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● Scouting Is Serious Business

Out there in the Philippines, where General MacArthur's men are fighting against odds, we venture the belief that the many groups of American and Filipino soldiers fighting in guerrilla or Indian style against the Japs will frequently have one or more members with a background of Boy Scouting. Love of the out-of-doors, and the ability to survive amid natural surroundings are taught to American lads in their 'teens through Boy Scouting. National Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12, reminds us that scouting has a practical value in both war and peace. Every parent should encourage an interest in scouting, and the rest of us should not only recognize the value of Boy Scout work, but should do all we can to see that the boy-building program of the organization continues uninterrupted.

● Sharing Our Benefits

Several Army officers living in Highland Park are conserving their automobiles and tires by taking turn about in driving to the Fort each day. One officer drives, with others as passengers each week. There are still too many Highland Park people who fail to practice any form of car economy. True, it lends our town an air of prosperity to see a number of mink-coated matrons driving their stately plate glass showcases down Central Avenue—but if these women would consolidate their driving, it would conserve tires, cars and gas. Meanwhile, it behooves all of us to keep our cars serviced to the last degree, tires at correct pressure, batteries charged, etc. We have plenty of dependable automobile service establishments in town; if you are neglecting them, you have only yourself to blame when your car wearily refuses to go any further.

● Dollar Day Next Week

With priorities, general merchandise shortage and increased consumer demand, it has not easy for our merchants to provide the wares for the Dollar Day bargains next week. However, our stores are run by MERCHANTS, and they are providing DOLLAR DAY a week from today, in spite of the difficulties they have had to overcome. The day of bargains will not only provide a means of saving money on purchases, but by giving the citizens of Highland Park a big reason to buy here, will effect a further economy in tires and gasoline among those who have been known to shop in other communities. Save Tires! Save Money! Buy in Highland Park next Thursday, Dollar Day!

● Admission, One Book

Tonight at the USO Club on North Green Bay, the Creative Writers Group is putting on a whole evening of entertainment. The purpose is to secure a quantity of books for the service men's library. Admission fee to the club tonight will be one, two or three books. A unique fee to a unique event, with a worthy purpose. Raid the library, folks, and come up town this evening.

● Air Raid Siren

Every day this week at 12 noon, the air raid siren will be sounded. This daily test is to determine whether the siren is loud enough to be easily and quickly heard throughout the city. Observers will be stationed at four outlying points and their reports will determine whether a new siren is needed. On Friday and Saturday an unusually long, loud blast will be sounded, as final tests. These tests are preliminary to an air raid black out test to be staged soon. It behooves every person to listen for the siren, for it should be heard indoors as well as out, if the warning is to be effective.

Livins' Not Just Life

What's in life but just a livin'?
What's in livin' but a life?
Is any answer given
Cept that both's endurin' strife?
I aint consultin' science
To explain or demonstrate
I'll pick fer my reliance
Nature's laws concernin' fate.

Our Creator didn't plant us
On this earth to choose a way
That's full of trials an' troubles
To confront us ever' day.
It's 'cause we've got all muddled up
Ignorin' Nature's plan
That's makin' life a problem
So hard to under-stand.

There's been a heap of preachin'
An' exhortin' all around
'Bout fixin' up conditions
So that blessin's will abound
But prescribin' for an' curin'
Folks with lives that's not their own
Is two distinct performin's
That you can't perform alone.

There's a heap of sweet enjoyment
For a feller here on earth
If he'll fix the laws of Nature
In his breast for all their worth.
John Howard Payne come blazin' close
To a spot where blessin's roam
When he writ the tender lovin' words
To the song of "Home Sweet Home."

Just to be in real dead earnest
Home is a 'portant thing
An' if it's made by Nature's plan
The deal aint hard to swing
But if you're 'clined to cater some
To all that Science has done
It's purty bloomin' likely
That you'll not be havin' none.

If your stickin' in the city
Where it's filthy smoke an' grime
Is makin' life still shorter
An' sadder all the time
Expectin' lots of blessin's long
Before your life is done
You might as well forget it
City livin' hasn't none.

When it comes right down to figgerin'
Fer to get the answer right
On how to have a Home Sweet Home
To love with all your might
Just first subtract the city
'Cause it's multiplied enough
An' add a little acre spot
A waitin' in the rough.

If you want to feel some Messin's
Ferever stickin' round
Just start out livin' over
With your heels upon the ground
An' waltz to bed at evenin'
To the tender soothin' strains
Of Nature's gentle soundin's
'Stead of howlin', screechin' trains.

When the whip-poor-will is callin'
An' the bats start flittin' round
An' the hootin' from the Hoot Owl
Far away comes pourin' down
I wouldn't swap an acre spot
Where flowers are growin' wild
Fer a hole darn mess of city blocks
An' their wealth around 'em piled.

Give me bounds where echoes answer
Decked with birds an' flowers an' trees
Set me where the bees are suckin'
Clover nectar in the breeze
An' I'll start right in confirmin'
Life's not all endurin' strife
And I won't be long concludin'
That a Livin's Not Just Life.

—Joe McComb, Danford

DOLLAR DAY FEBRUARY 12TH

Victory Book Party Tonight At USO Club

Everybody is going to the Ozarks tonight when Marguerite Lyon "Marge of Sunrise Mountain Farm" shows her pictures of folks and fun down there in the hills at the new Highland Park U. S. O. building, 21 No. Green Bay Rd. The only ticket required from all passengers is a book for a soldier or sailor for this is the Victory Book Party and all "tickets" are part of the Highland Park Victory Book Campaign total.

Soldiers and sailors as special guests do not require book tickets. The North Shore Creative Writers, wearing pencils in their hair as hostess badges will be on hand to greet them at seven-thirty Open House.

Lew Sarett, poet of nature, whose new book of "Collected Poems" will bring volumes of poetry as his "ticket" and Frederic Litten, author of aviation novels including "Transatlantic Pilot" will bring some of these as admission for himself and Mrs. Litten. Frances Cavanah whose compilation "I Am An American" is being bought as a Valentine with meaning in the ten cent edition will read the paragraph she thinks most significant. Following a general welcome from Dr. Dudley Crafts Watson there will be a general introduction of people in the audience who are helping put the meaning of America into words.

After special music by Mrs. Fred Giesecke, Marge, author of "Take to the Hills", will show her colored pictures. On returning from the Ozarks trip Private Wright Jackson will give a witty talk on soldiers reading, Miss Mary Egan, local chairman of the Victory Book Campaign will give the total count of volumes received, and the Gift Box of twelve jars of "Sunrise Mountain Farm jams and jellies will be presented to some lucky person who registered at the table where Miss Gertrude Ames will take the names of those bringing three or more books as tickets. (Advance publicity has explained that one book meant a seat, two books a "deserved" seat, and three, or more, a "preserved" seat).

The Community Chorus are leading the audience in singing the National Anthem and American Folk Songs at the opening and close with Miss Helen Taylor as accompanist. The newly organized High School Writers' Club are discussing making the Thursday evening Book Party one of the projects they can help promote at their meeting this week. Many men and women who have not seen the new U. S. O. building are taking advantage of this public meeting to see the hospitality center Highland Park is maintaining. Mrs. Theodore Osborn, who will be one of the hostesses at the party, and other volunteers are daily adding to the attractiveness of 21 N. Green Bay Road.

The U. S. O. Special then leaves for the Ozarks promptly at 8 o'clock so collect your "book tickets" and join the fun. You will have an opportunity in the "station" before then to talk to the young men from the Public Intelligence office at Fort Sheridan and the Library assistants Miss Mary DeLores Vocelle is bringing down from Great Lakes, as well as the authors who are going. Doors open at 7:30.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Tuesday

Dr. Ernest A. Johnson, who for the past 18 years has been associated with Lake Forest College and is now Head of the Economics and Business Administration departments, will be the guest speaker at the coming monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. "War Economics and its Effect on Business," will be Dr. Johnson's topic.

The speaker is well known not only for the excellent teaching record he has achieved at Lake Forest, but also for the considerable research and papers he has submitted in the field of Economics. Chamber members attending the meeting will derive factual information that can be applied to each individual business.

Mayor Frank J. Ronan will also be present at the meeting to outline the work of the Civilian Defense Council as it applies to the business district. As each merchant and store keeper will have a specific part in the defense setup, members will hear at first hand just what their required duties are to

KIWANIS

The Highland Park Kiwanis club met at Hotel Moraine Monday evening for the regular weekly dinner-meeting. Harry Skidmore, a member of the club and Scoutmaster of Troop 324, showed movies taken at Boy Scout camp, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan last summer.

\$12,402.67 Collected By H. P. Red Cross Volunteer Workers

To date the woman's division of the American Red Cross, in Highland Park, have collected \$12,402.67. This amount represents special gifts and money collected by the captains and workers in the various precincts of the city, in a door to door canvass for funds for the war relief.

Mrs. Julius Lackner and Mrs. Malcolm Vaile are co-chairmen of the Women's division.

Mrs. Davis LaSier, captain of precinct number 9 had the following helpers: Mrs. Philip E. MacFarland, Mrs. Arthur Zitzwitz, Mrs. Walter Kurg, Mrs. Donald K. Morrison, Mrs. Robert Henrickson, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Demgen, Mrs. Robert Greenslade, Mrs. Lowell Harter, Mrs. C. C. Mat-cher, Mrs. Herbert Riegelman, Mrs. Walter J. Hardge, Mrs. Beverly Hugh.

Mrs. Francis M. Knight's co-workers include Miss Clare Beneke, Miss Virginia Creigh, Miss Patricia Kelly, Mrs. Paul Grady, Mrs. Robert Herbst, Mrs. Mead Montgomery, Mrs. John Montgomery, Mrs. Ira C. Matthesen, Mrs. F. B. Wallis and Mrs. Truman Metzel.

Workers of the twelfth precinct, of which Mrs. J. B. Garnett and Mrs. D. D. McCormick were co-chairmen, are Mrs. A. J. Gourlay, Mrs. Shetley Dexter, Mrs. George S. Lyman, Mrs.

Gov. Dwight Green Will Address The Sunday Eve Club

An address by Dwight H. Green, Governor of Illinois and patriotic music by two great choruses will be features of the Lincoln Day observance of the Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall next Sunday, in which noted military, civic and state leaders will take part.

"Defense of God against Godless Forces" will be the subject on which Governor Green will speak at the main meeting beginning at eight. He will be introduced by Edward L. Ryerson, a trustee of the Sunday Evening Club who will preside in the absence of President Clifford W. Barnes. George B. McKibbin, Secretary of Finance in Illinois, Chaplain Robert L. Logan of the Sixth Corps Area will also take part in the meeting. The patriotic music program by the Sunday Evening Club choir of 125 and its famous soloists, Mark Love, Louisa Hoe, Charles Sears and Virginia Auyer, will open the meeting. "Democracy Forever," a new composition by the American composer, Samuel Gaines, will be given its premiere performance in Chicago, it was announced by music director Edgar Nelson. This unique dramatic anthem includes the participation of soloists, chorus and audience. Other selections which will be sung are "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by the late Chicago composer, Philo Otis, "Bless our Land" by Cherubini and "Sound An Alarm" by Handel.

The United Lutheran Choir of Oak Park will sing at the seven o'clock meeting, under the direction of Arnold Schultz, and there will be a short organ recital by Stanley Martin.

3000 seats are available free of charge. Doors open at 6:45.

Barber Prices And Hours Change

The Master Barbers of Highland Park and Highwood met Friday evening and unanimously voted to raise barbering prices. With barber supplies and shop costs going up, it was necessary to raise the prices of haircuts and shaves. The group also voted to close shops at 7 p. m., except Saturdays.

Adults haircuts, effective February 9, will be 60 cents; children's haircuts will be 50 cents, except on Saturday when the price will be advanced to 60 cents; and shaves will be 35 cents.

Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Co-Operate in Effort For a History Making Sale

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce has designated Thursday, February 12, as Dollar Day in Highland Park and Ravinia.

The merchants will pile their counters high with merchandise of value for this one day special sale. With prices on clothing, food, home furnishings, and all the necessities of life as well as the luxury items, steadily increasing in price, this Dollar day will really mean a saving to the citizens of Highland Park and Ravinia. It's smart to be thrifty—more this year than ever before. Highland Park and Ravinia merchants are working in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce to make this a history making Dollar day.

Come early to insure first selections of the money saving bargains offered on the Dollar day counters. The merchants are putting on extra clerks for this sale so that shoppers may be served in the quickest possible manner.

Dollar Days are held twice a year and shoppers look forward to these times with great expectation. The merchants in realizing the wishes and demands of the throngs of shoppers at this time, mark down items in their stores to "real sale prices." Many a thrifty housewife waits for Dollar Day to purchase clothing for her family, buy new articles for her home, and to stock her pantry shelves. Watch the Press for Dollar Day Ads.

Citizens Offering Services for Feb. 16 Registration of Men

Colonel Paul G. Armstrong, State Director of Selective Service, today urgently requested that the patriotic citizens who are offering their services for the Registration on February 16 of all male residents of the ages twenty to forty-five, to contact the Local Selective Service Boards in their respective communities rather than State Headquarters in Springfield or to the Cook County Headquarters as well as phone calls must be referred back to the Local Board concerned and if volunteers refrain from calling or writing to State Headquarters, much duplication of effort may be avoided.

H. F. Kelley, chairman of the Highland Park chapter of the American Red Cross reports a total of \$2100 collected in the business district and in the special contributions made to him and to the Red Cross boxes which were distributed about town at various business firms. This amount together with the Woman's division collections totals \$12,402.67.

It is not too late to make your contribution to the Red Cross. Give today—as much as you can—and as often as you can.

FOR VICTORY

BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

WAR NEEDS MONEY!

It will cost money to defeat our enemy aggressors. Your government calls on you to help now.

Buy Defense Bonds or Stamps today. Make every pay day Bond Day by participating in the Pay-roll Savings Plan.

Bonds cost \$18.75 and up. Stamps are 10¢, 25¢ and up.

The help of every individual is needed.

Do your part by buying your share every pay day.