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Faced by a national emergency, whether it be flood, tornado, or war, the people of the United States have always had the ingenuity to handle the situation. Today, with a grim war requiring the services of a majority of our young men, we have again solved a problem, and in giving those fighting men our backing, have produced an organization which demonstrates our appreciation of the sacrifices that are being made. It is the USO.

The armed forces must be drilled to perfection. They must be furnished with the most modern tools of war, but they must be kept fit. War is grim, but they must have the proper recreation and relaxation to do their job. The USO provides the machinery to keep 'em smiling.

The USO is helping tremendously by keeping our fighters when on leave in an American mood.

USO last year laid the foundation for the world-wide work it has to do. As the closest friend of the 4,000,000 men in uniform, USO had to start right. It went where the need was greatest, even though, if it had concentrated in the big cities, the public would have been more aware of it. In those communities where our armed men were encamped in rural surroundings where there were no recreation features, USO built clubs to fill the need. The proof of service lies in the minds of our armed forces. Everywhere they show their appreciation of what USO has done and is doing.

The public, however, knows little as to what has been done with the money subscribed last year. In doing things USO has devoted too little attention to publicity, and now the story needs to be told.

There are now 665 clubhouses and 940, both on the continent and overseas, are contemplated during the next fiscal year.

Cost of operations will be as follows:

Operation of 700 units	\$15,446,046
Operation of 21 clubs in eight trans-oceanic bases including Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone and Trinidad	\$1,876,518
Cooperation with overburdened communities to provide special leave-area clubhouses	\$1,000,000
Maintenance and enlargement of buildings, particularly rentals	\$910,000
Administration	\$66,000
U.S.O. services in maneuver areas	\$250,000
Mobile field units	\$684,636
Services to troops in transit	\$350,000
U.S.O. Camp Shows, Inc.	\$4,000,000
U.S.O. Citizens committees	\$94,558
Planning and coordinating by national headquarters	\$362,594
National campaign for fund-raising	\$735,800
Emergency services fund	\$5,609,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,000,000</b>

Let's look at the record. USO's original promise to establish 339 clubs was based on two things. One was that the government would build and equip a large proportion of the clubs. The other was faith that the public would give USO the funds needed to operate the clubs and its program. Here is what has been done:

Today, USO is serving soldiers, sailors and the men and women working in vital war industry in clubhouses and smaller units. The monthly daily peak attendance at those operations is now more than 1,000,000, and the units are located in 269 communities of forty-three states on our continent.

In sub-arctic Alaska and Newfoundland, and in sub-tropic areas from Hawaii to the Panama Canal, USO is operating clubhouses where the need is greatest.

The USO is giving the armed forces and the war workers the best of entertainment, with more than twenty-four professional road companies now giving nightly performances. First-run movies, "name bands," Hollywood stars and radio comedians provide entertainment, needed moments of relaxation, and keep 'em smiling.

USO provides club facilities in the broadest sense of the word. It gives the men a place to write and the materials for writing. It provides material, service in communicating with families in times of stress, etc.

Just how well the job has been done is illustrated by the comments of the armed force leaders. Said Brigadier General F. H. Osborn, Chief, Special Services Branch in charge of morale:

"USO has risen magnificently to meet both the pre-war and the war emergencies of our armed forces. It has given living evidence to the American soldier and sailor that his own people at home are thinking of him and care about him now. The volume of USO's service must increase as hundreds of thousands more men put on the uniform, as soldiers and sailors everywhere speed to the outposts of a nation at war."

Rear Admiral E. J. Marquart said: "We must meet the problem of large crews of men avidly looking forward to shore leave. For these men, the USO and its cooperating agencies already have provided a wide variety of entertainment. Not only is the man on the firing line appreciative, but also the family he left behind. These families are suffering not only the trial of separation from husbands and fathers, but in many cases face more material hardships. It is a comfort to them to know that their men in service are being cared for so well."

A private said: "I sure did enjoy your program the other morning, and enjoyed the cigarettes and cakes you gave us. Please come more often if you can, and don't let us down please."

More than one service man was heard voicing his appreciation of the breakfast given by the Mothers at the H. P. USO club Mother's Day morning—and the open house and supper given the same Sunday afternoon at the Highwood USO. There are but two examples of the many things happening at a USO club.

Don't you let them down, Mr. and Mrs. Highland Parker. The annual USO drive is now underway. Give willingly and freely—and have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped some service man enjoy his too little leisure time—away from camp.

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has designated Sunday, May 17th as "I Am An American Day"; a time in which to dwell on the values and duties of citizenship, and, particularly to celebrate the attainment of citizenship by those who have recently reached the age of twenty-one and those who have lately been naturalized, and

WHEREAS, In conformity with the action of our President, Governor Dwight H. Green, has issued a proclamation, setting aside said day of the present year, as "I Am An American Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK J. RONAN, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, hereby PROCLAIM, Sunday, May 17, 1942 as "I Am An American Day" in Highland Park, and urge that all our Citizens join in carrying out programs suitable to the occasion.

FRANK J. RONAN, Mayor

# Price Ceiling Starts Monday

## Men's Garden Club Convenes in Highland Park

The tenth jubilee convention of Men's Garden Club of America will be held at Hotel Moraine on-the-Lake, June 25, 26, 27 and 28, with members of the Highland Park Men's Garden club acting as hosts and working on the arrangements committee.

Governor Dwight H. Green, Illinois governor, has issued invitations to the 47 other State Governors to send their victory garden chairmen to the convention to take part in the clinical discussion on the victory garden movement.

A round table discussion has been planned for the evening of June 25. The morning of June 26 has been set aside for the delegates to take part in the annual business meeting and in the awarding of the Johnny Appleseed memorial certificate of recognition for meritorious service of either an amateur or professional in horticulture. The place for the 1943 convention will also be voted upon at this meeting.

Friday, June 26, in the afternoon, the Highland Park Memorial garden will be dedicated, and a new hybrid rose will be christened "Highland Park." The program will be followed in the evening by a beach party and the showing of colored movies.

Panel discussions will take place on Saturday morning, June 27, concerning the growing of dahlias, delphiniums, roses, annuals, perennials, etc. In the afternoon members of the Highland Park Men's Garden club will take the guests through their own gardens.

The annual dinner will be celebrated on Saturday night at 6:30 o'clock. The winner of the Garden Library award for the best club publication during the past year will be announced. New officers will also be inducted at this session.

A tour of North Shore estate gardens will close the convention on Sunday morning.

## Mrs. Graham Resigns From Dorcas Home

Mrs. Esther Graham has resigned as superintendent of the Dorcas Home, and will be replaced by Miss Mildred McDonald, who acted as Mrs. Graham's assistant.

Mrs. Graham recently underwent a major operation and because of ill health, she has returned to her home in Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Christena M. Knaak, first grade teacher in the Deerfield Grammar school, has been at Dorcas Home during Mrs. Graham's absence and will remain there until June 1.

Miss McDonald will select her staff before June 1. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian college and has a

## Capt. Anderson Speaks At Legion Meeting Tonight

The regular monthly business meeting of the Dumasq Spencer Post No. 145 American Legion of Highland Park will take place tonight (Thursday) May 14.

The guest speaker will be Captain Orvie P. Anderson of the Adjutant General's office at Fort Sheridan, who will outline in detail the procedure of how new recruits entering the United States Army today are segregated and classified according to the various units of army service.

## Young Mens Club To Consider Baseball Team

The Highland Park Young Mens Club is considering the formation of a baseball team and would like to hear from all young men interested in playing hardball this summer.

Those interested are asked to send their names either by phone or postal card to Mr. X.

A meeting will be held next week if enough young men indicate their desire to play. A number of teams along the north shore, as well as the service teams at Great Lakes and Fort Sheridan, have their schedules under way and the Young Mens Club is anxious to get its team started as soon as possible.

## Highland Park Merchants Set Price On 30,000 Various Items

### Control Insures That All Get Share Of Goods

## War Stamp Concert at High School

The urge to help with dimes and quarters for War Savings Stamps, and the longing for music with a May sunset—these two desires are united in a project of the Highland Park High School Band. Harold N. Finch, the director, invites the public to an outdoor concert for 7 o'clock on the evening of May 21. Bleachers are being erected in the Athletic Field on Vine Avenue just west of the High School, with the Auditorium as an alternative in case of rain. Ample parking space will be provided free on the High School grounds.

The music will be light and popular, and will include Latin American music, and trap-drum, harp, and clarinet solos, accompanied by the band.

The only admission price will be the purchase of one 25c War Saving Stamp or three 10c stamps; but there will be no limit on the amount for those who want to buy more. Stamps and bonds will be on sale at all entrances to the field. Don't give up your "tickets;" just buy them, paste them in your book, and enjoy the music.

## Mrs. Carr Is A Really True Navy Mother

Mrs. Albert J. Carr, 916 Lincoln avenue really knows what it means to be the mother of navy men. During World War I she had two sons, Harold and Stanley, serving in the navy.

In World War II she has three sons serving. They are John, who left Great Lakes Friday for San Diego with the Hospital Corps; Bob, who is aboard the destroyer "Hilary P. Jones" and Lt. Com. Stanley, who was on a mine sweeper, but who has just recently been appointed to the staff of Commander of the First Naval District of Boston.

Mrs. Carr, a widow, who has been a resident of Highland Park for many years, is the mother of ten children, seven boys and three girls.

All those who attend can be assured of a very pleasant evening, as those who have been entertained by this band in the past very well know.

While the hour is rather early in the evening, I hope that as many as possible will make it a point to be there, and by their presence, support the efforts of these splendid young people who are doing their part in such an entertaining way to raise funds for National Defense.

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## Vacuum Cleaner Needed At Center

Your Community Center has no vacuum cleaner and really needs one. Some one could do a real good turn by giving one no longer needed. Phone Mr. X. Highland Park 2442.

## KIWANIS

The Highland Park Kiwanis club enjoyed moving pictures of bass fishing in Florida, at the regular weekly supper-meeting held Monday night at Hotel Moraine. The movies were shown by Joe Neild.

Monday morning, May 18, shoppers will find in all retail stores of Highland Park as well as elsewhere a price ceiling set on some 30,000 items as the biggest price control bill in the nation's history goes into effect.

Since the success of this measure will need the co-operation not only of the merchants who have labored patriotically to put it into effect, but also of the purchasing public, it is important that the shoppers know the details of the regulations.

First, the necessity of such a government measure should be understood. With less goods available than there is purchasing money, rising prices bring on the much dreaded inflation which is ruinous to everyone alike. With such a condition we could lose the battle on the home front while our boys are fighting on the battle front. This price control regulation is merely the means to insure that everyone gets his share of goods, instead of the few with extra money getting all and the ones with little money getting little or none.

Monday morning each merchant will post in his store the top price which he charged during the month of March for nearly all items in his store, and this will be the maximum price he may charge for each item. The maximum price will vary from store to store, just to the top prices for each item varied from store to store during March. The merchant may charge you less than his maximum price, but he may not charge more.

For instance, the highest price charged for a certain item during March in store A was 25 cents and the highest price for the same item during March in store B was 28 cents. Under the maximum price ruling which goes into effect May 18, store A will post 25 cents as its maximum price and store B will post 28 cents as its maximum, though either may charge less than its posted maximum price.

The principle exceptions to the ruling are: lamb, mutton, flour, poultry, fish, game, dried beans, prunes, canned cherries, butter, eggs cheese, canned milk, fresh fruits and vegetables. Most of these exceptions are due to the fact that their prices have not yet reached the maximum allowed in the Price Control Bill for agricultural products.

A spirit of co-operation between consumers and merchants will go far toward easing the adjustment on these far reaching price controls. It is each consumer's responsibility to know the maximum price for the articles he buys.

## Jim Fleager Enters Purdue

Jim Fleager of Forest Avenue entered Purdue University as a freshman last week and has been pledged Beta Theta Pi.

# WE ARE BUYING



## U.S. SAVINGS BONDS and STAMPS

Have You Pledged Your Share?