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• PROTECT YOURSELF

There are no days for useless frivols. You who are using irreplaceable tires on an automobile that can't be duplicated should give real thought to every mile your car is driven. For example, you will find excellent stores right here in Highland Park. When you do your buying here you not only cut out needless wasteful use of your car and tires, but you spend where your money will buy to the very best advantage, right here at home. But be sure you exercise thought in your purchasing. Your merchants are subject to the same restrictions on tires and cars as you are. Do not ask them to make needless deliveries. When you can carry your parcels, do so. If you must request delivery service, be sure one trip covers your requirements.

• CAR LONGEVITY

Just as educated people today make a practice of going to the doctor or the dentist for a periodic checkup on physical condition, thoughtful citizens are rapidly learning to take their cars in for regular servicing and general checking and tuning. A car properly lubricated and otherwise cared for will deliver double the service record of a car which is not serviced correctly. Here in Highland Park we have a number of automobile agencies which for the duration of the war are concentrating on service. These establishments, staffed in some cases with factory-trained mechanics, and even more often with men of wide skill, are equipped to help car owners extract the last possible mile of good service from cars. Regular car service is as important to your car's life as dental and medical service are to your own health.

• RATIONING FOR VICTORY

Sugar, one of America's diet staples, will be sold on a ration basis beginning February 1. Too bad, of course, but as Walter Winchell said in his Sunday evening broadcast, "An empty sugar bowl is one thing, and an empty cartridge belt on a soldier is something else". As for the rationing of electricity to provide power for the defense industries, well, if we are compelled to go back to kerosene lights and diet of lasses, ground corn and taffish, as our ancestors did, we'll still wind up this war with a nation of Americans, able to worship, vote and live as individuals.

• HOME FIRES

The streets of our towns and cities will more and more wear the look that indicates we are a nation of middle-aged and elderly people, as the size of our army, navy and marine corps increases. But let us remember that the young men who have gone from us into the service of the nation are even more closely a part of us than when they lived among us. Here, their personal activities engrossed their spare time. Now, their spare time is less plentiful and they may be far, far from congenial surroundings. War plays a tough tune, gives little heed to individual likes and dislikes. But we here at home can do a huge lot to let the men in service know we are thinking of them. Letters from home folks are probably the most cherished by service men, because they bring news of the little folksy things that let the absent soldier know what the folks are doing and thinking. These letters foster the feeling that war is the job of all of us, but not a lifetime occupation, and that, with the end of the war, the warrior will be once more a cherished member of the circle at the fireside. So take time to write your soldiers, your sailors, your marines. And it is better to write short, cheery letters than long gabby ones. Also, a mess of fudge sent by his best girl means more to a service man than a bushel of manufactured candies. Home-made sweets are more than just something to eat—they are a part of home.

• USE TAX STAMPS

Federal use tax stamps must by law be affixed to your automobile by February 1. These stamps are on sale at any post office, and can be purchased while you are buying this week's quota of defense stamps. Remember the date—February 1.

• POLITICAL SKIRMISH

With election for county offices due this spring we can expect the campaigning to start any day. It would be fine if this year's crop of candidates would canvass their innermost souls, with the thought in mind that only men with the finest of qualifications should ask our vote during wartime. Not only should the candidate withdraw from the race unless his record is excellent, but voters should exercise extreme care before making that much sought "X" before a candidate's name. Office holders of the next several years will have to shoulder a heavy burden of responsibility, and perform their duties as servants of the people as a whole.

• HOMETOWN PAPER

The PRESS will send each Highland Park, Deerfield or Highland service man a copy of the paper each week for the duration, if the man's kinfolks will send us his name and address. Next to a letter from home, the home town paper helps keep your soldier cheerful and happy. Let us help; all you do is provide the name.

"A WISH"

Life bids a game of give and take
To take and give for life's own sake.
We give to take and take to give
But the winner gives to better live,
And as we play each day this game
To win a place of higher fame,
May we recall that those who gain
Find giving first is not in vain.

When the sun each day is sinking low
And gives to earth its softening glow,
May all our deeds throughout the day
Reflect as tender as each ray.
When shadows fall and day is done,
And all our work awaits the sun;
May thoughts and dreams be pure and bright
And tender as the morning light.

When the golden hour of life is near
And offers peace or trembling fear,
May we be judged so we will share
In peace that comforts every care.
And when that final hour has passed
And all our fears are gone/at last,
May we have lived a life to give
Some good to those who yet may live

—Jess McGinnis, Deerfield

DEFENSE COUNCIL ASKS \$1,000

Requests City Council To Make Money Available For Necessary Expenditures

HIGHLAND PARK-RAVINIA
DOLLAR DAY
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 12th

National Boy Scout Week Feb. 6-12

For ten million men and boys in America the week, February 6 to 12, is an anniversary. Thirty-two years ago the Boy Scouts of America was founded. The groups of twelve to fifteen year olds who rallied to the Scout banner during that first year were small. But each year saw more and more boys being touched by the Scout Oath and Law.

The first year a scattered few Scouts—61,495 all told—had the advantages of Scouting. But by 1915 almost a half million boys had enjoyed the great game of Scouting—262,043 were active and a slightly smaller group had "graduated", as it were.

The growth of the Boy Scouts of America has been steady ever since. Each year more boys came within influence of Scouting. Naturally many boys joined the ever increasing number of young men who had been Scouts. And because they had been Scouts they were better citizens. This number continues to grow until today ten million men and boys represent the circle of direct influence of Scouting.

Thus it is that not only are the million and a half active Boy Scouts and Scouters celebrating the thirty-second birthday of Scouting, but the eight and one half million alumni of Scouting also have a claim in the birthday festivities.

Most former Scouts still hold with the Scout Oath and Law, and hope their own sons also will say: "On my honor I will do my best—To do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, To help other people at all times, To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight".

H. P. Red Cross Over Half Way Mark In Fund Drive

The Highland Park Woman's Division of the American Red Cross reports with pride the collection to date of over \$9,100.00. \$5,238.50 comes from the Special Gifts committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward Smith. \$3,822.24 comes from the house to house canvass collected by the workers under the captaincies of Mrs. George Childs, Mrs. Edward White, Mrs. Charles Henkle, Mrs. Francis Knight, Mrs. H. W. Schemmelfang, Mrs. George N. Webster, Mrs. George Getz, Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. D. D. McCormick, Mrs. W. A. Mann, Mrs. Bernard Newman and Mrs. L. Kennicott.

With some of the captains still to bring in their reports, this amount will be increased and does not include the amount collected by the men's committee, under H. F. Kelly.

Highland Park is making a fine effort and the sum already reported

Bethany Congregation To Hear Vesper Speaker from Malaya

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel in Malaya" will be the subject of the address to be given at the Vesper Service on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. by Mr. Ralph Kesselring in the Bethany Evangelical Church at Laurel and McGovern. He will bring an illustrated lecture of his ten year service as an Educational Missionary under the Methodist Board.

For over a decade he has been stationed at Ipoh, the richest tin mining center in the world, and four hundred miles north of Singapore. It is now in Japanese control since the recent invasion. Here he taught Mathematics and Scripture in the Anglo-Chinese High School with an enrollment of eight hundred.

He had his passage booked to return to Ipoh for the 26th of December but was prevented from going by the State Department due to the war in Malaya. He is now enrolled at Chicago Theological Seminary having graduated from North Central College in 1930.

The Vesper Service will be held under the auspices of the W. M. S. of which Mrs. O. K. Wessling is President. Bethany Church invites its many friends to enjoy this helpful meeting of speech and picture which will describe the part of the world which is commanding so much public attention.

Production Unit Of Red Cross Has New Work Rooms

The Highland Park Production Unit of the American Red Cross has opened a new work room at 53 St. Johns avenue. This week the work room will be open Thursday and Friday from ten to twelve and from one to four o'clock. Later, as it is possible to obtain more materials, more time will be utilized.

Knitting, sewing and surgical dressings are done in the work room under supervision of the committee.

Defense Group Holds First Meeting In City Council Chambers Sunday Afternoon

Gov. Green Advises County Line Lights Delayed by Priorities

In a recent letter to Edwin Gilroy, chairman of the Highland Park Safety Commission, Governor Dwight Green expressed his interest in the request of the Safety Commission made some time ago for the installation of stop lights on Skokie at Clavey, and Berkeley Road and advised that every effort was being made under existing conditions to accomplish this as soon as possible.

In his letter to Mr. Gilroy, the Governor wrote, "Following receipt of your letter of the 13th, I inquired of Mr. Walter Rosenfield, Director of Public Works and Buildings. I am informed that plans have been prepared and that an application for a Priority Rating is being prepared. Because of the present emergency it is likely that there will be some delay on account of difficulty of obtaining necessary materials." In closing his letter Governor Green assured Mr. Gilroy that nevertheless installation would be at as early a date as possible.

HENRY R. HOLMGREN

Henry R. Holmgren, comptroller of the Pullman company, died suddenly at St. Luke's hospital Saturday evening, after collapsing from a heart attack during an official conference. Private services were held Tuesday with interment in Graceland cemetery. Surviving are his widow, Madeline, a son, R. Bruce, and a daughter, Frances, a sister, Miss Helen Holmgren, Evanston.

LIONS

Nick Young, executive director of the Highland Park United Service Men's club, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Lion's club to be held tonight at the Moraine. Mr. Young will speak on "How War Has Affected Us to Present." He will also tell about the new U.S.O. building.

The first meeting of the newly organized Highland Park Civilian Defense Council was held in the council chambers, Sunday afternoon Jan. 25th and was attended by all of the twenty seven members each of whom represent some important department, interest or activity in the community.

Mayor Frank J. Ronan presided and Mr. Donald Trumbull, the Mayor's Coordinator outlined what had been done to date and the general plans which have been formulated. A resolution was approved requesting the city council to immediately make \$1,000.00 available to cover necessary expenses for the next few months and until such time as an accurate knowledge of needs would make possible both the cost and manner in which the amount will be defrayed.

Mrs. David Levinson, chairman in charge of volunteer enrollment of citizens announced that to date about 900 have enrolled. Mr. Edwin Gilroy, who is to serve as Chief Warden of the city advised that the city has been divided into 12 districts and that 12 District Wardens have been appointed. Also that the plan of organizing the districts by areas and blocks was already underway.

It was further announced that the Highland Park Civilian Defense Headquarters would be transferred from the Community Center to the City Hall Building where offices would be opened Monday morning, February 2. The office will be open week days only from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on Saturday from 9 to 12. All those desiring to enroll or wishing information may call during those hours.

High School PTA Meeting Feb. 5

The high school PTA will meet February 5 in the English club-room at the high school. Tea will be served from 3 until 3:30 o'clock followed by conferences with the teachers from 3:30 until 4:45 o'clock.

BOY SCOUTS' RANKS GROWING

Strong FOR AMERICA
BE PREPARED IS OUR MOTTO

BOY SCOUT WEEK
February 6-12

The above poster in colors, now being displayed all over the country, announces Boy Scout Week with the slogan "Strong For America." Boy Scouts everywhere in the nation have taken on and are assuming extra assignments from Uncle Sam to do their part in the defense of America. Boys 12 years of age and over who are not Scouts and who wish to share in winning the war by doing the "Good Turns" should get in touch with the nearest office of the Boy Scouts of America.

Federal Use Tax Sticker Must Be On Conspicuous Place

The Federal Use Tax Sticker, costing every automobile owner \$2.09 and good until July 1, need not be on the windshield but may be placed on any conspicuous place on the car. Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor Club, pointed out today.

"Since the glue is on the back of the stamp, many motorists have been troubled, wondering how they could secure it to the windshield," he said. "The dashboard, the rear-view mirror, the rear window or any similar place is just as good, since Federal officers who enforce the law will not be looking for the stamps.

"Each motor vehicle owner's name will be checked against a master list to see if he has paid," Mr. Hayes said.

On July 1 the Use Tax Fee will be \$5.00, which will be good for the full fiscal year.

Friends See Draftees Off To Camp Grant

A group of relatives and friends gathered at the Northwestern depot early Monday morning, with good wishes for the fifteen draftees who left at that time for Camp Grant, Deerfield, Highland Park, and Highland and Barrington were represented.

A small farewell gift was presented to each service man with the compliments of the Service Men's Mothers' Club.

Community Center Starts Dancing Class for 7th Grade

On Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 the Community Center is holding a seventh grade dancing class. 50 youngsters have enrolled for a ten-week term, under the leadership of Mrs. Harold N. Rosenheim.

Several parties are projected as part of the term program. The enrollment for girls is filled, but there is still room for a few more boys.