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MOTHER

On May 10, the nation will honor its mothers. Fountain head of our strength and inspiration, haven of refuge against all the world, our mothers in their own right are loving, courageous fighters, brave with the bravery that enables them to send their menfolk away to war with a smile and a cheery wave, saving the tears for the silence of the long nights, away from the eyes of the world. So when the flags fly, and the ministers speak, and we all breathe a prayer for Mother, she has earned that devotion. Lastly, DON'T fail to write YOUR mother a good letter for Mother's Day.

WAR TITHING

The Secretary of the Treasury advises that on Friday, May 1, a campaign will get under way to pledge every wage earner and salaried person to voluntarily put 10 per cent of their pay into War Bonds. It is interesting to think how much of our pay we would be allowed to retain for personal use in the event that we are not victorious. Do you suppose the people of France, Holland, Belgium, Poland and the Scandinavian countries would be satisfied if they could retain the use of their earnings with the exception of 10 per cent? That 10 per cent the Secretary of the Treasury is asking us to INVEST, not to contribute. In short, the nation wants your extra money to use in helping to protect YOU. The money put into War Bonds now will prevent War BONDAGE in the future. Every worker, no matter what his other commitments, should freely and gratefully step up to the cashier's window each payday, and lay down that 10 per cent.

NEEDLESS GRASS FIRES

Too many calls are being made upon our Fire Department to put out grass fires caused by carelessness. The department is here to protect us, but that doesn't relieve us of the responsibility to be reasonably diligent in protecting ourselves. A further reason for care is that much wild life makes its home in burrows and nests in the long field grass. The destruction of birds, rabbits and other wild creatures would remove one of the natural assets of Highland Park. So let's all be a little more careful about starting grass fires. If a field must be burned off, the fire should be set against the wind, so it can be kept in hand. When a field is fired with the wind, the flames almost instantly get beyond control. In line with War Conservation, grass fire caution will help to conserve our vital Fire Department equipment and manpower. Do your share.

DON'T BE A CAR HOG

Many must use their cars to reach the station each morning, but to see several cars leaving the same neighborhood for the same destination each morning is without excuse. Pick up your neighbor, pick up a pedestrian, but DON'T HOG THE CAR TO YOURSELF. It's out of step for any citizen, man or woman, who expects to be known as patriotic, to follow the selfish practices current with some in Highland Park.

SUCCESSFUL BLACKOUT

Observers sent here from Metropolitan Civilian Defense headquarters assure our local defense authorities that our blackout last Friday night was an outstanding success. The wardens knew their jobs, the auxiliary police were at their stations, CD observers were on hand to check on details, and so far as can be determined today, the blackout was about 100% a success. With ample advance publicity, and with Highland Park's reputation for doing things right, the success of the test darkening was to be expected. It is well to bear in mind, however, that all blackouts are not just tests. One of these days we may be confronted with the grim need for instant darkening as a protection against enemy air raiders. Let us continue our training and perfect our methods so we can function as well on an instant's notice as we did last Friday night. And God grant the reality may never come.

REGISTER FOR YOUR SUGAR RATION

Keep in mind that if you expect sugar in your diet in the future, you will have to register and get your ration card at your nearest school during the first four days of next week. No exceptions will be made, without your card, your grocer will be unable to sell you sugar, no matter how big a supply he has on hand.

NOT HOW BIG, BUT HOW GOOD

Members of our small Police Department have passed an advanced first aid course under Mr. X of the Community Center. The department is not large, in fact it has been under-manned for years, but is considered one of the finest and best equipped of its size in the country. Maybe one of the reasons why our folks don't have to be fussy about locking doors and taking in the kid's bikes at night is because that Police Department of ours is "Little, but Oh, My!" As Winchell would say, "Orchids" to Chief Rex Andrews and his fine crew of men.

VALUABLE BY-PRODUCT

The record shows that 10% of the people of Highland Park are either taking or have completed the Red Cross First Aid course since January 1. Long after the war has been won, long after the hours of study and practice have been forgotten, the invaluable skill our people have acquired will stand them in good stead. Americans everywhere are learning not only to take care of the injured, but in so learning, are at the same time acquiring safety habits that will save countless lives in the future. So—Bravo, you First Aiders!

HAVE YOU VISITED THE BLOOD BANK?

The Red Cross continues to collect blood for the purpose of saving the lives of the injured, wounded and those in shock. The need is endless, the supply grows in the veins of all of us. Have you contributed your pint? Call the Red Cross and make your appointment at once. You'll be proud to know you have done it, though no one else finds it out.

War Bond Pledge Drive May 11-13

Carroll Binder 'Minute Men' To Canvass Every Illinois Home For Pledges To Buy War Bonds

"The Class of 1942 Faces a World at War" is the subject of the talk to be given by Carroll Binder, foreign news editor of the Chicago Daily News and resident of Highland Park, at the commencement exercises in the high school auditorium, Thursday, June 4.

Mr. Binder, a graduate of Harvard university, in addition to being the foreign editor of the Daily News, is the director of foreign services. He also does a great deal of lecturing and writing for various publications.

He wrote for the Daily News from 1922 to 1936, at which time he became foreign editor. As a journalist, he has traveled and lived all over Europe, during both peace and war-time.

The committee from the graduating class asked Mr. Binder to speak not only because he is familiar with world conditions today, but also because he is an outstanding journalist and lecturer. His talk will be accurate and interesting.

Mr. Binder's children, Carrol, Jr., and Mary, have both been graduated from Highland Park high school.

Tim Starrels, who will be the student speaker of the evening, will talk on "Does American Youth Need Toughening?" He was chosen to speak from a group of seniors who entered the recent contest for the selection of a graduation speaker. Merilyn Smythe will introduce the speaker.

Approximately four tickets will be given to each senior, but as many announcements as a student desires may be ordered.

Sally Friedman and Sinesio Zagnoli, who have been chosen as class marshals, will not only lead the marching of the graduates, but will also read the names of the students as they receive their diplomas.

Dr. Spears Heads Chicago Jr. Red Cross Committee

James B. Forgan, chairman of the Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross, has announced the appointment of a Junior Red Cross Committee to serve as the channel of contact between the chapter and the schools in introducing and developing Red Cross services in the public, private and parochial schools of the Chicago area.

Dr. Harold Spears, principal of the Highland Park High School, Highland Park, and author of several books on modern education, will serve as chairman of the Junior Red Cross committee. Other members will be:

The Reverend Alex W. G. Guebert, superintendent of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran School, 2307 South California Avenue, and superintendent of Lutheran high and elementary schools.

Dr. L. V. Newkirk, director of industrial arts, Chicago high and elementary schools, Board of Education, 228 N. La Salle Street.

Herbert W. Smith, principal of the Francis Parker School, 330 West Webster Avenue, Chicago, and president of the Private High and Elementary Schools Association of Chicago.

Father Stanley Stoga, assistant superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 755 N. State Street.

Dr. C. H. Sweat, principal of the Wheaton Junior High School and president of the Du Page County Principals' Club, Wheaton.

Ben Sylla, superintendent of Chicago Heights Schools, 16th Street and Chicago Road, Chicago Heights.

Eugene Youngert, principal of the Oak Park-River Forest High School, Oak Park.

The Junior Red Cross of the Chicago Chapter has an enrollment of 563,042 children in 919 schools in the chapter area, which includes Cook and Du Page Counties and the southern half of Lake County.

All Junior Red Cross activities are carried on within the schools, as part of the curriculum. The new committee will assist in introducing additional training programs in first aid, water safety, accident prevention, home nursing, and food nutrition, new projects in conservation and salvage of materials needed for the nation's war effort, and expanded programs in the production of articles for both able-bodied and hospitalized service men.

Trial Blackout A Success In Highland Park

Last Friday night Lake County had a highly successful trial blackout which lasted for 20 minutes, from 10:15 when the alarm sounded, to 10:35 when the all-clear was heard.

It was a moonlight night, which took away from the eerie quality of the performance. But none the less, the blacked-out villages and countryside seemed strangely filled with hints of things to come.

Everyone in Highland Park cooperated in the test with the exception of one or two deliberate violators. These persons insisted on turning on the lights several times during the test. These cases will be carefully investigated, and if it is deemed necessary will be reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There were a couple of cases of delayed participation, one at the Northwestern Station at Ravinia, the other in the building above Walgreen's drug store. Both had difficulty locating the light switches and so were late in turning off the electricity.

Mayor Frank J. Ronan said the regular staff was at the telephones in the office during the 20 minutes. Reports came in from the four corners of the city. The Mayor walked through the center of town at 10:15 and found everyone conducting himself in an orderly, quiet fashion. Quite a lot of children were up for the momentous occasion, but they were in small groups and talking in hushed tones.

Chief of Police Rex R. Andrews announced his satisfaction with the results of the test. He said all the auxiliary police were at their posts and did an excellent job. He gave the major credit for this fine performance to Harry Eichler, who is in charge of this auxiliary force.

Donald S. Trumbull, Coordinator of Civilian Defense, was in the Air Warden's office during the blackout. He said so far no accidents or mishaps of any kind have been reported. Mr. Trumbull said 29 observers had been appointed at the request of Division Chief in Waukegan, H. B. Bleck. Mr. Trumbull reports over 1700 citizens are enlisted for Civilian Defense service. There are now 611 Air Wardens, about 20 auxiliary firemen, and 60 auxiliary police.

Block wardens are taking a house-to-house census to determine number of children in family, the location of people who are bedridden, hard of hearing, or blind, so that in the event of a raid, these people would be rescued immediately.

The only problem in connection with blackouts that remains to be worked out is the audibility of the sirens. In some locales the alert was not heard, and people turned off their lights according to their clocks. However, the department is fully aware of the defect and hopes to solve it before long.

The Office of Civilian Defense requests that any individuals registered with it, and who are moving out of the district or going into service, kindly send in notification. This is important, as the records must be kept up-to-date.

Following is a list of Air Wardens, their addresses and phone numbers: Harry Aiston, 918 Ridgewood Rd., H. P. 1886; Chief Warden; Edwin L. Gilroy, 286 Central, H. P. 2461, still in advisory capacity; Philip E. Cole, 641 Sunnyside, H. P. 2085; Robert F. Patton, 624 Crescent Ct., H. P. 1501; M. W. Schreiner, 1044 N. Green Bay Rd., H. P. 2082.

Division Chiefs: Clarence Bassler, 1018 Oak, H. P. 276; Marc Law, 27 N. Linden, H. P. 1249; Van Kirk, 203 Prospect, H. P. 51; D. A. Kittermaster, 651 Waverly, H. P. 2118; James Murphy, 1412 S. Sheridan, H. P. 1916; Edw. C. George, 1841 Rice, H. P. 476; John A. Bellows, 732 Marion, H. P. 4469; Milton Southar, 871 Ridgewood, H. P. 3492; Albert Larson, 133 S. Green Bay, H. P. 4128; Store, 567; Bert D. Greene, 722 Harvard Ct., H. P. 2139; Art Olson, 996 N. Green Bay, H. P. 3325; P. M. Gould, 1523 Westview Rd., H. P. 2737.

Adm. & Mrs. Downs At Home Wednesday

Rear Admiral and Mrs. John Downs will be at home at their residence on the grounds of the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, on Wednesday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Illinois May Quota Will Be \$46,300,200

SUGAR REGISTRATION MAY 4-7

Residents of Highland Park, Ravinia and Highwood will go to the school in each district and register for sugar ration books. Following is a table of information concerning the registration:

Dates for Registration:

In so far as possible people are requested to register according to the following alphabetical arrangement of their surnames:

- A-G Monday, May 4
- H-P Tuesday, May 5
- Q-Z Wednesday, May 6

People unable to register according to this schedule may register on any of these days, including Thursday, May 7 up to 6:00 p.m.

Hours of Registration:

8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

PLACES

School District 111—Oak Terrace School, City of Highwood.

Green Bay School

School District 107—West of tracks to Township line; Deerfield Avenue (Berkeley Road) to Old Elm Road.

Elm Place School

East of tracks from Ravine drive to Old Elm Road.

Lincoln School

School District 108—

North boundary: Ravine Drive—Deerfield Avenue (Berkeley Rd.)

West boundary: Northwestern tracks near Skokie.

South boundary: Edgewood Rd. to Green Bay.

East boundary: Green Bay Road to Ridgewood to Beech to Forest to Sheridan. North of Sheridan from Forest to Beech will also be included in Lincoln district.

Ravinia School

North boundary: Sheridan Road from Beech to Forest Edgewood from Drainage Ditch to Green Bay.

West boundary: Drainage ditch from Edgewood Road to Clavey; Green Bay from Edgewood Rd. to Ridgewood; Ridgewood to Beech; Beech to Forest; Forest to Sheridan Road.

South boundary: Clavey-Blackstone, west of tracks; Oakland-Lakewood Place east of tracks.

East boundary: Lake.

Brasside School

North boundary: Clavey Road-Blackstone-Oakland-Lakewood.

West boundary: Skokie drainage ditch.

South boundary: County Line road

East boundary: Lake.

Ridge School

North boundary: Deerfield Avenue (Berkeley Rd.)

West boundary: West line of Deerfield Township; Section line between 33-34.

East boundary: Northwestern tracks near Skokie to Edgewood; Skokie Drainage Ditch; Edgewood Road to County Line.

South boundary: County Line Road.

HIGHWOOD CLEAN-UP WEEK MAY 4-9

Highwood will observe Clean-up week May 4 to 9 inclusive. The project is under the supervision of the Street and Alley department. City trucks will be used in removing the rubbish. All trash must be placed on the parkway. Rubbish any other place will not be moved. The truck will not pick up ashes.

May 4, 5 and 6 has been set aside for the removal of debris in the first and second wards and May 7, 8 and 9 for wards three and four.

Neill's Continue Their Softball Practice Sunday

The Neill's Sport Shop softball team of Highland Park will continue with their practice sessions Sunday afternoon at 2:00 at the Lincoln School playground.

The Neill's outfit is scheduled to open their night season at Sunset Park on Friday, May 15, with either the Sequin or Logan team furnishing the opposition or the Waukegan Sporting Goods team.

An army of approximately 200,000 "Minute Men" will canvass every home in Illinois in the special Pledge Campaign on United States War Savings Bonds and Stamps during the 72-hour period of May 11, 12 and 13, it is estimated by the Illinois War Savings Staff on the basis of information received from all parts of the state.

This will be the most intensive sales drive ever conducted in Illinois, for both men and women volunteers will visit every one of the approximately 2,300,000 dwelling units to secure signed pledges from all persons with an income.

R. L. Sandwick is War Bond sales chairman for southern townships of Lake County. His bond salesmen are: for Highland Park, Dr. C. V. Nichols and Lewis B. Sinclair; for Highwood, Rev. James Gleason; for Deerfield, Harry Wing and J. R. Notz; of Ela township, Walter Prehn of Lake Zurich; of Vernon township, Charles J. Herschberger of Prairie View, and of Cuba township, J. O. Welch of Barrington.

Mrs. George Childs is chairman of the speakers bureau. Speakers are available through this bureau, to talk about the purchase of War Bonds.

The Illinois quota of war savings bond purchases for May has been set at \$46,300,200, which is slightly more than \$13,000,000 above the average monthly sales in the state from last July through January.

"The key to the quota drive is 10 per cent" Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., stated. "That is the minimum amount of the nation's total income which must be siphoned off in War Savings bonds purchases to help win the war."

On a nation-wide basis the goal calls for one Billion dollars in sales during July. The national quota for May is \$600,000,000, to be increased to \$800,000,000 in June and a Billion dollars in July.

The Illinois quota will be stepped up 20 per cent in June over the May figure with another 20 per cent to be added for July.

All county chairmen in Illinois will shortly receive the quotas for their respective localities and each will be requested to direct intensive drives to ensure 100 per cent fulfillment.

Every person with an income—regardless of the source and size will be asked to sign a pledge to purchase War bonds or stamps regularly on a weekly, monthly or payroll basis for the duration of the war or for as long as he is financially able. He will be asked to pledge 10 per cent of his income.

Every person should willingly sign a pledge for it does not constitute a legal contract, Norman B. Collins, state administrator for Illinois, pointed out.

"The pledge is a moral obligation which I am sure every signer will endeavor to carry out to the best of his financial ability" Mr. Collins stated. "This is our chance to prove that compulsory bond purchases will be contrary to our American way of doing things. United States War Bonds are the safest investment to be found in the world today. Their purchase, in vast quantities, is necessary to the successful prosecution of the war effort. If we can make the people of Illinois realize these simple facts, we never shall need to institute any compulsory methods for the purchase of bonds."

Announce Committees For Junior Prom

Using a yacht club party as the theme, the juniors are planning their Prom scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at the Woman's club, with Ed Barrett's orchestra playing.

Committees that have been chosen to take care of all of the details of the Prom are as follows:

Decorations—Jerry Casey and Frank Hotchkiss.

Tickets—Aldo Calbrio and Alfred Aegerger.

Publicity—O. D. Puckett, Cynthia Howe and Bob Gressens.

Refreshments—Lorraine Pantle and Lois Zaecke.

Floor Show—Alice Allen and Dolly Jinks.

Tickets for the Prom are \$1.37, tax included.