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### • CLEARING THE AIR

This comment is being written about two hours before the Annual Town Meeting convenes at the Woman's Club. We're going to be in the front row. There's something healthful about a situation wherein city and school officials arise to answer the questions of taxpayers in open meeting, and perhaps to give an accounting of their stewardship. If this principle could be applied to our county, state and national officeholders, it would remind the servants of the public that they were being held to account. One advantage in the heavy tax bills made necessary by the national defense program is that citizens will soon awaken to the fact that each voter must bear his share of responsibility as well as pay his share of the burden. Realization is sometimes painful. The Town Meeting may possibly bring the dawn of realization. The League of Women Voters deserves the thanks of the community for their effort.

### • BOOK FAIRS

Books are such an everyday part of our lives that it is difficult to think back to the time, not so many years past, when the preparation of just one book often meant years of painstaking labor. Even a generation ago good books were in much less general circulation than today. Today, books for all classes and ages roll from thundering presses by the millions, bearing the thoughts of mankind, illustrated aptly and beautifully, and bound suitably for use or ornament. Our children, through the Book Fair held each autumn in Highland Park schools, learn to see, handle, read and appreciate worthwhile books. Hundreds of chubby little fists will fondle volumes that not long ago would be valued as a king's ransom. The learning that was once the sole possession of cloistered scholars is today the matter-of-fact possession of every child, every adult, who will read. Money raised at the Elm Place school book fair next week and at Ravinia school the following week will be used to add to the supply of fine books available in the school libraries. Attending the Fairs is a "must" on many people's programs here each year, whether they have children in school or not, because each Fair offers a preview of the newest, finest books the markets afford.

### • A SOLEMN DAY

A generation has grown to manhood since that eleventh day of November, 1918, when many of our Highland Park citizens saw war-weary armies lay aside their weapons. The coming rumble of guns is a sound we all had thought never to hear again. Now our radios bring us news of ships being sunk, our young men again are listed in the reports of war dead. Armistice Day, 1941, will not be a gala day, but an occasion of sad remembrance. The generation which will bear the brunt of the present war effort could well take a long look at what has happened to our country since the first Armistice, and utilize November 11, 1941, not as a holiday to be filled with thoughtless fun, but as a day to look ahead, to recognize the responsibilities of being American, to the end that the same date 25 years hence will find us still a democratic nation, still proud to be Americans.

### • HIGHLAND PARK AND THE STATES ATTORNEY

If there is any valid reason why the States Attorney should be unable to help our city council work out the delinquent tax situation, we should know about it. The unpaid taxes within the corporate limits of Highland Park would if paid do a lot to rehabilitate our streets, sewers and other places where the City Fathers need money to do jobs that delinquent taxes prevent. It is recognized that political control of the county lies north of us; but if the Council is unable to obtain help from Waukegan on tax matters, it looks like someone might possibly be letting political pettiness interfere with securing badly needed tax monies. Mr. Hall, are you mad at us?

NOVEMBER

October's now passed out of our sight  
Just like a dew from the soft mornin' light  
November's come an' fetched her chill  
With nights so cold an' clear an' still  
If I could travel back a ways  
Where a farm boy lived in bygone days  
I'd start right now if I just could  
To hump backlogs an' kindlin' wood.

I never have known a boy to concede  
Or ever confess that he didn't need  
November days so clear an' cool  
Just as bad as he needs the swimmin' pool.  
You can mark it down or else I'm wrong  
That there ain't no month can come along  
An' look November in the face  
For keepin' a farm-boy in his place.

There's somethin' about November yet  
That a feller can never just plum forget.  
Ever blame time I feel her air  
I think about eatin' an' I'll just swear  
I want to go huntin' an' I want to work;  
November is never a time to shirk.  
You can feel sort o' lazy the rest of the year  
But this month will fetch you to bizness purt' near.

When November comes I start to reflect  
'Bout things on the farm kind o' sweet to rec'lect.  
For instance the killin' of the first fat pig  
An' invitin' the neighbors all in for a jig  
An' cullin' an' dressin' the turkeys for sale  
An' eatin' their gizzards 'til your eatin' would fail  
An' pickin' the one for Thanksgivin' Day  
To cook for the folks that were headin' our way.

I'd like to go back an' just rabbit trap  
Once more in November an' listen for Pap  
A holler'n to tell me to hurry on back  
An' help fence the cattle from another haystack.  
Ah! Friends, near an' dear, of the present decade!  
To a feller whose ways are just kind o' homemade  
November's the best an' always will be  
Maybe not any more, but, in sweet memory.

Jess McGinnis,  
Deerfield

## TOWN MEETING DRAWS THROUG

### Bethany Evangelical's Harvest Home Festival Wednesday November

Members and friends of the Bethany Evangelical Church located at Laurel and McGovern will gather in the church parlors for a Harvest Home Festival on Wednesday November 12 at 6:45 p.m. This occasion is being held to promote wholesome fellowship among the people of the church, and to welcome former members back home. Recognition will also be taken of the approaching Centennial of the Illinois Conference of Evangelical Churches. In thanksgiving to God for His numerous blessings a Harvest offering will be received, the goal for which has been set at \$1,000.

The dinner for the evening will be served by the ladies of the Philaetha class. Members of the Bethany Brotherhood are planning for the autumnal decorations for the social rooms which



REV. I. L. SCHWEITZER

have been newly cleaned and decorated. A fascinating program has been arranged. The Fleshers of Chicago will bring novelty entertainment in the form of music and skits for a half hour or more. Rev. I. L. Schweitzer of Chicago will bring the address preceding the reception of the Harvest Home Offering. Walter Meierhoff will act as Toastmaster, and George Bray will lead the community singing accompanied by Mrs. L. R. Hawley.

The following committees have been working diligently for months to insure the success of this happy occasion:

Central Committee; Dr. E. D. Fritsch, Walter Meierhoff, E. Schlung, Mrs. E. D. Fritsch, Mrs. L. Laubenstein.

Dinner Committee; Mrs. Elmer Hecketsweiler, Mrs. L. Laubenstein, Mrs. E. Fritsch, Mrs. G. Weil, Mrs. A. Vetter, Mrs. W. Meierhoff.

Program Committee; Walter Meierhoff, Dr. E. D. Fritsch, Mrs. L. R. Hawley.

Publicity Committee; E. Schlung, Mary Laing, Mrs. R. Umbach, Mrs. G. Glader.

Ernest Kuehne as Brotherhood President is in charge of the decorations.

### Elmer L. Clavey Gets State Post

Elmer L. Clavey, owner of the Clavey nurseries on Skokie Highway, was appointed personnel director of the two boys' schools at St. Charles and Sheridan, Ill. The appointment was made by Governor Dwight Green. Clavey is a former township road commissioner and Republican precinct committeeman of West Deerfield township, and is at present a precinct committeeman in Deerfield township.

### Zipoy-Jacobson on Selective Board To Aid Draftees

Frank Zipoy, Highland Park and Edward Jacobson, Deerfield, have been named members to the re-employment committee to help discharged draftees. Announcement was made by Clarence Huhn, Deerfield, chairman of County Selective Service board No. 1, with headquarters in Highland Park.

Zipoy, is the commercial teacher at the Highland Park High School, and is active in Legion work. Jacobson is former commander of the Deerfield American Legion.

### P.T.A. Dinner at H. S. Tonight

The High School P.T.A. dinner will be given tonight at 6:30 at the High School cafeteria. Mrs. Clark Wright, in charge of the dinner promises an excellent meal. A brief meeting of the parents and teachers will be held from 7:15 to 7:45 in the auditorium. The High School band will furnish the music. An announcement of special interest will be made at that time. Conferences with teachers will be held in the classrooms following the meeting.

## Women Voters League Affair Packs Womans Club to Capacity

### City and School Officials Show Financing, Operating Methods

Proof that Highland Parkers are interested in the conduct of city affairs was to be found last (Wednesday) night when well over five hundred citizens brave the wind and rain to attend the annual town meeting engineered by the Highland Park League of Women Voters.

The meeting was held in the club-house of the Highland Park Womans Club, and convened at 8 P.M. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Phillip E. Ringer, president of the League of Women Voters. Present on the stage in addition to Mrs. Ringer were Mayor Frank J. Ronan, W. Fred Gallagher, president of the Park Board, Commissioner Nathan Sharp, A. G. Ballinger senior member of

### Legion Plans Armistice Day Observation

Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion of Highland Park will plan a three-fold ceremony commemorating Armistice Day on Tuesday, November 11th.

On Sunday, November 9th, special Armistice Day services will be held at the Highland Park Presbyterian church at 11:00 a. m. under the direction of Dr. Louis W. Sherwin. Legion members will assemble at Legion headquarters, 21 N. Sheridan Road at 10:30 a. m. and proceed to the church in a body.

On Tuesday, November 11th, special ceremonies will be conducted at the flag pole on St. Johns and Central Avenue. A brief, solemn ceremony will be conducted and the Legionnaires and citizens will face east for one minute at 11:00 a. m. A firing squad from Ft. Sheridan will be present and taps will be sounded. In charge of the program will be Commander Harry Eichler, Vice Commander Wm. J. Acker, Adjutant Leslie McCaffrey and Chaplain Henry Hansen.

In the evening the Post will be host to members of the Legion, their wives and friends, to a dinner banquet at the Hotel Moraine-on-the-Lake at 7:00 p. m. to be followed by an evening of entertainment, games and dancing. This gala affair according to Commander Harry Eichler promises to be something entirely different than any Armistice party of the past and members are urged not to miss it. Advance reservations for the dinner should be made not later than November 8th. Special music and entertainment have been engaged for the occasion. The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of Commander Eichler, William C. Acker, Arthur Johnson, Leslie McCaffrey and the entertainment committee consisting of Henry C. Eitner, chairman, Arthur H. Swanson, Henry Mrazek, Chris W. Matthiesen, J. T. Farmer, George Abernathy, John E. Peters, Wm. Salyards, Edw. J. Brown and Sam Crimo.

### Authorities Review Main Tax Items Under Discussion

The polling places for the special high school election to be held this Saturday, November 8, will be open from 12 noon until 7 o'clock, it was announced this week. The Parent-Teacher groups of the district, led by the high school P.T.A. have been soliciting support for the election. The League of Women Voters have requested that the voters come out to the polls. School authorities review some of the main items of discussion concerning the election among which are the following:

The high school district faces a deficit of \$47,000 at the close of the present school year.

The voters are asked to increase the taxing limit for educational purposes from 1 per cent to not more than 1 1/2 per cent, or as it is more commonly expressed, from \$1.00 to not more than \$1.50 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

A comparison of the taxing limits of high school districts in this area shows the Deerfield-Shields District is greatly undersuch districts as Evanston, Oak Park, Bloom, Proviso, Waukegan, etc.

The Board of Education accounts for this situation in the schools as largely a matter of a 19 per cent decrease in assessed evaluations over the district for the past ten years, as compared with an increased enrollment of 20 per cent.

In spite of an increased enrollment and an increased building program

Mrs. Ringer introduced Mayor Ronan, who after a brief speech presented Commissioner Sharp, who gave a detailed report of city activities, past, present and future. He explained the amount and distribution of the city's revenues, told of the cost of municipal garbage collection, reported on the condition of the water department as to service and finances, described our delinquent tax situation, told why our sewers are inadequate and showed the need for replacing much of the city's motor equipment, and in general presented his listeners with a fairly complete picture of Highland Park's municipal housekeeping arrangements.

**Park Board Activities**  
Chairman Ringer then presented the President of the Park Board, W. Fred Gallagher, who told in his pithy way where the Park Board obtains the funds on which it operates, and what it does with the money. The speaker introduced members of the board who were in the audience, including Board Vice President Arthur Olson, Chairman of the Finance Committee Edward Steele, Commissioner Eugene Pfister, Commissioner George Piper, Board Attorney Bower Schumacher, Park Superintendent Ed. Brown and Board Clerk Ray Millen.

**Ballinger Speaks for Knight**  
A. G. Ballinger, senior member of the School Board, District 107, was next introduced, and explained that he spoke on behalf of President Knight, who was out of the city. After relating the duties and activities of the board minutely, Mr. Ballinger stated that the board was concerned only with school activities, and had no relationship whatever with the city administration, hence was not in politics, a comment which drew the first hearty laugh of the evening.

John P. Jackson, president of the School Board of District 108, followed the 107 member, and gave a careful accounting of the board's stewardship of school affairs. He likewise emphasized that his board had nothing to do with the administration or politics.

**High School Board President Speaks**  
George Rogers, President of the Board of High School District 113, told the audience of the work done by the two high schools (Highland Park and Lake Forest) in the district, and touched briefly on the need for additional operating funds which is being presented to the voters at Saturday's school election.

Dr. Harold Spears, principal of Highland Park High School, told his audience what the high schools accomplish in the way of preparing their students for the responsibility of citizenship, and stated that to maintain the standards demanded in this district, the school would need additional funds or else would be faced with a substantial operating deficit.

**Open Forum Held**  
Following conclusion of the scheduled speeches, Mrs. Ringer requested the audience to submit written questions, which were collected by the ushers and brought to the stage, where the speakers answered each query.

### Chamber Commerce Meeting Changed

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, has been set back to November 18 because the original date falls on Armistice Day.

Hugh Riddle, principal housing priorities examiner for the Chicago area, will be the guest speaker.

over the past ten years, the actual revenue of the school now is practically the same as it was in 1930.

**NOTICE**  
All news and advertising copy for our issue of Nov. 13 must be in the office of the Highland Park Press Monday evening, November 12, before 5 o'clock. The Monday evening deadline is necessary because of Armistice day, November 11.

### Chest Nets \$41,719.00

A total of \$41,719.00 has been received toward the Community Chest goal of \$50,000 by the time the hard working Chest auditors had completed totalling the returns received at the fourth report meeting held Tuesday evening at Chest headquarters.

Horace S. Vaile, Chairman of the General campaign, reported following the meeting, that in the general district solicitation, 76.8% of the prospects to be seen by the workers had been covered to date and that he was optimistic that the balance of prospects would be reported upon by next Friday evening, which it is hoped will prove the final report meeting for the district chairmen.

The Special Gifts Division has been running neck and neck with the general division in the matter of coverage of prospects and Chairman Edw. C. George of the Special Gifts Committee stated yesterday that he believed that he and his hard working Committee would be able to finish the job by this week end.

President Garnett stated yesterday that he was greatly pleased with the rapid progress which the general campaign committee and special gifts committee were making towards reaching this year's Chest goal. "Both Committees have built splendid organizations and have been really 'hitting the ball.'" The campaign at the present time is at least a week or 10 days ahead of previous campaigns in the matter of coverage of prospects. I am very certain that with the large and fine group of workers that are continuing on the job that the Chest goal will be reached at a very early date."

### Newspapers To Sponsor Navy Program

At a meeting held last Friday at the Kaskaskia Hotel, LaSalle, Illinois, Navy officers explained to almost 400 weekly newspaper editors and publishers what the Navy is doing as the nation's first line of defense, and the many opportunities offered in the naval service to your men 17 to 31 years of age and in good physical condition.

**Program Outlined**  
According to Commander David Goldenson, in charge of recruiting at the U. S. Naval Recruiting Station in Chicago, the weekly newspapers of the state can do a tremendous job on behalf of the Navy by keeping their readers informed on Naval affairs, both in person and through the columns of their papers.

The officer asked the newspaper men to constitute themselves unofficial Navy recruiters, to form Navy clubs and other patriotic groups among local service and luncheon clubs, and to solicit the cooperation of all local merchants in displaying Naval posters and advertisements.

**Newspapers Respond**  
Officials of the Illinois Press Association and various other state newspaper groups spoke enthusiastically on behalf of the publishers, assuring the Navy recruiters of every assistance in their work of filling the manpower requirements to handle the new vessels being added to the Navy.

**Promotion Program Explained**  
Ralph Barton, vice president, Barton, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., of New York, explained to the newspaper men the Navy's proposed publicity program in considerable detail, and told how the publicity, the organization of Navy clubs, and the provision of personal information by the editors or their staff members to prospective Navy recruits would contribute greatly to the success of the national defense.