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• OPEN HOUSE

Last summer saw the beginning of a program of unprecedented hospitality for service men. Realizing that our growing army was to be made up of the finest young men in the nation, accustomed to the wholesome influence of home surroundings and foreseeing the powerful stimulus to both military and civilian morale, the foremost social service organizations banded their forces, the result being what we know as the United Service Organizations. The USO, aided by patriotic citizen in communities near defense areas, set up a staff in each community, took over club houses erected by the Army on land in most cases provided by the municipality, and now offer the service men home-like surroundings, the companionship of people who are genuinely interested, plus religious and social opportunities that were heretofore lacking in our military picture. On March 15, the USO clubs throughout the nation are to be thrown open to welcome the public. Visitors will have a chance to see the splendid programs that has been made in caring for the leisure time of the soldiers and the sailors. Best of all, for those who have a son or husband in the service, will be the opportunity of finding out what facilities that loved one has, wherever he may be, to keep up his spirits, maintain his social contacts, and relax in a friendly atmosphere. All the citizens of Highland Park, Deerfield and Highwood, who have contributed so largely to the success of the three USO clubs in this area should make a special point of visiting the USO clubs on March 15. Say "Hello" to the boys—let them see you are just "Folks." They will welcome you too, and so will the directors of the clubs.

• FOOD YOU GROW

Any man who has ever raised his own garden stuff will say that no food ever tasted better. Somehow, the taters from your own patch, the tomatoes off your own plants, the peas, beans, carrots and fruit that you can grow in your own soil have a flavor all their own that never can be equalled by the stuff bought at the store. The trouble with most of us is that it has been easier to "do the marketing" than to weed a spade and hoe. This spring, however, there is a wholly different feeling in the air. Railroad facilities being taxed to their utmost in the movement of steel, lumber, coal, oil, military supplies and manpower will not be available to haul delicacies from Texas, Florida, California and other spots that have contributed so lavishly to our tables. Hence, if we want fine fresh foods for our families, a Victory Garden will be the logical (And Only!) answer.

• APPRECIATION

That Highland Park appreciates the Red Cross and its tremendous service to the nation is evidenced by the fact that up to Wednesday morning the Highland Park division of the Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross reports having received \$15,734.50. We do not have the right to consider the job finished, for the need for funds will continue while the war is on and for some time after. But for a community of this size, we aren't doing badly.

• CIVIL AIR PATROL

One of the lesser known activities in connection with Civilian Defense is the Civil Air Patrol, described elsewhere in this issue of The Press. There is a feeling of comfort in the knowledge that the skies above our home are being patrolled by Americans, keenly alert to possible danger. There are many Highland Park men in the Patrol, each contributing freely of his own time and effort. These men and their program should be known to the community—they are deserving of much commendation.

• RED CROSS BLOOD BANK

One of the advances made in medical science since World War I is the blood bank, wherein blood contributed by patriotic donors has the plasma extracted and made available to war wounded. It is surprising, how many men and women, without saying a word to anyone, slip down to Red Cross headquarters in Chicago and donate a pint of blood. Many who feel unable to contribute money to the war effort are more than doing their share by giving their blood. Are you one?

• LEARN TO BUY

The latter part of this month, March 25, to be exact, the Education Committee of the Highland Park Civilian Defense Committee is sponsoring a one-day consumers' conference at the YWCA. We are all buyers of one kind or another, but many of us do not know HOW to buy, that is, how to get the most for our money from the supplies of food stuffs and other materials available. This conference will be a revelation to those who attend, and it is suggested that the mothers of Highland Park, who are in most cases the secretaries of the family exchequers, make it a point to attend the conference.

• THERE IS NO WASTE

Much of the material that goes into the trash basket in the average home or place of business could be saved, and would be if there was sufficient need. The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce recently sent out a letter to local business people asking each to conserve in every possible way. This is particularly interesting at this time. This week's Saturday Evening Post carries a detailed story of how the famous Selfridge store in London has carried on in spite of the war. Their salvage efforts make ours seem childish, we can learn much from them. There is an employee who does nothing except unknot string. Others collect worn cartons and take them to a department where they are cut down in size to make them available for further use. These are only small examples, but they show the extreme to which the war effort may take us unless we are willing to start now to save every scrap of usable material.

Pfister To Speak At Meeting Of Chamber of Commerce

The regular monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at The Open House Tea Room.

C. Eugene Pfister, nationally known authority on roses, will show his colored pictures if the countless varieties of roses at his home. He will also outline the ultimate plans of the City Beautiful Project and will point out just what the business man can do in connection with the Victory Garden Movement which is being participated in nation-wide. Mr. Pfister has been a local resi-

Condition of Jess McGinnis Remains Same

The condition of Jess McGinnis, president of the Deerfield State Bank, who suffered a heart attack at his office last Wednesday morning, remains about the same. He is a patient at the Highland Park hospital. Mr. McGinnis spent a comfortable night Wednesday and his condition is reported to be fair.

dent for the past 10 years, and among his numerous other activities, is a member of the local Park Board and President of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park.

Writers Victory Book Party Receives Praise

At the opening meeting of the 5 week spring term today members of the Highland Park Creative Writing group will read a letter from the national directory of the Victory Book Campaign, Miss Althea Warren, in thanking this hostess group for the 982 books turned in as tickets. Miss Warren says "It is the most successful single meeting I have heard of". The report of the Highland Park part came to Miss Warren's desk in the Empire State Building, New York, through the national office of the U.S.O.

In Civilian Air Patrol



Robert K. Belt, Adjutant at Illinois Wing Headquarters, Chicago, and Henry D. Lloyd, Jr., Adjutant for the First Illinois Group at Sky Harbor, are two Highland Parkers active in C. A. P.

Sky Harbor Is First Illinois C.A.P. Port

Sky Harbor airport, five miles south and west of the Highland Park business section is the home of the First Group of the Illinois Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, an official activity of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Sky Harbor conceded to be the finest private flying field in the United States is operated by the Turgeon Flying Service, a veteran organization of some fifteen years flying experience. They have been operating under the government program for the past year and a half, training many students for the army air corps. They have also graduated a large number of private flyers under the supervision of Civil Aeronautics Authority who maintain an office at the airport staffed with qualified inspectors.

The personnel of the patrol group includes a number of residents of Highland Park who have had a sporting and recreational interest in aviation but who are now turning their experience and training to furthering the war effort of the nation. Among others may be mentioned Robert K. Belt of 1919 So. Sheridan Road who is serving as Adjutant at the Illinois Wing Headquarters, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. and Henry D. Lloyd, Jr., of 1131 Lincoln Ave. who is serving as Adjutant for the First Illinois Group at Sky Harbor.

There is a growing conviction on the part of those who are taking the necessity of total victory seriously that such an end can only be gained by a singleness of purpose, a devotion to duty and a unity of action beyond anything hitherto contemplated. It is therefore necessary and thoroughly in line with the American traditions that those citizens of special aptitudes and training be ready and willing to pool their several abilities that the end sought be not too long deferred.

Such might be termed the credo of those who have volunteered for service in the Civil Air Patrol, standing ready to cooperate with the civil authorities as well as the armed forces of the nation—cheerfully though exactly carrying forward all assignments and performing all tasks.

The Civil Air Patrol was established by order of the Director of Civil Defense on Dec. 1st last. Within that time the organization has proceeded rapidly, until now in the short period of three months over twenty thousand men and women have enrolled—86 per cent of them pilots.

The Illinois Wing is organized into nine groups, the first of which is, as stated, based at Sky Harbor. This group is responsible for the territory bounded by a line running east and west along Roosevelt Road in Chicago, to a line running north and

Missionary Film At Highwood Church Saturday

Touching the Untouchables is the title of the missionary film to be shown at the Highwood Methodist church Saturday night at 8 p.m. There will be special music. Free admission. Rev. W. T. Wickstrom is the pastor.

Nick Young, Roy Bedore and Major & Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Hosts

Memorial Services Held Tuesday For Carl Pfanstiehl

Memorial services for Carl Pfanstiehl, for 46 years a resident of Highland Park and known throughout the world to metallurgical scientists as a leader in that field, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of which his father was pastor for 12 years.

Mr. Pfanstiehl collapsed from a stroke Saturday evening in the John Crerar Library in Chicago. With the aid of his secretary, Miss Bernice Frances of Highland Park, he was taken to St. Lukes Hospital where he died early Sunday morning.

He was vice president and director of research of the Pfanstiehl Chemical Company, originally founded in Highland Park and later moved to Waukegan where it is today. Mr. Pfanstiehl had more than 100 patents taken out in his name.

Three men spoke briefly at the memorial service. They were Rev. Louis W. Sherwin, pastor of the church; Henry Yuen, brilliant young Chinese research chemist and a member of the Pfanstiehl Chemical Company research staff, who talked of his scientific achievements and his relations with his fellow workers; and Hiram L. Kennicott, 335 N. Linden avenue, who spoke of him as a friend and a member of the community.

David Geppart, family friend and graduate student of music at Northwestern university, played piano selections.

From a make-shift laboratory in his mother's sewing room in the manse of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Pfanstiehl's inventions extended to highly specialized research for the government in both the first and the

Highland Park, Highwood and all the other north shore U.S.O. Clubs will be thrown open to the general public on Sunday, March 15, as part of a nationwide U.S.O. open house. More than five hundred U.S.O. operations throughout the United States and in overseas bases will participate in the event.

Nick Young, Roy Bedore and Major Ira Fitzpatrick, local U.S.O. directors, in announcing the open house, extend an invitation to all residents of Lake and Cook County to visit the clubs and to see the facilities and activities provided for members of the nation's military forces.

The clubs will be open to the public from 1 to 6 p.m. it is announced, with all facilities of the centers on display. Programs are being planned by some of the clubs.

Facilities at the clubs include showers, reading and writing materials, games, music, checkrooms, personal and spiritual service, dancing, movies and plenty of comfortable chairs and sofas for those wishing to relax.

According to information received from national headquarters, U.S.O. operations now include 403 clubs and 150 other units, providing recreation and service facilities for the nation's armed forces and war industry workers in the United States. Twenty-three other operations are active outside the continental United States. Attendance at the U.S.O. centers now totals more than one million monthly.

Clubs are located at 13 S. Sheridan rd., Waukegan; O. H. Cross, director; 218 Madison St., Waukegan, Ed Carey, director; 628 Railway Ave., Highwood, Roy F. Bedore, director; 266 Waukegan rd., Highwood, Major Ira Fitzpatrick, director; and 21 S. Green Bay Rd., Highland Park, Nick Young, director.

\$15,734.50 Collected by Red Cross

The Highland Park chapter of the American Red Cross has to date \$15,734.50. \$3,000 of this amount has been given by the merchants in a business district canvass and by special gifts made to the Red Cross fund boxes distributed about town. H. F. Kelly, general chairman of the Highland Park chapter, is in charge of the business district and special contributions.

The Woman's committee, headed by Mrs. Julius Lackner and Mrs. Malcolm Vaile, have turned in \$12,734.50, representing a house to house canvass in the various precincts and in special gifts. Most of the precincts have reported in, but if you have been missed in the drive and wish to give, or if you have given and would like to increase your contribution, please call Mrs. Lackner, Mrs. Vaile or the captain of your precinct.

Workers of Precinct 5, of which Mrs. Robert F. Walker is captain, have just completed their work. Workers were Mrs. Fred Law, Mrs. R. J. Allenby, Mrs. John Evers, Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. Maurice Pollack, Mrs. Herbert Small, Mrs. Harry Sellery, Mrs. Myron Hexter, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Mrs. Mildred Haessler, Mrs. Louis Haller, Mrs. Stanley Strong, Mrs. David Clark, Mrs. John Van Bergen, Mrs. William Rose, Mrs. Henry Dabin, Mrs. Leonard Riesser, Mrs. Robert Jefferies and Mrs. Arthur Raff.

March Tire Allotment Announced

Walter Meierhoff, chairman of the Highland Park Tire rationing board today announced the March tire allotment and also the February distribution. Highland Park has been allotted 14 passenger tires and 12 tubes; 25 truck tires and 29 tubes and 11 retread truck tires for March.

During February the board did not issue any passenger tires as there was no request for them. Thirteen truck tires and 12 truck tubes were issued. They were allotted to Highland Refuse, 4 tires, 4 tubes; Paul Borchardt, 4 tires, 4 tubes; L. T. Bullivant, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Laurence Gumbiner, 3 tires, Highland Park Fuel, 2 tires. David Lucke obtained 2 obsolete tires and 2 obsolete tubes.

The new tire rationing board office is now located at 538 Central Avenue.

Educational Committee To Hold Conference

We are all consumers—but are we all intelligent in our consumer buying? Is our money buying the most that it can?

A one day Consumers' Conference to educate consumers in food and clothes buying, nutrition, and textiles will be held Wednesday, March 25, at the Y.W.C.A. under the leadership of the Education Committee of the Highland Park Civilian Defense Council. The morning session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m., both being open to the public.

Since the conference is to be just one day, the education committee has arranged to bring experts to Highland Park, who can cover their fields efficiently. If, after the meeting, enough people decided that they want more detailed information about one special subject of consumer buying, classes can be formed locally through the Civilian Defense Council.

The Education Committee directing this conference is composed of Dr. Harold Spears, chairman, Mrs. Charles Mason, Mrs. Theodore Fischer, Mrs. Leonard Riesser, Mrs. Lee Supple, and A. N. Thurston.

present world wars. His research extended through the circles of chemistry, metallurgy, physics, and physical-chemistry.

His inventions included the first highly efficient spark coil for gasoline engines—the "pancake" style of winding; the process of refining and making tungsten malleable (capable of being cut, formed and moulded), thus releasing precious platinum during the last war; a new radio circuit and the single dial on radios, where before there had been three separate dials to tune; a line of rare sugars vital in medical research and once only available through Germany; a tooth paste; and, most recently, a new metal alloy, amazing hard, tough, and smooth, which is replacing jewels in many precision instruments. This alloy is being used in phonograph needles, and is finding many secret uses in the government war program. To develop this metal the Illinois Institute of Technology frequently set up a special department under his guidance.

His survivors include his wife, Caryl Cody Pfanstiehl, his eldest son, Cody, 25, who immediately returned from Sheppard Field, Texas, where he is in the Air Corps; Alfred, 23, who will begin officers training in the Navy in April; Bonnie, 19, a sophomore student in music at Northwestern; and Grace, 14, a freshman at Highland Park high school.

The ashes were interred at Rose Hill cemetery.

The family and friends have started a Carl Pfanstiehl Memorial Fund to purchase X-Ray equipment for the Highland Park hospital. In his high school years, Mr. Pfanstiehl was the first to build and operate an X-ray machine on the North Shore.