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VOTE TUESDAY

Whatever your political convictions are, they can best be expressed by casting your ballot Tuesday without fail.

● THANKS AND GODSPEED, NICK YOUNG

When you came to us last year to take charge of the Service Mens Club, it was without fanfare. You saw an opportunity to do something on behalf of the men in uniform, and you proceeded to do a fine job. You acquainted the soldiers at the fort and the sailors at Great Lakes with our town. You showed them we have their interests at heart. Best of all, you showed us how to make our interest in the service men a tangible thing, of value to the men in a practical way. You showed us too, how to give of ourselves. So we owe you a debt, Nick, and there will ever be a spot in our town for you. After you have done your overseas job for the USO, come back to us. And on your new mission, you carry with you the sincere interest and best wishes of all your friends, the citizens of Highland Park.

● CHILDREN, PETS and the WAR

When the war came to England, many people, fearing for their pets, had them destroyed. Children grieved, parents were at a loss to know what to do to replace the love and companionship of the pups and kittens that had meant so much to the little folks. Then, belatedly, it was realized that children, in caring for their pets during air raids, fires and other emergencies, forgot their own fears. Today, England is asking for pets for her children, in the realization that there is an affinity among the young that nothing can replace, and that the high morale existing among children and in families where pets are kept is a precious national asset. Here in America, we have for some years had an annual "Be Kind to Animals" Week, to give tangible expression to our love for pets, and to help educate people in the care of our four footed friends. With the war to win, we need more than ever the love and understanding our pets give us so freely. "Be Kind to Animals" Week is a splendid time to learn more about household pets, and, if you do not have a puppy or a kitten for your children to lavish their love on, make it a point to get one. It will prove a distinct asset in your home.

● GRAND JOB

This has been "Clean-Up Week," and the yards, attics, basements and garages in Highland Park are much cleaner and far less a fire hazard than a week ago. This seems a good time to give the kids a pat on the back. Busy as beavers, they lugged out magazines and newspapers, old bits of salvagable metal, bottles, cans and what-not. The youngsters provided not only much of the work, but also a great deal of the enthusiasm that has made our clean-up and salvage efforts a real success. True, the kids know Pa and Ma appreciate their work, but it seems fair to let them know the whole town knows what they have done, and deeply appreciates the good work. Especially during spring vacation!

● GIVING OF YOURSELF

The Red Cross advises that nearly ten thousand people have each contributed one pint or more of blood to the Red Cross blood bank being built up by that great organization for the purpose of saving the lives of men wounded in battle. Just think! 9,793 people have gone quietly down to Red Cross headquarters, announced their desire to give their blood, and to a man, they are nameless. No one, except Red Cross officials, knows the names of the donors. We think there is a high degree of patriotism in the citizen who gives his own blood. Somehow it is different than giving money or goods. It is as intimate and personal a gift as a donor can make. Brave, fine, sturdy, these people are further convincing evidence, if it were needed, that Americans are proud of their nation, their men in service, and their own ability to do anything to contribute to the success of the war effort, or that will minimize suffering that may arise from it.

● SCHOOL ELECTIONS SATURDAY

The school boards will hold elections Saturday to determine the will of the voters as to school board members for the forthcoming term. Membership on a school board doesn't carry a great political prestige. There is no particular glory in the job. On the contrary, there is a heap of hard, thankless and oftentimes heartbreaking work. The people who have signified their willingness to serve are doing so from an unselfish motive. They know that upon the schooling our children receive today will depend the type of citizens who make up our electorate in the future. All honor to the candidates for positions on the school boards, whether they win or lose. They're real citizens.

● THE EASTER "PARADE"

Each previous year on Easter morning has witnessed the parade of new spring clothes. Resplendent in new finery, people have used the visit to church (all too often an annual event!) to display their new habiliments. Last Sunday witnessed the biggest church crowds in many years. New bonnets and other bits of Easter "dress-up" clothes were notably lacking. The most popular costume for men seemed to be the uniforms worn by soldiers, sailors and marines. In short, people turned to God and the church last Sabbath, as they have always done in time of trouble. Gone was the parade of satorial splendor, its place taken by an array of people in whom was a great realization of our blessings, and thankfulness therefore.

Sunset Valley Golf Club Reduces Rate

Last call and reminder of the reduced membership rates now in force. These are available up to and including April 15th, after which date the usual rate will be in effect.

The course wintered very well and is now open for play.

Mrs. F. Copp Joins Community Center Staff

For an afternoon assistant, who will work especially with groups of boys and girls, Mrs. Howard F. Copp has been added to the staff of center workers. Mrs. Copp has had experience in this type of work, and will be able to carry on activity much needed by the center.

"VACATION For DEFENSE"

Schools To Elect Saturday

The three school boards in Highland Park, District 107 (Elm Place and Green Bay Road), District 108 (Lincoln, Ravinia, Braeside and Ridge), and District 113 (High School) will hold their elections Saturday, April 11, at which time members will be elected to these boards.

At the high school election, the proposed retirement plan for high school employees will also be submitted to the voters.

The polling places will be Elm Place school for the District 107 election; Lincoln and Ravinia schools for District 108, and for the high school, voting in Highland Park will be held at the High School, in Highwood at the Oak Terrace school, in Deerfield at the Village Hall, Lake Forest at the City Hall, and Lake Bluff at the Village Hall.

Polls will be open from 12 noon to 7 p. m.

Rotarians Elect 1942 Directors At Luncheon Meeting

Seven directors were elected at the weekly meeting of the Highland Park Rotary club Monday in the Hotel Moraine On-the-Lake.

They are Rex Andrews, Paul Behanna, W. Raymond Grant, Earl W. Gsell, Nafe Larson, J. Howard Moran and Dr. J. P. O'Connell.

These men and the retiring president, Harry Earhart, from the 1942 board of directors. They will meet after the luncheon next Monday to elect officers.

After electing their directors, the Rotarians heard a talk by a Red Cross representative. Sante Pasquesi was in charge of the program. Dr. Harold Spears is program chairman for the next meeting.

Progress Shown In Growth of Highland Park USO Club

The Highland Park Service Men's club has been in operation a little more than a year. When one looks back it seems almost incredible that such an organization, starting on such a small scale, could possibly have grown into such a strong and powerful project in such short time. Perhaps the credit should go to the executive director, Nick T. Young, who has worked day and night to put it over—or to the civic and civil minded people of the community who have given so generously of their time and money—or to the service men themselves, who have, with their sincere appreciation of the club, given us all the incentive to carry on.

Plan Program

As far back as June 1940 many individuals and a few organizations felt the need to care for the soldiers and sailors in our midst, but it was not until February 1941 that the Highland Park Community center appointed a committee to investigate a program for the service men. The committee consulted with Mayor Frank Ronan, and he set up the Highland Park Committee for National Defense. This committee, together with the mayor, consulted with experts and committees from Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes to determine the needs and prospects of the men in service.

In March the needs of the men had been determined. The civil needs were to be taken care of by the city administration and the civic needs administered through recreation, health and welfare. The Service Men's Club was turned into a city wide program.

Club Opened

The Service Men's club was opened the first day in April with an attendance of 500 men. The location was at 21 North Sheridan road. The mayor had assigned the recreation program to the Highland Park Co-ordinating Council.

In May the operation of the Service Men's club was transferred to the Highland Park Army and Navy YMC A committee.

It was in June that Highland Park chapter of the USO organized to raise funds to carry on the work. The group was composed mostly of the heads of the Highland Park community organizations. Through the splendid and untiring work of these various committees the amount collected more than reached the quota.

High School—Grade School Children Devote Vacation to Aid Clean-up Week

Sponsored By Civilian Defense Committee And City Council

Officers To Be Elected By Voters League

The year's climax in the activities of the Highland Park League of Women Voters is the Annual Meeting, falling this year on Wednesday, April 15. The day's program begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Moraine Hotel with the open board meeting presided over by the out-going President, Mrs. Philip Ringer. Members who come and hear the reports of heads of committees will obtain an excellent bird's eye view of the year's achievements.

At 12:30 luncheon will be served in the Dining room of the Moraine Hotel to all who have made advance reservations. This may be done by phoning Mrs. R. Baughman, H. P. 816, or writing to Mrs. E. Knox, 2296 Lakeside Pl., before Monday, April 13.

Election of officers will follow, with the Nominating Committee, headed by Mrs. Marc Law, submitting the following candidates: President, Mrs. Louis Haller; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Raymond Simons; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Charles Spencer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gilbert Finch; Precinct chairmen, I. Mrs. Richard Kuhns, 2. Mrs. Daniel Snyder, 4. Mrs. E. P. Barnes, 6 Mrs. E. M. Knox, 8 Mrs. Albert Arenberg, 10. Mrs. J. S. Johnson, and 12. Mrs. W. C. Frank.

The afternoon's speaker, Dr. Chang-Lok Chen, Chinese Consul General in Chicago, will talk on the subject, "Our Common Struggle." Dr. Chang-Lok Chen has a most interesting background. He secured his Ph. B. and J. D. degrees from the University of Chicago. He acted as Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton, China, and later as Superintendent of Customs at Hainan, China. As Consul General, he has lived in Singapore, San Francisco, Calcutta, and Ottawa, and officiated as Counselor of the Chinese Embassy at Washington, D. C.

A. S. Ridenour To Succeed Nick Young

A. S. Ridenour has been appointed director of the Highland Park USO center, replacing Nick T. Young, who will leave his post soon for Central America.

Ridenour, who is general secretary of the YMCA in Streator, Ill., will assume his duties as director April 22. He now is engaged in a large-scale finance campaign.

Mr. Young, who has served as director of the Highland Park center for more than a year, is prepared to leave for his new position on immediate notice.

Polling places for residents of Deerfield Township are as follows:

- Precinct 1—South Field House, Lake Forest.
- Precinct 2—Highwood City Hall.
- Precinct 3—Swedish Lutheran church, Highwood.
- Precinct 4—Oak Terrace School, Highwood.
- Precinct 5—Delicatessen Store, 506 N. Greenbay rd.
- Precinct 6—Highland Park high school.
- Precinct 7—F. B. Williams, 541 Central ave., Highland Park.
- Precinct 8—Davis-Maurine Electric service, 10 N. Sheridan Rd.
- Precinct 9—Highland Hotel building, 550 Central ave.
- Precinct 10—North Shore Gas company, 47 N. St. Johns ave.
- Precinct 11—Lincoln school, 495 Lincoln ave.
- Precinct 12—Railroad Men's home, Beech st.
- Precinct 13—Strenger's garage, Gray ave. and Ridgewood.
- Precinct 14—The Terraces, 369 Roger Williams ave.
- Precinct 15—Rollery grocery, 497 Roger Williams ave.
- Precinct 16—Chicago North Shore railway station in Ravinia.
- Precinct 17—Braeside school.

Selective Service Boards To Have 2 More Members

Paul G. Armstrong, State Director of Selective Service today announced that the membership of each of the 361 Local Selective Service Boards in Illinois has been increased by two members. The names of the 722 men who have been recommended by Governor Green to the President for appointment have been sent to Washington. It is expected that confirmation will be made immediately.

Increase Board Members

Director Armstrong said there were several reasons for increasing the number of board members at this time.

"Because of the greatly increased number of registrants," he said, "the local board of three members have been swamped with work. These men are volunteers. They sacrifice much of their personal time to the work of Selective Service without compensation. It seemed unfair to increase their burden without giving them additional help. Also in communities where agriculture is the predominant industry it also seemed that Local Selective Service Boards should have an increased farmer representation. In such communities the new members, wherever possible, have been chosen from the farmers of those communities."

It is expected that the five man boards will be functioning by next week, the Director said.

Henry Hansen, Highland Park police magistrate, was taken to the Highland Park hospital Sunday, seriously ill with pneumonia.

Since then the hospital has reported his condition improved.

U. S. O. Organizations

At this time the Fort Sheridan Area USO operations committee was formed with representatives of the U.S.O. organizations: the National Catholic Community Service, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Travelers Aid Association, the Salvation Army, and the young Men's Christian Association. In July 1941 the re-organization of these committees became the Highland Park U.S.O. Operations Committee.

With Mayor Frank J. Ronan as general chairman, the following local national defense committees were largely responsible for the growth and successful operation of the Service club; education, S. Thurston; churches, Mrs. Frank Ronan; civic-co-ordination, Mrs. Theodore Osborn, chairman of the H. P. Co-ordinating council and J. O. Guthrie; recreation, Mrs. Tom Wyle and Georg Scheuchens; public relations, Alfred Houser; public, Cloud Wampler; Legion, Harry Astor; health and safety, Chief of Police Rex Andrews and business, Len Neider, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Larger Quarters

A year has passed since the Service Men's club was started. In that time, the club grew to such a extent that the building at 21 North Sheridan road could no longer house the soldiers and sailors who came to the clubrooms. On Christmas day, 1941, the new service men's club, 21 Breen Bay road, was opened. It is a fine big beautiful structure, which is smoothly operated by volunteer workers of the community, under the able guidance of Nick Young.

Young to Leave

Nick Young, who has made friends not only with the army and navy, but with the civilian population on the North Shore as well, will be leaving us soon. He has received word that he is to be transferred to Central America. Mr. Young will be missed, but he leaves with the best wishes of all "his boys" and our prayer for a safe and quick return. Mrs. Young will remain in Highland Park, where she will continue her work with the Girls Service Organization. You can rest assured, Nick Young, that Highland Parkers won't let you or your Service Men's club down—we'll keep it going for you and every man in service.

"Vacation for Defense" is the slogan patriotically adopted by groups of high school and grade school students who are busily working for the Clean Up For Defense Week sponsored by the Highland Park City Council and the local Civilian Defense Conservation committee April 6-11. Proceeds from the sale of old metals, rubber, and paper by the city to regular junk dealers will be used for Civilian Defense needs here, such as sirens, postage, printing, and maps.

Commissioner Arthur H. Swanson and his assistant, Andrew Beck, are directing the city trucks in a house to house coverage for salvage materials for the nation's war effort and also rubbish for the city's annual clean up week. Salvage is taken directly to the Clean Up For Defense Headquarters, the former Plymouth-De Soto show rooms at 22 South First street, where it is sorted before being offered for sale. Rubbish is taken to the city dump and the city incinerator.

Truck Collecting

Thursday, April 9, the city trucks will go from county line road west of the tracks up to Central avenue, Friday they will collect from Central avenue north to the city limits west of the tracks. Saturday and Monday and Tuesday of next week the trucks will clean up material missed in the original collection. Householders with material not yet collected are asked to phone Civilian Defense office, 1400, and ask for a truck.

Girls Help

Jane Sonnenschein is in charge of the high school girls who volunteered to "man" the conservation headquarters at 22 South First street. Miss Sonnenschein, Miss Murphy, and Miss Elizabeth Bredin of the faculty, are the three co-ordinators of the High School War Aid committee, which is divided into fourteen sub-committees. High school students are anxious to help in any civilian defense or war work they can, and volunteers will be secured for any such work if one of the three coordinators is contacted.

High school girls directing work at Headquarters this week include: Betty Weddell, Frances Sihler, Nonie Heed, Wina Fuchs, Sue Curtis, Rosalind Smith, Bets Cumming, Joan Hatcher, Betty Anne Wible, Sue Howe, Pat Blake, Joan Lillie, Diana Cabonargi, Helen Gatewood, Virginia Stodder, Barbara Morris, Nancy Rosenheim, Marj Volwiler, Betty McGowan, Martha Lester, Peg Ham, Cynthia Howe, Mary Ewer, Joan Gatewood, Carol Ellis, O. D. Puckett, Lois Holly, Nita Henderson, Ruth Thompson, Barbara Mills, Betty Smolenski, and Pat Sammett.

Boys Collect

High school boys are collecting salvage from the business district and also working at Headquarters to organize the materials brought in by trucks and individuals-ready for sale to regular junk dealers by the city. Among the boys working are Toby Johnson, Pete Florheim, Pitty Barnhart, Jerry Chambers, Willis Dever, Harry Pertz, Jack Ullman, Ray Werhane, Jack Evers, and Frank Hotchkiss.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Tuesday at Open House

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at The Open House Tea Room. As usual, a dinner is planned for six-thirty.

E. H. Scott, a resident of Highland Park, and nationally known radio manufacturer, is to be the guest speaker and will also present a sound film, "Road To Victory." The speaker lived in Australia for a number of years and will be able to give members a true picture of what that nation is like in peace time as compared to the highly efficient war production status of this day.

Members will then see actual battle shots of the Australian Navy and the fighting Anzacs under fire at Dunkirk, Tobruk, Egypt, Crete, Malaya and Burma.