

## STRICTLY LOCAL

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### WHERE MEN MET IN THANKS

Monday night two hundred Highland Park men met at the Moraine for our city's first annual Thanksgiving dinner. Nobody brought any axes to grind. No one had any deals to put over. Every man was present in a spirit of humble thankfulness for the bounteous blessings that are ours in this wonderful little city. Three ministers spoke, telling each in his own way that Thanksgiving should mean, and why. The Reverend Christoph Keller, Father James Gleeson and Rabbi Schulman told in moving words the feeling that had prompted untold generations of people to bow down in thanks for their blessings after the harvests. This Thanksgiving dinner bore every earmark of an annual event: It was signally successful, and every man who attended felt spiritually enriched by the men he met and the talks he heard.

### WILL YOUR TABLE BE FULL?

Are you figuring on the traditional groaning board for Thanksgiving? Do you suppose you and your guests will clean every last crumb from the table? Well! Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan will turn loose on their own, so to speak, thousands of young fellows, who, while you are groaning from too much fine food, are stand-around wishing maybe they could slip in and say howdy to the home folks, 'specially on Thanksgiving. How about putting a couple more plates on the table, and help some of these lads be thankful too?

### \$33,000.00 PLAYGROUND

Across from the Elm Place School, construction will be started shortly on a playground which will extend from Sheridan Road to St. Johns Avenue. Part of the funds come from the federal government, the school board pays the balance. It is doubtful if there is any sounder, more satisfactory way to spend the public funds. Children, given ample, well directed play facilities, will stand a thousand to one better chance to live a rich, full life than the children from less fortunate environments.

### LIGHT UP, FRIENDS

You'll hear on your radio tonight about the air raids, the bombings, the assault of armed men which are a daily and nightly occurrence in Europe. Here we have no enforced black-out, no deep sense of foreboding, no fear of our national future. Happily lighted windows in homes, stores and places of business would tell every passer-by of our pride and thankfulness. Turn on the lights, folks. Let them burn clear through the holiday season. Let them reflect our true Thankfulness with lights.

### UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At the Bethany Evangelical Church on Thanksgiving morning at 10:30, the people of Highland Park are joining in a service of Thanksgiving for the blessings that are ours. This year more than ever, we have reason to give thanks to the God who has protected and sheltered us. Thanksgiving is a day of Thanks. We predict the Bethany church will be full.

### OUR NAVY WANTS MEN

Strangely enough, the United States Navy turns not to the rock-bound shores of New England, not to the fishing centers on the Gulf of Mexico, but to the great prairie states for its fine young men. With not a drop of salt in their veins, these men from the farms, factories, shops, stores and professional offices here in the middle west become the best sailors in the world, to man the nation's first line of defense. This week the U.S. Navy opened a drive for recruits to staff the thousands of tons of new shipping coming off the ways almost daily.

The men who are accepted into the Navy become members of a fraternity closer often than brotherhood. Men on ships live close, work hard, share danger and pleasure. Men who man our ships are highly skilled technicians, each individual trained by the Navy to do a specific job superlatively. This training fits a man for a lifetime in the Navy, or success when he goes ashore at the end of his enlistment.

Of all the armed services in this world today, few men rank as high in their pay, their opportunities for advancement, their wide range of travel, and their genuine enjoyment of life. We commend the U.S. Navy and its opportunities to every young man in Highland Park who is contemplating a career in any branch of the armed services.

## If the Angels Do

A Thanksgiving Tribute to James Whitcomb Riley, based on his famous poem, "When the Frost is on the Punkin."

Old Jim Riley struck the edges,  
Sorta touched the center, too,  
Of our hearts and "set 'em tickin'."  
Like no one but Jim could do  
With his dear old song of autumn  
Labled his old fashioned way  
"When The Frost Is On The Punkin"  
How we love it still today.  
Yes, Jim, you sang it dearly  
And each time I read it o'er  
How I wish that I could tell you  
That we vloe it more and more  
We can "char the hens a cluckin'"  
And "the guineys clackin' sound"  
And the "struttin' gobbler" darin'  
That old rooster to the ground.  
"It's then," the same "time" yet Jim  
Riley  
"When we're feelin' at our best"  
Same "risin' sun to greet us"  
"From the same old peaceful rest"  
And your song is ever with us  
"As we go to feed the stock"  
"When The Frost is on the Punkin"  
And the fodder's in the shock."  
Yes "the atmosphere is hearty like"  
"The heat of Summer o'er"  
"Of course, we miss the flowers"  
Jim—  
You with 'em maybe more,  
'Cause you made us 'preciate 'em  
"Like the blossoms of the trees"

"And the mumble of the hummin'  
birds"  
"And buzzin' of the bees."  
"The air's still appetizin' "  
And the "landscape's thru a haze"  
And no painter e'er has mocked it  
Nor "the early autumn days"  
Have ne'er by pen of poet  
Been portrayed alike unto  
"When The Frost Is On The Punkin."  
Who could do it, Jim? but you?  
And we "hear the husky rassel"  
"Of the tassels of the corn"  
"And the raspin' of the tangled  
leaves."  
"As golden as the morn"  
"And the lonesome stubble's preachin'"  
Jim, just like they used to do,  
And the text in every sermon  
Brings a memory of you.  
"The strawstack's in the medder"  
"And the reaper's in the shed"  
"The horses in their stalls below"  
"And clover overhead"  
Apple pickin's over  
"And the women folks is thru"  
"Makin' moince and apple butter"  
"An' I their souse and sausage too."  
"I don't know how to tell it" Jim  
But if the angels do  
Decide to come for "boardin'"  
Can't you come down with 'em too?  
So we'll know "e might expect 'em"  
"The whole endurin' flock."  
"When The Frost is On The Punkin"  
"And the Fodder's in the Shock."  
Jim McQuinn, Deerfield

## NAVY STARTS RECRUITING HERE

### North Shore Gas To Take Over Coke Company

North Shore Gas Company has mailed to its stockholders notice signed by A. C. Winters, vice president, of a special stockholders' meeting to be held December 2, 1941, to approve of a plan of reorganization filed under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. This plan has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a copy of the report of the commission on the plan sent to the stockholders states that the plan is fair and equitable.

#### Claims Compromised

The plan has been worked out by North Shore Gas Company and affiliated companies, a committee representing the preferred stockholders, and representatives of the trustee for the bonds of the North Continent Utilities Corporation and parent company of the Gas Company. In proceedings before the SEC in connection with the plan, it is reported that the preferred stockholders committee asserted claims on behalf of the Gas Company, and the plan includes a compromise of these claims, which, according to the SEC report, is found to be "within permissible limits."

#### Joint Issue Matures in January

Earnings of the Gas Company for many years have been insufficient to permit dividends on its 7 per cent Cumulative Preferred Stock on which there are now large dividend arrearages. The Gas Company and its affiliated company, North Shore Coke & Chemical Company, have a joint issue of bonds amounting to \$4,604,000, which mature January 1, 1942, and it appears that such bonds can only be successfully refunded if the Gas Company acquires substantially all of the assets of North Shore Coke & Chemical Company.

Accordingly, the plan as proposed to stockholders calls for a recapitalization of the Gas Company and acquisition of the assets of North Shore Coke & Chemical Company. The present preferred stockholders will receive, as a class, approximately 61 per cent of the new common stock of the Gas Company to be outstanding upon the consummation of the plan. The balance of the common stock to be outstanding is being given to North Shore Coke & Chemical Company as its purchase price for virtually all of its assets. All of the present Common Stock of the Gas Company, which is owned by North Continent Utilities Corporation, is to be wiped out under the Plan. When the plan is consummated, holders of the present preferred stock of the Gas Company will receive for each share of such stock about 3.027 shares of the new common stock and \$2.50 per share in cash.

#### Bonds & Notes to Be Sold

The plan also states that bonds and notes of the reorganized company will be sold and the proceeds, will be used for the refunding or payment of the joint first mortgage 4 per cent bonds of the Gas Company and North Shore Coke & Chemical Company which mature January 1, 1942.

#### Name New Directors

The plan also provides for a new board of directors of the Gas Company and names as prospective members.

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### Woman's Club Garden Class To Meet November 25

The garden class of the Highland Park Woman's Club will present Miss Elsa Haeger of the Haeger Pottery Company of Dundee, who will lecture on "The Romance of Pottery" on Tuesday, November 25, at 2:00 p. m. She will discuss pottery from prehistoric times down to the present.

Hostesses for the day are: Mrs. T. M. Marks, Mrs. O. Lawrence Olsen, Mrs. A. L. Gail, and Mrs. T. H. Gail.

On Wednesday, November 26, at 10 the Philanthropy Department of the club will meet for their monthly sewing for the Dorcas home Any club member is invited to come and stay as long as she likes. Meet at the home of Mrs. Grover Grady, 529 Forest Avenue, Highland Park.

### THANKSGIVE Community Church Services

at Bethany Evangelical Church  
Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 29  
at 10:30  
Everyone Welcome

### Wants Men For Training In Over Fifty Crafts and Trades Schools

### FLASH NEWS for HIGHLAND PARK CHILDREN! SANTA CLAUS COMING!

We have been advised by a Brownie Messenger that Mr. Santa Claus, of the well known North Pole region, will pass through Highland Park at 9:35 Friday morning November 21. He will greet his Highland Park boys and girls from the back platform of the Northwestern train which arrives at that hour. Santa is reported on a reconnaissance trip to check over the good boys and girls before he comes down the chimneys on Christmas Eve. He is said to be accompanied on his trip by his dear wife, Mrs. Claus, and by Raggedy Ann and Andy. The party will also make a stop at Ravinia at 9:38 after leaving Highland Park. Come and see Mr. and Mrs. Santa, boys and girls.

### Many Attend First Annual Community Dinner

More than 200 men attended the first annual community Thanksgiving dinner at Hotel Moraine on-the-Lake Monday night sponsored by the Highland Park Kiwanis club.

A number of soldiers and sailors were guests of men representing different organizations of the city. Speakers of the evening were Rev. James D. Gleeson of the St. James Church, Highwood; the Rev. Christoph Keller, Trinity Episcopal church, Highland Park and Rabbi Charles E. Schulman of the North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe.

Music during dinner was played by the prize-winning Highland Park High School string quintet under the leadership of Harold Finch. Community singing was led by Harry Skidmore. John Munro, president of Kiwanis, headed the committee in charge of arrangements.

### German Composer Wins Music Poll

Disregarding the state of near-war which exists with Germany, the audience of the first open house of the Community Center on Sunday, November 16, cast an overwhelming vote for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, German composer, as the author of their favorite piece of the program. A count of ballots by members of the orchestra showed that of 64 expressing an opinion, 26 preferred Mozart's "Little Night Music," a perennial favorite, over other pieces by English, Italian and Russian composers.

"Even in the midst of war," commented Everett L. Millard, conductor of the Community Orchestra, after announcing the results of the poll, "in London they give concerts of Beethoven, while in Berlin one of the most popular of the playwrights is—Shakespeare! It is most encouraging. It shows that art will survive hate."

### Highland Park Naval Veterans Forming Naval Club To Assist Recruits Considering Sea Service

### Government Approves \$18,000 Expenditure For Elm Place School

An \$18,000 school expenditure has been approved in Washington, and work on the Elm Place playground will begin soon.

The improvement will consist of a \$33,000 playground to be built across from the Elm Place school. There will be a small football field, macadamized courts for tennis and a small outdoor amphitheatre and bird sanctuary. The playground will be screened from the street. The balance of the project cost will be raised by the school board.

The school board has already purchased the property, consisting of four acres from Sheridan road to St. Johns Avenue.

At the suggestion of Secretary of Navy Knox, The Navy Club of Highland Park has assumed the duties of giving ambitious Highland Park young men information about the opportunities of the "Two-Ocean" Navy offers them for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

According to an announcement made in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance, by enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly 50 different trades and vocations. These include such callings as aviation machinist, dental technician, photographer, diesel engineer, radio technician, welder, storekeeper, and baker. Enlisted men may also qualify for commissions as officers.

#### Enlistments Opened This Week

Beginning this week, the Navy plans for a limited time to accept new qualified men for training. These men will be sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy Trade School even before assignment to the fleet. During this period they will be given regular Navy pay and the Navy's free schooling is valued at hundreds of dollars.

"Never in the history of the United States has there been greater opportunity for loyal young Americans to serve their country and build their futures than right now," said Secretary Knox.

In outlining the many advantages offered by enlistment in the United States Navy, Highland Park veterans of the Naval service said, "It is possible for a bright young man to increase his pay seven times during his first enlistment and he can earn as much as \$126 a month. This monthly figure is actually worth much more when it is remembered that the man has few living expenses and is provided with the finest of medical and dental care."

#### Naval Advantages Outlined

"You have all your food and lodging, and also your original outfit of clothing provided by Uncle Sam free,"

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### Confer With Railroad on Beautification

At 4 P.M. Tuesday afternoon, a conference took place in the Mayor's office between L. L. White, chief operating officer of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and Highland Park city officials. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss all the details of the cooperation of the railroad in the railway beautification project which is now assured and getting rapidly under way in the city.

Attending the meeting with Mr. White were Mayor Frank J. Ronan, City Commissioner Arthur Swanson,

C. Eugene Pfister, chairman of the railway beautification project, Chief of Police Rex Andrews, Victor C. Musser, City Clerk, Phillip Cole, City Engineer and Harry Pertz, secretary of the Highland Park Traffic Commission.

With the completion of final plans and details, those interested in the project state that work will get under way within the next few days, as certain planting is necessary before ground becomes frozen, if the railway area is to be presentable next spring.

### FIRST ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER IN HIGHLAND PARK



Almost 200 men sat down to Thanksgiving dinner at the Hotel Moraine Monday evening. Unique in Highland Park annals, the dinner brought together into one big friendly group members of practically every men's club or group in the city.

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