of all the 'portant subjects
E'er discussed by kith an' kin
The one that's 'bout the weather
'Pears the one that's bound to win
No matter how it's actin'
Rainin', shinin', cold er hot
It's first a friend will mention
When you meet him, like as not
'Howdy, Jim' and
'Howdy, John'
It's doin' lots o' rainin'
We need it tho, I think, perhaps
But some folks are complainin'
It prob'ly tho will break away
It 'pears a little lighter
'So long, John' - 'So long, Jim'
Tomorrow may be brighter.
It's an older fashion topic
Most than any you could name
But I kinda' sorta' like it
And I'd miss it just the same.
'Caus' it's somethin' you
can mention
And your friend can use it too
Just to demonstrate the feelin's
That exist 'tween him an' you.
There's times you know a feller

Don't know nothin' much to say
When his spirit's maybe hintin'
In a friendly sort o' way
You can meet a friend in trouble
And just sorta' take his hand
Sayin' 'somethin' 'bout the
weather
And he'll always understand.
When Jim, our nearest neighbor
And purt' nigh the dearest friend
Was struck down with the fever
And was gettin' near the end
I won't forget that evenin'
And the snow, drifts pilin' high
That I plodded thru to see him
And his folks all standin' by.
His hand was purty trembly
When he laid it into mine
And I told him, 'bout
the weather
Jim understood it fine.
I hear him whisper still today
'It 'pears a little lighter
So long, John' - 'so long, Jim'
Tomorrow may be brighter."

—Jess McGinnis

SERVICE CLUB PLANS PURCHASED

500 Enroll In Adult Education

The Adult Education classes started this week with the heaviest registration ever experienced. More than five hundred persons have already enrolled and as the registrations will continue to be received until October 27th the total undoubtedly will be well over the six hundred mark.

Many persons who wished to enroll in upholstery, woodwork, badminton on Monday evenings, metal work, sewing, and Spanish could not be registered because these classes were filled.

Only a few more persons can be admitted to the classes in beginning and advanced shorthand, beginning and advanced typing, bookkeeping, and badminton on Wednesday evenings.

There is still an opportunity for more persons to enroll in rifle instruction, business English, English literature, mechanical drafting, photography, and drawing-painting.

Persons who intend to take advantage of the program are urged to register at once so that they will not be too far behind in the regular work of the classes.

The Highland Park High School will be open to receive new registrants on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings during the next two weeks. The fee is two dollars per course for all persons in the Deerfield-Shields High School district.

400 Workers Await Chest's Opening Dinner Rally

Cards of invitation have already been sent to over 400 Community Chest workers urging them to be present at the Dinner Rally to be held at the Exmoor Country Club, at 6:30 next Tuesday night, October 21st. Workers have been asked to get in touch with their district chairmen immediately so that definite reservations can be made. It is imperative that the Arrangements Committee, headed by Mrs. Howard C. Richardson, know in advance how many workers will be present.

William Carr, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee promises a splendid program of some of the city's foremost talent.

Even before the main drive is started, many subscriptions to the Community Chest have been received at the Chest headquarters. A large portion of these have been turned in by the Special Gifts Committee, under the Chairmanship of E. C. George.

An interesting letter was received at the Chest headquarters this week enclosing a small subscription attached to the following note: "I am going away this week and will not be back for some time. I will not be home during your Community Chest Drive, but I feel it is my duty to give. My donation is not large, and it probably would not be missed, but I would feel better, and my conscience would be clear, if you will accept this small contribution as my part in the fine work you are doing for the Community of Highland Park. I wish you great success."

This letter has prompted Chest officials to remind those people who may be out of town, or for some reason unavailable during the Drive,

CHEST FUNDS HELP SUPPORT THEM



Children at the Devoas Home, which is one of the many agencies receiving aid from the Community chest fund.

Flinn and Corrough Sell Plans and Specifications To War Department

35 Choir Robes Found In Alley

Friday morning Warren Leihser, custodian of the Udell Building, found 35 choir robes, stuffed in the waste paper can in the rear of the building. The robes, some hip length and some knee length are muslin and mostly new. Some have names and sizes sewn into the back neck band. Leihser turned the robes over to Raymond Flinn, building manager, who has them at his office, 538 Central avenue. Owner may have them by calling at this office.

Post Warns Shippers And Aircraft About Missiles of Firing

During the period October 14, 1941 until further notice, the water area extending three miles into Lake Michigan, all along the border of Fort Sheridan, will be subject to missiles of firing from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time.

Aircraft are advised the danger zone will extend to an altitude of 2000 feet.

All vessels and aircraft are requested to avoid the danger zone or expedite passage through it.

Highwood Plans Completed; Highland Park Specifications Expected To Be Ready Soon

The preliminary plans and specifications for both the Highwood and Highland Park Service Men's Club buildings, which were designed by Flinn and Corrough, architects of Highland Park, have been purchased outright by the War Department, office of the Zone Constructing Quartermaster. The final working drawings for these two buildings are to be made in the drafting room of the zone constructing quartermaster and Flinn and Corrough, under their agreement with this department, are to collaborate in all details and assist in every way to facilitate the completion of these drawings.

McGaw, Knox Open Season for Woman's Club



EMMA KNOX

The Highland Park Woman's Club will open its season officially on Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A reception and tea will follow what promises to be perhaps the greatest aggregation of actors and actresses to have appeared on the club stage at one time—as represented by only two players.

These two people, a handsome young man and his equally charming young wife, Emma Knox and Baldwin McGaw who have been in the theatre since early childhood, have devised a remarkable series of short theatrical pieces. The term Dramatic Duets is used by them to describe their work. The meaning of duets is clear since it describes the number of principal actors. It also suggests that several beautifully costumed scenes are acted, each a complete story totally separated and of independent theme and dramatic action.

The word Dramatic stands for itself, for each performance contains humor and tragedy from the great historical plays and the classics, to some original items based on contemporary events.

For instance, there are dramatizations in a duet called "Peg of Drury Lane" of David Garrick and Peg Woffington taken from their association in "As You Like It," and of Disraeli and a "Mrs. Traversa" in a duet called "The Prime Minister and the Lady."

Baldwin McGaw and Emma Knox have long lived in California. Taking over the theatre in San Francisco, they became successful actor-managers of the Community Playhouse and, at the same time, conducted a drama school teaching both acting and dancing. They later did 300 consecutive dramatic radio broadcasts for N.B.C.

Their newest offering being presented in this year's tour, is the result of their original research. Resting for several months at Carmel-by-the-sea near the historic town of Monterey and the old mission Carmelo in California, Baldwin and Knox became acquainted at first hand with a number of the famous old California love stories. Adapting some of these old love stories, threaded lightly with early history making events, into a Dramatic Duet was a logical step resulting in the colorful and dramatic story of Maria and Felipe, entitled "In Old California." This is included in their repertory planned for the woman's club.

McGaw and Emma Knox use a minimum of scenery and properties to vitalize their characterizations

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The drawings for the Service Men's Club at Highwood are practically complete at this time, and bids will be received next week. The Highwood building is to include the remodeling of the North Shore bowling alley, with the addition of a new wing on the south.

Drawings and specifications of the Highland Park club are nearing completion and bidding will follow promptly. The local club, to be located north and adjacent to the Community Center on North Greenway road, will be erected at a cost of approximately \$65,000. The land, valued at \$17,500, was made available by the Community Center to the city, who in turn passed it on to the government for the club site.

Ground will be broken and the foundation started at an early date.

To Hold Town Meeting Nov. Fifth

Two years ago the Highland Park League of Women Voters initiated the idea of holding an evening Town Meeting at which time the Mayor and the city Commissioners would have an opportunity to explain what particular things are hampering and hindering them in their difficult job of being good public servants. The success of these two meeting warrants a repeat! So on Wednesday evening, November 5, at 8:00 P.M. at the Community House, the Third Annual Highland Park Town Meeting will be held.

This year's innovation will be that, in addition to inviting the City Council, the League has extended an invitation to the members of the two elementary School Boards and the High School Board, with a representative of each presenting its particular problems to the taxpayers. It seems only reasonable that if the public is interested in "Know Your Town" it is also interested in "Know Your School System."

Paramount in the mind of the League in planning a Town Meeting is that cooperation is necessary between tax-payers and the tax-spenders. Therefore, both will be given an opportunity to talk. Any citizen who is honestly seeking a better understanding of local conditions or has an intelligent suggestion to make, will be given the floor after the scheduled speakers have had their turn.

18 Inducted In Army Tuesday

Eighteen young men from county Board No. 1, Highland Park, left early Tuesday morning for the Chicago induction center. Six communities are represented by the 18 men, with Highland Park's 8 prospective soldiers leading the list.

Following are the men who were inducted Tuesday:

Highland Park: Frank J. Sordyl, Jr., Gino J. Pincus, Alfred J. Utar, Robert B. Baldwin, Thomas A. Simpson, Ricardo T. Sues, John H. Baldsuf and Raymond C. Phillips.

Highwood: Raymond E. Walk, Amerigo J. Cantagallo, Bruno Amidei, Herman C. Lenzini and Bruno Morani.

Lake Zurich: Allen H. Koffen and Arthur F. Leutheiser.

Mundelein: Russell L. Geary.

Deerfield: Charles G. Burnett.

Prairie View: Roy H. Borro.