

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT: WHAT IT IS DOING

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As is usually the case at this time of the year, the question of drainage and sewage took up a large part of the city council's time at Monday evening's meeting.

A delegation from the Sunset subdivision headed by Frank Nosek was on hand to

E. M. Murphy make a plea before the council that something be done to alleviate the appalling drainage conditions that have existed in that area for many years. It appears that every time it rains anything stronger than a light shower the basements in Sunset subdivision are converted into a veritable sea of rank sewage and drain water. To say that this too often replaced catastrophe is a distinct inconvenience let alone a menace to the health of the community is truly a master piece of understatement.

This writer was amazed at the calm, poise and wholehearted spirit of cooperation evidenced by the committee that addressed the council on Monday evening. The justice of the cause and the sorry plight that property owners in this section find themselves should under normal circumstances have made the committee fighting mad. However, the spokesman for the group presented his community's case with all the decorum usually exhibited in a college debate.

The writer of this column knows whereof he speaks when he states that the residents of Sunset subdivision have every right to tear out their respective hairs over the drainage situation in this area. It was his unhappy lot to have spent two years in residence on Princeton Avenue where hip boots and swimming suits were considered standard equipment. A clothes pin to place upon the nose when indulging in basement aquatic sports is also considered one of the necessities of life in Sunset subdivision.

Lack of funds or no lack of funds, the council could not turn down the earnest plea of the Sunset subdivision committee for some kind of action. The city engineer was authorized to conduct a preliminary survey to ascertain the cause of the trouble and make recommendations concerning possible cures. Sunset subdivision in particular and Highland Park in general will await with interest the results of this survey and the subsequent

action of the council in arriving at some sort of an equitable solution to this distressing problem.

The first week in April was designated by Commissioner Swanson as combination clean-up week and collection week for materials to be salvaged and sold to raise funds for local civilian defense.

Fire Chief Hoskins is making an earnest plea to citizens of the community to use discretion in calling the fire department to put out prairie fires. He states that the department's equipment is being run ragged in answering calls to put out prairie and leave fires that well meaning but careless citizens have allowed to get beyond their control. The chief adds that in these days of priorities and rubber shortages that it should be the patriotic duty of the members of the community to conserve the use of the city's fire fighting equipment as much as possible.

The April Primaries
With the April primaries a scant three weeks away the citizens of Highland Park as well as the other areas in District 10 are becoming more and more aware of the battle between the incumbent, Congressman George A. Paddock and his opponent, Ralph Church, to represent this district in Congress. An early survey of the North Shore towns reveals that an overwhelming majority of the voters are in favor of returning Congressman Paddock to the post that he has so ably filled for the past two years.

For a first term member of Congress, Mr. Paddock's record in Washington has been truly outstanding. He was named a member of the important House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and was recently made a member of a special subcommittee of the House Interstate Commerce Committee which will draft changes in the Securities and Exchange Act.

While their is another aspirant to Congressman Paddock's job in the personage of James M. Crume running in the Republican primaries, the battle down the home stretch will undoubtedly be between Paddock and Church. Paddock is running strongly in the North Shore towns and adjacent areas but there are enough votes in Cook County to turn the tide in favor of his opponent if Paddock's North Shore supporters are caught napping. Thus, if the latter want Mr. Paddock to be in a position to continue his good work of the past two years it behooves them to get out and vote for him on April 14.

Red Cross Aides Men and Families

With the American armed forces steadily increasing in size and spreading all over the world, problems of the soldiers, sailors and marines and their families and relatives at home are becoming more numerous and serious. When problems do arise, members of the armed forces and their families at home may look to the Red Cross for aid in solving them.

In Chicago, the Home Service department of the Red Cross at 616 S. Michigan Avenue, phone WABash 3250, is always ready to help service men and their families.

The Congressional charter of the American Red Cross states that one of its duties is: "To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy."

At every Army and Navy post and station, and with combat units overseas, there are Field Directors of the American Red Cross, medical social workers and recreation workers, looking after the interests of able-bodied men and the hospitalized and convalescent soldiers and sailors. The Red Cross is the only civilian organization allowed to work within the military and naval establishments. Social services rendered by the Red Cross to service men are part of the Army and Navy regulations.

Each of the nation's 3,700 Red Cross chapters cooperates with Red Cross personnel on duty with the armed forces. In Chicago, an average of more than 500 new calls for service came each week from Red Cross field directors and from the families of service men.

Here are some typical Red Cross Military and Naval Welfare cases:

A soldier's mother had to have an operation unexpectedly. His married sister wired him they lacked money. The Red Cross took care of it.

Another man had lost track of his family some time prior to his induction. The Red Cross found them.

A sailor's father lost his job. The Red Cross got him another, and, fortunately, a better one.

Serious illness in a marine's family required his return home. The Red Cross helped him arrange for leave and advanced the cost of the trip.

E. H. Volwiler Again Listed In Who's Who

E. H. Volwiler, 2472 North Deere Park Drive has been listed in the 1942-43 edition of Who's Who in America, published by the A. N. Marquis Company of Chicago. Mr. Volwiler's name has appeared in this geographical index for more than ten years.

F. P. BIGGS

The Glencoe Theatre and the Highland Park Press invites you to be their guest at the Glencoe Theatre. If you will call at the office of the Press, 516 Laurel Avenue, you will be given a pair of passes, which may be used any time this week.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION CLOSES

The Civil Service Commission has just announced that March 31, 1942 will be the closing date for receipt of applications for positions as Regional Agent, Trade and Industrial Education, \$4,600 a year, and Special Agent, Trade and Industrial Education, \$3,800 a year. Applications must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., on or before that date.

Full information on this examination, and application forms, may be obtained from Frank E. Carlson, Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office or customhouse in this city, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office.

A soldier permanently disabled for military duty was taught a new trade. The Red Cross helped arrange for it and took care of his claim for Government compensation.

The Red Cross continues to aid men after they leave the armed forces. It is authorized by law and executive order of the President as one of the agencies to assist the veteran and his family in presenting their claims for pensions, insurance, hospitalization and other Government benefits. During the period of filing and settlement of these claims, the Red Cross provides ex-service men with whatever services they and their families may require.

More than half of the \$65,000,000 War Fund just raised by the American Red Cross is earmarked to provide for these services to the men of the armed forces and their families.

Civilian Defense

Have you found enough discarded rubber material in your attic or basement to make several gas masks, asks the Civilian Defense Conservation Committee. If so be sure to see that it is available when the Highland Park City Council sends trucks around for Clean Up Week. Perhaps you can add some old metal material you've had no use for in some time. Enough for five tanks is the aim of the committee. That takes 100 tons of material. "You can help in a big way with very little effort," says Commissioner Arthur H. Swanson in charge of Clean Up Week. "Just be sure that you have searched the basement, attic, garage and every other nook and corner in the house. That old vacuum cleaner no longer useful, the washing machine that hasn't worked in years, all the things you no longer use may be useful in helping win the war."

One day during the week of April 6th to 11th the City trucks will come by your home and pick up materials you have put on your parkway the night before. If you need help in carrying these things out because they are too heavy for you to manage, call Civilian Defense headquarters and that help will be arranged. There will be a civilian defense demolition squad, a volunteer group, who will see that your requests for aid in getting material from your home to the trucks is answered.

Truck Route

Here is the route the trucks will take announced today by Commissioner Swanson;

Monday, April 6—Vine Avenue and North, east of the tracks.

Tuesday, April 7—Vine Avenue to and including Beech St., east of the tracks.

Wednesday, April 8—Beech St. to County Line Rd., east of the tracks.

Thursday, April 9—Central Ave. south to County Line Rd., west of the tracks.

Friday, April 10—North of Central Ave., west of the tracks.

Saturday, April 11—Clean Up.

"Chance to Help"

"Here is our opportunity," says Mrs. Philip Ringer, chairman of the Conservation Committee, to really help in our own defense. The materials we can salvage will be used by the government in the war effort. Rubber, metal and papers are needed, since the usual supplies are curtailed. There isn't rubber scrap now since tires are no longer being turned in and reclaimed. Every bit of material that we do not need can be used to

good advantage when reclaimed. And since this material collected during Clean Up week will be sold by the City to defray part of the expense of civilian defense here we will truly be helping ourselves. But our goal of 100 tons of metal means that every householder must help. Let's see if every parkway can be decorated with a pile of scrap—papers, metal, rubber, even old furniture if you want to get rid of it. Let's have Highland Park decorated for defense. Let's Get In The Scrap."

Have You Enrolled

Do you know that there are now more than 1,750 adult persons enrolled in 22 Civilian Defense Activities in Highland Park? This is more than one-third of our voting population. Most of these citizens are already at work. Some have not yet been assigned to any particular department, but assignments are being made as rapidly as conditions permit.

If you are not working or enrolled to do your part, you are requested to enroll at the Civilian Defense Office in the City Hall.

The Blackout and Air Raid "Rules and Precautions" have been distributed and by now should have reached all of our citizens, business schools, churches, etc. Study yours and see that all the members of your household, business associates, etc., are familiar with them.

Police Regulations

Lighting equipment of cars permitted to operate during Blackout (See Blackout Rules & Precautions)

"Headlights should be covered by a black oil-cloth with a horizontal slit in the lower portion about 1/4 inch by 3 inches covered with blue cellophane paper," says Rex R. Andrews, Chief of Police.

Note—Flashlight bulbs can be colored by covering them with blue tissue paper, with a horizontal slit in the lower portion.

Cycling Club

On Sunday, March 29th, the "Hale America" Cycling club will take their second trip. Those who joined the outing last Sunday are most enthusiastic. At first, these trips will be short enough and slow enough so that even beginners will be able to enjoy them. All cyclists interested will meet at the Community Center at 3 o'clock each Sunday afternoon, and for further information, call Mr. Alden Harris, H. P. 2734.

Peter M. Wolff Gets Cornell Athletic Award

Peter M. Wolff, a resident of Highland Park, and a senior in the College of Administrative Engineering at Cornell University, was the recipient last night of the Cornell Daily Sun Athletic Trophy, awarded annually to the athlete who maintained the best standards of Cornell athletic tradition "both in spirit and deed."

Wolff has been a varsity football player for three years and was captain of the 1941 eleven. At the conclusion of the Big Red season this past fall, he was designated as a member of the North squad at the annual North-South game. Before entering Cornell, he played football for three years at Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Ill. and was selected on the All-Lake County football team.

In addition to his football accomplishments, Wolff is also treasurer of the Student Council, to which he was first elected in his sophomore year; president of Quill and Dagger, senior honorary society; a member of Red Key, Junior honorary society; and a member of Sigma Phi fraternity. Upon graduation in May, he will receive his commission as a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army.

Rock Island Loading Shows Increase Over '41

Rock Island Lines current carloading figures released today by E. M. Durham, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, are as follows:
Week ending March 14, 1942.. 28,566
Corresponding week last year.. 26,552
Previous week this year..... 27,889

Calendar

Thursday, March 26—

9:30 a.m. Advanced First Aid class
1:30 p.m. Advanced First Aid class
4:30 p.m. Seventh grade dance
7:00 p.m. Chess club
7:45 p.m. Men's First Aid class

Friday, March 27—

7:00 p.m. Boy's club
8:00 p.m. Community orchestra

Saturday, March 28—

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts club
3:00 p.m. Stamp Exchange

Sunday, March 29—

3:30 p.m. Community orchestra Concert

Monday, March 30—

1:30 First Aid class
8:00 p.m. Table Tennis club

Tuesday, March 31—

9:30 a.m. First Aid class
4:00 p.m. Junior Airplane club
7:30 p.m. First Aid OCD 4

Wednesday, April 1—

9:30 a.m. Girl Scout leaders
9:30 a.m. Music Club chorus
8:00 p.m. Square Dance club

Bob S. Puzin At Great Lakes

The name of Robert Stephen Puzin, 18, son of Mr. Steve Puzin, 221 Prairie Ave., Highland, Ill., was added last week to the large roster of men who have enlisted in the U. S. Navy and who are now undergoing recruit training at Great Lakes.

DR. L. F. BUSHNELL

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Red Cross To Answer Inquiries About Service Men

All draft boards have been notified that inquiries concerning the welfare of selectees and their families after induction into the armed forces should be referred to the Red Cross, according to an announcement issued by James B. Forgan, chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Originally contained in a bulletin sent all local boards by Illinois Selective Service headquarters, this announcement is repeated because of numerous inquiries received both by the boards themselves and the Red Cross, Mr. Forgan said.

The Military and Naval Welfare department of the Red Cross at 616 South Michigan Avenue is prepared to handle inquiries about men in the service for their families, and to make provisions for the welfare of service men's families if necessary, Mr. Forgan stated.

Change in Rates at Community Center Athletic Department

A uniform rate for adults of \$5 per year membership is the new rate set by the Board of Directors of the Community Center at their March meeting. This new rate is to make the Athletic department facilities available to men and women of all ages at moderate cost. The department is suitable for both conditioning and games. Included in the membership are use of the squash-handball court, small exercise room, locker room, and showers.

Dean Tjaden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Tjaden, 599 West Park Avenue has enlisted in the air corps of the army.

Men In Draft May Enlist In Chosen Branch

Although most of the nation's manpower is now subject to call for military service in the draft, any qualified man still has the privilege of voluntary enlistment in any branch of the service he prefers, it was pointed out today.

Lieut. David N. Goldenson, officer in charge of the Navy Recruiting Station at Chicago, headquarters for this district, said that a recent directive from the Navy Department makes it possible to enlist men up to the day of draft induction. But he added:

"This doesn't mean that a man called through selective service can come into the recruiting office a few hours before his scheduled draft induction and still hope to choose his own branch of the service.

"A man desiring to join the Navy is subject to rigid scrutiny. This may require some days. He must take his physical examination and other tests. He must furnish us with various documents, such as his birth certificate, dependency waiver if married, and letters of recommendation. His actual enlistment is the last step of the procedure.

"Until he completes his preliminary work and finally takes the oath, he is still subject to call through selective service."

For this reason, Lieut. Goldenson urges men desiring to join the Navy to make early application. In the Reserves, he said, the Navy is still accepting qualified men between the ages of 17 and 50 for active service for the duration of the war. Men qualified in a number of trades are being considered for appointment to petty officer ratings, he said.

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