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### • SERIOUS CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Mayor Ronan, the city commissioners, the Legion and many other patriotic and civic minded groups of Highland Park people are developing a program for the protection of the civil population of Highland Park, to be used in the event, of actual war conditions here. The history of the current world conflict shows that attack on military objectives in civilian centers is a definite part of all attack plans. Highland Park is a long distance from the present scene of combat, but we have at our front door two very important training centers, while only a moment (as a plane flies) to the north lie a number of war industry plants. To the south only a few miles is one of the most important defense centers in the nation. Should attack come, either north or south of Highland Park, this community will not escape its share. The Civilian Defense Plan takes these things into consideration. It also includes the necessary measures for protecting our water, light, power and other essential lines of supply. It provides for removal of civilians to places of greater safety in event of attack. The people of Highland Park, long known for their clannishness, are going to have to forget their own narrow little groups, and cooperate with the community as a whole. If your neighborhood fire warden or air raid warden doesn't happen to belong to your church or your club or your social set, nevertheless he is doing his duty as a patriotic American, and you will, do yours by obeying his instructions. If the order calls for a black-out, and your windows are uncovered or are carelessly covered so they leak light, you jeopardize the safety not only of your own person and property, but that of the entire city. In short, Civilian Defense is of FIRST IMPORTANCE to every person of every age in town, and wholehearted cooperation with the plan is mandatory. We urge our readers to answer the call from Civilian Defense officials with every possible cooperation, both in letter and spirit.

### • RED CROSS QUOTA

The American Red Cross needs \$50,000,000.00. The quota of the Chicago chapter is \$3,750,000. The Highland Park branch of the Chicago chapter has been assigned a quota of \$20,000.00. This community has a reputation for completing its allotments, no matter what the project. We have never been asked to do anything of greater importance or to meet a more pressing need than to see to it that the Red Cross quota is filled promptly. In the event of air raid attack on Highland Park, it will be the Red Cross that will succor us, provide food, shelter and medication, and help us to carry on. It is only right and just that we do our share for this splendid organization.

### • A SIGNAL HONOR

Governor Dwight Green will visit Highland Park next Saturday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. to make the dedicatory address at the formal opening of the USO Service Mens Club. Governor Green is making a fine record as Illinois' wartime governor, and is extremely busy. Our community has every right to feel itself highly honored by the governor's visit.

### • INSTRUCTORS BADLY NEEDED

The women of Highland Park have responded splendidly to the opportunity offered to learn Red Cross first aid. So great has been the response that it is now necessary to ask for additional instructors, who are needed so that the Red Cross may have the assistance of as many trained workers as possible.

### • WARTIME LIPSTICKS

After a period when lipstick, rouge, etc., were forbidden to the girls and women doing war work in England, it was noticed that unadorned feminine faces added little to morale, so the ban was lifted. Today English girls carry their lipsticks and powder puffs as legitimate war equipment. The improvement in their appearance and morale has been noticeable. Here in Highland Park we have the Girls Service Organization, made up of young ladies who attend dances and other events held for the service men, so the soldiers and sailors can keep up their social contacts and maintain morale. These girls are doing an unselfish, helpful job. When the USO club was built, provision was made for their convenience by the addition of a powder room. We are told this room is coldly unattractive and unadorned. Seems this offers some understanding Highland Park matron a good chance to give our girls a bit of a boost by providing a few window drapes and other pretties.

### • NEEDLESS CRUELTY

Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock, a Highland Park business man, driving on Sheridan Road, observed two women in a green sedan who struck and seriously injured a pet beagle hound. The women knew what they had done, because they stopped their car momentarily, and then sped on. The point is, no matter what the rush may be, there is no need for such haste as to drive away and leave a suffering animal behind. We hope and believe these women are none too happy. What if the victim had been a child instead of a child's pet?

## That Little Soul Relation

I've met with many people  
From many walks of life  
I've quickly formed conclusions  
Of their share in joy and strife  
I've rated some folks happy  
When maybe they were sad  
And others I have pitied  
When maybe they were glad.

In all the folks that I have met  
And learned to really know  
I've found a heart where sorrows  
Often travel to and fro  
In all the souls I ever knew  
Whoever they may be  
I've found some close relation  
To souls like you and me.

Could we but know thru smile or frown  
Or kind of clothes they wear  
The hidden hearts and souls of men  
And what they have to bear  
We'd ne'er again in future days  
Forget in faces new  
That little soul relation  
To souls like me and you.

—John McManis, Danville

## Annual Community Center Meeting January 19th

The annual meeting of the Highland Park Community Center will be held on Monday evening, January 19, at 8:00 P. M. at the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to elect fifteen directors and to transact such other business as may come before the members. Following this there will be the annual directors meeting of the Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and transact such other business as may come before them.

All persons who are members of the Community Center are eligible to attend and participate in the annual members' meeting.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Lieut. Samuel Pace, Public Relations Officer of the War Department will be the speaker at the regular monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening, January 13, at the Open House. His subject will be "How The Army Buys Its Weapons." He will illustrate his talk with pictures on the various uses of the weapons. Dinner will be served promptly at six-thirty.

## H. P. Civilian Defense Organized

### Fredbeck To Run For Treasurer

Gustaf H. Fredbeck, 317 Julian st. chief deputy in the county treasurer's office for more than seven years, today announced his candidacy for treasurer in the Republican primaries next April. The present county treasurer, Garfield Leaf, cannot be a candidate for re-election, as the Illinois law prohibits both the county treasurer and the sheriff from succeeding themselves. His plans for the future are not definite.



Fredbeck, who was born in Waukegan, 44 years ago, came to the treasurer's office in 1934 after 15 years of association with the National Envelope division of the U. S. Envelope com-

pany. He joined the treasurer's staff as a deputy and bookkeeper and through his efficiency soon worked up to cashier and chief deputy treasurer, the position he now holds. Treasurer Leaf is endorsing the candidacy of Fredbeck for two reasons: 1. He is thoroughly familiar with the workings of this complicated office through serving in all departments and working to the top and; 2. He has shown the qualifications of leadership and efficiency necessary to the office.

Fredbeck was born on the south side of Waukegan Dec. 9, 1897. He attended the old South and McAlister grade schools and the Waukegan Township High School. He is married and the father of two children.

### Mayor Appoints Chairmen of Defense Council Committees

### H. P. Quota Is \$20,000 For Red Cross

Harry F. Kelley, chairman of the Highland Park Red Cross today announced that Highland Park's quota this year will be \$20,000. The Chicago chapter, of which Highland Park is a part, is asked to raise \$3,750,000 this year toward the National Red Cross Drive for \$50,000,000. With the world at war more funds will be needed than ever before to take care of the boys who go to the front for us.

The woman's organization with Mrs. Julius E. Lackner and Mrs. Malcolm Vail as chairmen, are working to raise some part of the amount in special gifts.

Ed Schweitzer and George Stone, chairmen of the committee to raise funds in the business district, are getting their groups together and will start work immediately.

Subscriptions may be left with Mr. Kelley, 27 North Sheridan road; either of the Gsell drug stores, Highland Park or Ravinia; McMann Pharmacy; Peace Pharmacy or Walgreens. No matter how small your contribution—give to the Red Cross today.

### Hold Reception and Service for Pastor

Special services and installation ceremony for Rev. H. K. Platzer, new pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, will be held Sunday, January 11, at 4 o'clock.

The guest speaker will be Rev. W. E. Gehrs of Evanston and the installation ceremony will be conducted by Rev. Henry Blanke of Chicago, assisted by other pastors from neighboring congregations.

Following the services, a reception in the honor of Rev. Platzer will be held in the Assembly room of the church.

## Governor Green To Speak At USO Club Dedication In Highland Park And Highwood

Governor Dwight Green has accepted an invitation to speak at the dedication programs of the new USO recreation centers in Highland Park and Highwood Saturday. The dedication of the Highland Park center, which is operated by the Army-Navy YMCA at 21 North Green Bay road, will begin at 5 p.m. The Highwood center, operated by the National Catholic Community Service at 428 Railway avenue, will be formally dedicated at 8:30 o'clock on the same day.

Other prominent speakers will be Senator Charles P. Taft, coordinator of the Federal Security agency; Major General J. R. Cummings, commander of the Sixth Corps area; Harper Sibley, president of the USO; Col. F. C. Rogers, commander of Fort Sheridan; Admiral John Downes, commander of the Great Lakes Naval Training station; Edwin C. Jones, Federal Security Representative of the North Shore area; and Mayor Frank Ranan. Dr. Franklin Dunham,

president of the National Catholic Community Service will be one of the speakers at the Highwood ceremony.

Highland Parkers who will also speak at the services will be Paul Behanna, president of the Highland Park USO council and Herman Zischke, chairman of the Highland Park Army-Navy YMCA.

A special supper will be served to soldiers and sailors, who will miss supper at their camps by attending the dedication, by the members of the Girls Service organization.

The staff of the Fort Sheridan area United Service Organization are supplied from the six representative organizations of the USO as follows: Highland Park, Nick T. Young, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Mrs. Grace Beatty; Highwood, Roy Bedore, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fitzpatrick; Waukegan, O. M. Gross, Harry Brandt and Miss Mary Porter.

The Waukegan center will be dedicated on Sunday with dedicatory services from 2 until 5 o'clock.

## Red Cross Instructor Is Needed

Red Cross First Aid Instructors The demand for Red Cross First Aid instruction has exceeded all expectations, and as a result thereof there is great need for more instructors. Persons holding Red Cross Instructors' Cards, or those who have completed an Advance-First-Aid Class within the last six months, are urged to communicate with Mr. "X" at the Community Center (2442) immediately and offer their services. Persons having completed Advanced First Aid are eligible to take an instructor's course which is to be offered for North Shore towns in the immediate future.

## Three "Finch Fairies" Join Marines

Harold Finch, director of band and orchestra in the Highland Park high school, is a proud man. Looking about him, last Monday night, in a Chicago depot, from which a group of 250 Marine recruits—the largest of this kind ever to leave the Chicago area—was about to embark for the west coast, he discovered three former students of his own advisory groups. There was Jesse Johnson, graduating class of '35, and there were Bus Olson and Don Farmer, members of the '41 group, familiarly known as "Finch's Fairies." Mr. Finch is proud to have had a hand in training these young fellows for this important branch of the service.

## Temporary Enrollment Headquarters Located In Highland Park Community Center

### Archbishop Stritch to Speak Sunday to All Holy Name Men

(Highwood Branch, Communion at 9:30)

This Sunday morning Jan. 11, Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago will address all the men of the Holy Name Societies throughout the United States via radio over W G N.

In Highwood St. James Holy Name Society will receive Holy Communion Sunday in the church, not at the usual time but at a special 9:30 o'clock mass, which will be celebrated by Father Richard Sherlock, C. M., of De Paul University, after which there will be a Communion breakfast in the hall. This breakfast is being timed to coincide with communion breakfast all over the country, so that Archbishop Stritch will be the guest speaker by radio not only to St. James Branch, but to all other branches throughout the country.

Because of the need of religious

With the passing of the holidays the city of Highland Park joined in the nation wide plan of organizing every community for civilian defense and Mayor Ronan gave the word to begin the enrollment of men and women willing to volunteer to serve. Temporary headquarters for enrollment have been opened in the Community Center under the direction of Mrs. David Levinson and volunteers will be in attendance from nine in the morning until six in the evening.

**ENROLL TODAY**  
Every patriotic citizen is urged to call any day but Sunday during those hours and enroll indicating on the form in what manner they would like or are able to serve in the various activities which the government has directed and which are to be organized following the enrollment. These will conform with what has already been publicized as part of the national plan and detailed announcement of how they are to be undertaken in Highland Park will be made at a later date.

In addition to innaugurating this first step Highland Park has also been notified to at once establish a local Defense Council representative of the various interests in the community as well as groups or departments expected to take part. They have also been ordered to serve as an official contact with the government, and Mayor Ronan announces the following appointments.

**APPOINTMENTS**  
Dr. Harold Spears, Principle of the High School, Education; Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, Ch. Coordinating Council, Civic Groups; Renslow Sherer, Pres. Community Center, Civilian Recreation; Arthur Swanson, Commissioner of streets, Public Safety; Rex Andrews, Chief of Police, Public Protection, A. Hoskins, Fire Chief, Fire Safety, Mrs. F. Ronan, Church relations; A. Houser, publicity; Howell Murray, Financial Advisor; L. Neiter, Pres. Chamber of Comm. Business; Harry Eichler, Legion Comm. War Veterans; Eugene Pfister, Pres. Mens Garden Club, Defense Gardens; Dr. T. Rossiter, City Health Officer, public health; P. Behanna, Ch. of the U.S.O.; Mrs. David Levinson, Ladies Voluntary Auxiliary Groups and Harry Aiston, Executive Secretary.

Chairman of the League of Woman Voters, Mrs. Lotta Ringer; Chairman of the Highland Park Red Cross, Harry F. Kelley; Legal Authority, Herbert M. Lautmann; Advisory, Harold M. Florsheim; Chairman of Allocation of Motor Tires and Tubes, Walter Meirhoff and Earl G. Sheehan; Chairman of Safety and Traffic Commission, Edwin L. Gilroy.

Through the courtesy of William Pearl of the Alcyon Theater a special trailer will be shown beginning Wednesday, literature will be distributed and any desired information may be had by calling at the Community House, Greenbay and Central Avenue.

## Postoffice Sells \$5,000 Daily In Defense Stamps

Postmaster Daniel L. Cobb and his co-workers are busy these days selling defense stamps and bonds. He states that a daily average of \$5,000 has been set in the sale of stamps and bonds. The average was set before Christmas and is still continuing.

The post office does not have bonds in the \$25, \$50 and \$100 denomination at present, but Postmaster Cobb is expecting a stock of them soon from Washington. However, the bank has a supply and together they are able to take care of Highland Park. Prospective purchasers are asked to hold their money and wait for the arrival of the bonds. During December persons who wanted to buy the bonds left their money at the post-office, with the agreement that the bonds would be sent to them upon arrival.

Schools are entering into a plan to purchase defense stamps. Elm place students will buy bonds one day a week and a similar arrangement is being worked out at the high school. Other schools are expected to work out some plan to allow children to purchase stamps in their classes. Stamps may also be purchased at the various stores.

## Ensign Wood Reported Safe By Red Cross

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Wood Sr. have received word through the Red Cross that their son, Ensign John Wood is alive and well. He is believed to have been aboard the U.S.S. Penguin when it was sunk by the Japanese in Guam at the outbreak of the war. The Wood family lives on Rose-Ensign Wood, a graduate of the Highland Park High school, served in the merchant marine before enlisting in the navy.