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### HIGHLAND PARK'S WAR

War in Manila . . . War in Hawaii . . . Midway Island attacked . . . American ships sunk . . . American lads dead by the thousand . . . war . . . war and war in Highland Park, too. Yes, every enemy bomb, every Japanese bullet, every screaming plane attack, will be felt right here in our own snug little Highland Park. Some of our sons are fighting now, more will go, some will not return. We who live here, so far from actual hostilities, are nonetheless a part of this fighting nation, and each of us will do his full share, whatever it may be. Upon our united determination the inevitable final victory must depend. Whatever demand is made upon us, in the nation's name, will not be too great. Whatever the sacrifice, it will be made with courage and calmness. Mr. Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" will find their counterpart with us. The price will be high, now and later. It will not be too high, for we will pay it, in the last analysis, that America may live.

### CHRISTMAS "LEAVE"

One of the cherished privileges of the man in service is his "leave," a chance to go home and see the folks for a few days. With the emergency confronting the nation and the armed forces in particular, leaves for soldiers and sailors may be hard to obtain or denied altogether. But on Christmas and the day before, thousands of soldiers and sailors will be released for a few short hours. We can do much to prevent homesick pangs among these stalwart sons of Uncle Sam by inviting a service man or two or several into our homes to share our Christmas happiness. Nick Young or Mrs. Williams at the Service Mens Club will make all necessary arrangement; just telephone 4874 and offer your hospitality. Maybe someone has invited your own son into home surroundings in some far away place that day . . . can you do less?

### TINKERERS URGENTLY NEEDED

At the Community Center, scores of toys are being delivered daily, to be put in usable condition for children whose Christmas would otherwise be joyless. Many of these toys are in beautiful condition; some need only a bit of mending or a paint job to be good as new. There are scores of handymen in Highland Park—men who have their own shops, or who like to putter around the house with a paint brush. These men are urgently needed to help recondition toys at the Community Center, and the help is needed RIGHT NOW. Come on, give a couple of hours of your time, you home workshop enthusiasts. Here's a REAL job for you!

### JAPAN AIDS NAVY RECRUITERS

Significantly enough, the blitzkrieg tactics Japan used in attacking our citizens, our territory and our ships did NOT have the effect of stiffening us with fear and dismay, as the enemy may have anticipated. Instead, Congress had hardly finished declaring a state of war to exist when young men began streaming into the Naval recruiting stations. Seemingly, the onset of war merely crystallized into deed the thought that was in the minds of many, and the Naval recruiters are keeping their stations open at night to examine and accept the applicants who swarm in. Our prediction is that many of our Highland Park young men will be wearing the Navy "blues" before the war is thirty days old.

### TAKE A CHILD TO YOUR HEART

Christmas, the most personal of holidays, is a most impersonal day to the children of the poor, or to children in our institutions. True, they are well fed. True, they have toys . . . out of a job lot. But cast your mental eye back on your family Christmas. Remember the joy that greets each gift as it is unwrapped . . . and stop right there! These poor kids miss much of the happiness of Christmas because few people bother to think of them as individuals. After all, they are utterly human, aching for just a little personal attention. Think of the gladness in some forlorn little boy's heart, if he were to receive, on Christmas Eve, a little gift (or a big one) that YOU had personally chosen, wrapped in tissue and pretty colored cord, and sent just to him, with his own name on the package and a card written to him to accompany the gift. It's a small thing to do, requiring but little time and money. We think it is NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK, to suggest that big-hearted Highland Parkers call Mrs. Flinn at the offices of the Social Service (telephone 4000) and ask for the name and facts about one child. Take a Child to your heart for Christmas.

## "CHRISTMAS"

I've never been wrapped up exactly  
In things they call Doctrines and  
Creeds  
Or a faith that would tend to entangle  
Or limit my soul in its needs  
The thing I like most 'bout religion  
Crops out from wherever we perch  
And fetches us closer together  
On CHRISTMAS at home or in  
church.

I've seen quite a few celebrations  
Of a different nature and kind  
To some the main feature was thrillin'  
An to others it 'peared pretty blind  
But there's one in the whole kit and  
posse  
That's lackin' spirit from none.  
When chimes utter peace to all Na-  
tions  
A CHRISTMAS O'er earth is begun.  
Some folks can just 'always act cheer-  
ful

Whatever their trials may be  
And others will 'pear sort o' gloomy  
For reasons we can't always see  
But you'll find if you'll watch their  
maneuver'n

Whoever or whither they are  
When the carols of CHRISTMAS are  
soundin'

They'll look for the light of that star.  
Oh hearts that are heavy! Beat  
lighter.

Let the bells chime out peace and  
good will.  
May the saddest of faces grow  
brighter

From a tolerance He died to instill  
That Galilean birth in a manger,  
That death on the cross was for you  
For all human kind a Christ suffered  
May CHRISTMAS our praises  
renew.

Jess McGinnis, Deerfield.

## SANTA SAYS



Press Staff Photo

"12 More Shopping Days Till Xmas."

### Legion Christmas Bingo Party Saturday Night

Final preparations are being made for the fifth annual Christmas Bonus and Bingo party to be held at the Masonic Temple Building on Saturday evening, December 12th, by the Dumaresq Spence Post of the American Legion in Highland Park. According to Commander Harry E. Eichler, this event is the greatest indoor attraction of the year staged by the local Legion post and ranks next to the annual carnival. Proceeds of the party are used for various Legion activities.

The tentative program as announced is as follows:

8:00 to 9:30 P. M. Bingo. Prizes to all winners.

9:30 to 10:00 P. M. "Double or nothing" Quiz program.

10:00 to 10:30 P. M. \$25.00 in cash awards.

Ten or more door prizes. Santa Claus—entertainment—refreshments

10:30 to 1:00 A. M. Dancing and games.

The entire third floor of the Masonic Temple building has been engaged for the evening and a large crowd is expected to attend. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Post as well as at the door on Saturday evening and will entitle any one to all bingo games which are free and to all events on the program.

The general committee in charge of the arrangements consist of Harry Eichler, Wm. J. Acker, Arthur Johnson, L. B. McCaffrey, James Thomson, Henry Hansen, DeWitt Manasse, George Abernathy, Rocco Stella, Henry Eitner, John Peters, Arthur Swanson, Ivan Adair, John Olson, Theodore Arnsward, John Brandt, Don Bernardi, Gus Norlen, Horace Domingue, Henry Mrarek, Matt Mainian, Saylor Shanafelt, Miller Schreiner, Paul Webb, Ed Benson, Wm. W. White, Raymond Oetzel, George Childs, Harry Freberg, Dave Johnson, Chris Mathiesen, P. E. Cole, Edw. J. Brown, Oscar Iverson, Herb Meyer, Max Ekelman, Sam Crimo, Chas Delhaye, Geo. Cummings, Wm. Heinrichs, J. T. Farmer, William Heardt, C. L. Hamilton.

### Xmas Mailing

Because of emergency transportation conditions, post office patrons are urged to mail Christmas parcels and greetings even earlier than usual this year.

The local post office will be open until 6 o'clock P. M. the next two Saturdays; also, the next two Sundays, one window will be open from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Moreover, one window will remain open from 4 to 6 in the evening, to provide additional facilities for the purchase of stamps and the mailing of gift parcels.

Defense stamps may also be bought from the clerk on duty. Albums for saving Defense Stamps are free. They come in denominations of 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. The albums are so arranged that when full they may be exchanged at the post office for Defense Bonds, which bear 2.5% interest, may be cashed after 90 days and reach maturity (face) value in 30 years. Both the Defense stamps and Defense bonds make ideal Christmas presents this year.

Signed: Daniel L. Cobb, P. M.

## Press Takes Larger Office

### Growing Business Demands Increased Office Space

From today on, your Highland Park PRESS will be in new and larger offices at 516 Laurel Avenue. Necessitated by the recent increase in business, the management deemed it desirable to secure the additional space which expedites the handling of office detail and editorial work.

The building at 516 Laurel Avenue was selected as our new home because it already houses the plant of the Olson Printing Company, where our paper is printed. Close proximity to the printing department will further expedite our service to readers and advertisers alike.

Lester Olson of the Olson Printing Company was for nineteen years production superintendent on the old PRESS, and it seems fitting to resume an old association.

## Mrs Flinn Getting Fine Gift Response

Mrs. Raymond Flinn of the Social Service announces that a wonderful response has been made to the call to Highland Parkers to help make others happy on Christmas, with an individually wrapped and tagged package. She still has a list of many children as well as older folks who should be taken care of. By calling her at the Social Service, H. P. 4000, she can supply you with the name, size and description of a child, woman or man.

There is a need for night dresses for a woman size 38. There are about a dozen boys from 10 to 17 who really need and would like a sweater, mits, scarf or something wrapped especially for him. An old man needs some warm bedroom slippers, his size, 10 1/2. A young orphaned 18 year old former Highland Park girl, has gone away from the city and is now living in a trailer. She is suffering from rheumatism, and a box of little things, daily Christmas wrapped would mean so much to her. An old lady needs a rug and an easy chair, that you probably have in your attic that is no longer of use to you. Another woman needs warm pajamas-size 38—another needs a warm robe. There's an old grandmother who is bedridden who needs and would love a warm bed jacket.

Don't you want to be Santa Claus to one or more of these people? They would love and appreciate it and you would get no end of pleasure doing for someone who really needs help. Call Mrs. Flinn, H. P. 4000 today and get more information about the person you want to help.

### Window Hours at Ravinia Post office during Christmas Rush.

Saturday, Dec. 13—  
7:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.  
Monday, Dec. 15—to  
Tuesday, Dec. 23—  
7:30 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. except  
Sundays  
Wednesday, Dec. 24—  
7:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.  
Sunday Dec. 21—  
2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.  
James A. Thomson, Postmaster

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the year 1941 marks the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, which is made up of the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and which guarantees to us the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly, basic to the American social order, and

WHEREAS, these freedoms have been wiped out in many parts of the world and are threatened everywhere by the philosophies which elevate the will of a few above the rights of the many, and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights constitutes a charter of freedom upon which all Americans can unite now as in the past, and

WHEREAS, unity of Americans behind American ideals is vital now as it has never been before,

THEREFORE, I, Frank J. Ronan, Mayor of Highland Park, do proclaim December 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day, and urge all citizens to use that day for the renewal of faith—faith in the doctrine of human liberty—faith in the principles by which we govern and are governed. It will be a time for remembering—for remembering that in other parts of the world these protections are denied, and for remembering that where they are denied, human liberty, human decency, and self respect cannot survive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Highland Park, Illinois, to be affixed this 8th day of December, 1941.

FRANK J. RONAN

## Thousand Service Men Our Guests Over Xmas Holiday

Churches, merchants, civic groups and patriotic citizens have all joined in plans for a city-wide program sponsored by the Highland Park U. S. O. Council to provide holiday cheer and entertainment for the Service Men during Christmas week.

According to Paul Behanna, U. S. O. chairman and Harry Aiston chairman of the program elaborate plans have been made to take care of more than a thousand men by conducting special events, dances home hospitality, and parties to be given by various groups and clubs.

The week of entertainment will begin with a Christmas Eve Party when almost a thousand men will be the guests of the Alcyon Theatre and attend a special Christmas performance consisting of vaudeville and feature acts being arranged by Mr. Pearl, owner of the Alcyon Theatre.

The Sunday evening before Christmas all the community will turn out to assemble around the elaborately lighted Community Christmas Tree to join with the Service men in singing Christmas carols and enjoy the program being arranged by the Highland Park Coordinating Council under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Osborn, chairman. Following this event the service men will be the guests of the Y. M. C. A. for an open house and refreshment.

The Highland Park merchants under the leadership of Leonard Neiter, president of the Chamber of Commerce will also take an important part in the community program. They have already lined the main streets with lighted Christmas trees and each merchant will install special decorations, display a holiday greeting to the service men on his door and provide featured facilities for the men in the service. In addition the merchants will play an important part in promoting various events.

Together with the churches they will assist in promoting home hospitality. Each church will cooperate by placing a card in each pew for church goers to fill out inviting service men to home cooked dinners on the holidays or during that week. Mrs. H. D'Ancona and her committee on home hospitality have already completed plans to entertain almost 500 men in the homes during that week.

On Christmas Day the American Legion, under the direction of Harry

Eichler Commander and Mrs. Norman M. Culver, President of the Legion Auxiliary will hold an old fashioned Christmas Day open house at the Community Center from 3 until 7 P. M. where there will be a Christmas tree, punch, cakes, cookies, dancing, music, singing and games and where the service men can enjoy the afternoon in the way they did at home.

During the week there will be dances, parties and other events. One of the most outstanding will be a dance to be given for the men by the Ravinia Womens Club under the direction of Mrs. Gilbert Hardacre and Mrs. Edw. W. Jones.

All the community will join in displaying a special holiday greeting on their front doors and the windshield of their cars and which will be the official U. S. O. holiday greeting to the service men. These will be made available through the local Service Mens Club in Highland Park without cost.

Plans are being made to climax the holiday week with an outstanding New Years Eve Party the details concerning which will be announced later as will a list of the complete program of events to take place in the community and the Service Mens clubs.

Cooperating in the plans for arrangements are: Col. Rogers and Major Allison of Fort Sheridan, officers from the Great Lakes, Nick Young, director of Highland Park Service Club, Mrs. Beatty of the Y. W. C. A., Major Douglas of the Salvation Army, S. Bauman of the Jewish Welfare, Herman Zischke, Pres. of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., Com. Mrs. Tom Wyle and Mrs. Theo. Osborn of the Coordinating Council, Geo. Schockenpluf of the Community Center, Leonard Neiter of the Chamber of Commerce, Harry Eichler, Com. American Legion, Mrs. Norman M. Culver of the Legion Aux. and members of the Highland Park U. S. O. council sponsors of the program consisting of Paul Behanna, Clarence Witt, Mrs. S. Johnson, Robert Adler, Mrs. Frank Ronan, Mrs. Theo. Osborn, Ed. Menke, Harry Aiston, and Mrs. Williams of the Service Mens Club.

All those desiring information or wishing to help may secure any desired advice or help by communicating with the Highland Park Service Mens Club, U. S. O. Headquarters, 19 North Sheridan Road.

## RAVINIA FIRST GRADERS HOLD BAZAAR



The boys and girls in the first two grade rooms at Ravinia School held a bazaar last week on Thursday and Friday, at which they sold the products of their own efforts. The purpose of the sale was to raise the money necessary to buy a record player and records for use in the first grade room. In the photo above some of the children are examining the display of toys, ornaments and flower pot covers which were offered to buyers. The children are (left to right) Sheila Sheridan, Gene Shelton, Billy Waxler and Marcia Williams. The two first grade instructors are Miss Anslow at the left and Mrs. Haley.

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