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### ● RAVINIA FESTIVAL, WAR TIME NECESSITY

The festival last year was a feast for our music-hungry souls. This year, the festival opening June 30 will, in addition to providing the music we love, give us that close bond with our normal life, serve as a flaunting banner to make the world aware that the American way of life is continuing, will continue, and cannot be killed off by the power-mad maniacs of Europe and Asia. So—while you flood your being with music during the season—breathe a prayer of thankfulness that you live where people can enjoy and appreciate the finer things. And buy some more War Bonds.

### ● MRS. GRAHAM LEAVING

Mrs. Esther Graham, Superintendent at the Dorcas Home, has, by her ability to "mother" those in her charge, earned their genuine love and appreciation. Through some God-given faculty, she has learned to absorb the minor and major cries that confront every mother, and has given to the motherless youngsters at the Dorcas Home something of that understanding love which is every American child's right. Mrs. Graham is leaving her position on September 1 on account of her health. But in going, she will leave something precious behind, something of herself, in the heart of every child who has thrived in her care. By her fine work, she has earned not only our earnest appreciation, but our good wishes for the recovery of her health and our prayer for success in her future life. If Miss McDonald, who succeeds her, can carry on where Mrs. Graham leaves off, the children, their guardians and the citizens of the nearby communities will have no cause for complaint.

### ● GARDEN CLUB TO LIMELIGHT US

Highland Park's first national convention, that of the National Association of Mens Garden Clubs, will open at the Moraine June 25 for a four day session. The Highland Park Club, through its president, C. Eugene Pfister, did a fine job for the city in putting us on the national convention circuit—but after all, Gene really had some selling ammunition when he went after that convention. His home town is a garden spot, with a higher per capita appreciation of the beauties of nature as cultivated by our hard working flower-lovers than most cities know. But Gene did a splendid job of merchandising our charms, in turn, we hope our city can measure up, fully to the selling talk the Mens Garden Club president must have used.

### ● ANOTHER COMPLETED JOB

The house-to-house war bond solicitation is finished. As usual, Highland Park has chalked up another success. Our people responded graciously, wholeheartedly, courteously. Very few refusals were registered. Amazing, how this town of ours responds when the appeal is basically right. On behalf of the Minute Men and Women who made the campaign, we want to say "thank you" again.

### ● POPPY DAY

Few indeed will be the bare lapels Monday. That is the day we honor the maimed, the orphaned, the widowed, of World War I by wearing Poppies. It seems fitting that this year our poppy purchases should be more than liberal, for we have today another war painting a fearfully graphic picture of the sufferings wrought by that first world conflict. Wear your poppy, and be proud of that for which it stands—an undying, ever-keen interest in those who suffered for us, and their loved ones.

### ● GOOD LUCK, REX

The first of June, Chief of Police Rex Andrews leaves Highland Park to become 1st Lieutenant Rex Andrews, United States Army. Rex has only been with us a couple of years, but he is well and favorably known to the community. If he takes into his new career the same good mentality, the same genius for handling men and situations, we predict a fine Army career for him. Rex is a splendid example of the new type of police official, usually a college man, who has deliberately chosen police work as a life occupation and trained for it. His contribution to community safety, reduced traffic accidents and fatalities, greater freedom from crime, is all evidence of the trained career man. Highland Park's regret in losing Rex is only lessened by his departure for a share of activity where his talents will contribute to the national welfare. Godspeed, Rex.

## 46 To Be Inducted May 28

### From L. C. Draft Board

Lake County Draft Board Number 1, Highland Park, will furnish 46 men for May 28 induction. The list follows:

Elmer Priess, Prairie View  
James Martin Krueger, Highland Park  
Hamilton B. Witter, Chicago  
Guy F. Roper, Highland Park  
Edward J. Leowenthal, Highland Park  
Samuel S. Holmes, Jr., Highland Park  
Alex Freiman, Chicago  
Reese F. Martens, Elgin  
Neuman Fell, Highland Park  
Donald F. Reese, Barrington  
Arthur R. Carter, Wadsworth  
Ralph William Roesser, Palatine  
Robert J. McLaughlin, Barrington  
Charles John Grom, Barrington  
Quinther Martin, Barrington  
Robert David Fisher, Highland Park  
Leif A. Halvorsen, Barrington  
Emilio Galassini, Highland Park  
Edwin J. Parke, Jr., Barrington  
John Milton Hall, Highwood  
Anthony Montana, Barrington

Carroll J. Cashman, Highland Park  
John F. Dodd, Barrington  
Lawrence Fred Gehl, Barrington  
Howard G. Miller, Barrington  
Gilbert Douglas, Deerfield  
James E. Sibley, Prairie View  
Maurice H. Tichelbaut, Highland Park  
Gerard P. Dinkeloo, Highland Park  
Alfred A. Kruger, Prairie View  
William Harry Thomas, Highland Park  
Thomas Larsen, Deerfield  
Harold B. Peterson, Deerfield  
Cyril Lloyd, Highland Park  
Donald D. Cook, Lake Zurich  
Clarence C. Rosalini, Highwood  
Joseph M. Casanova, Highland Park  
Russell S. Carteron, Barrington  
William W. Boehm, Highland Park  
Nathan Lee Udell, Highland Park  
Dale F. Berning, Deerfield  
Clarence C. Handele, Highland Park  
Arthur C. Georgeson, Highland Park  
Gianetto John Lenzini, Highland Park  
Hidilio J. Biondi, Highwood  
Raymond G. Towns, Barrington

# U S O DRIVE IS ON

## Poppy Day Monday, May 25th

Poppies by the hundreds blossomed forth at The American Legion Home today as the women of the American Legion Auxiliary prepared the little memorial flowers for distribution Monday, May 25.

Boxes in which the poppies came from North Chicago where they were made by disabled war veterans, were opened by a corps of workers under the leadership of Mrs. Phillip Cole, Poppy Chairman. The flowers were sorted, counted and arranged in bunches ready for the women who will offer them on the streets Monday to be worn in honor of the men who have given their lives for America.

"Each poppy has individuality, being made by some veteran too badly disabled to do other work", Mrs. Cole explained. "Into each flower goes the sentiment of these men for the comrades they left in France. Each symbolizes beautifully the supreme sacrifice which has again become necessary to maintain America's freedom and democracy."

"Wearing a poppy is the way each individual can show that he remembers the men who have died in the nation's defense and honors their patriotic spirit. The poppy is more than ever a badge of patriotism this year when young Americans again are offering their life to keep our country secure. We are hoping that everyone in the city will show his patriotism by having a poppy on his lapel on Monday."

In exchange for the poppies the Auxiliary will ask contributions for its welfare work among the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. These contributions form the chief source of support for this work which is carried out on an extensive scale throughout the year. With the Legion and Auxiliary now extending their aid to the disabled and dependent families of the present war, increased funds will be needed during the coming year.

## William T. Jones Appointed Area Chairman By Nicholas J. Conrad

### To Dedicate Elm Place Playground

On Tuesday evening, May 26, at 7:00 o'clock the new Morgan Playground of the Elm Place School will be dedicated. At that time Mrs. Francis S. North of Lake Forest will present to the school on behalf of the heirs of Elisha Morgan a marker for the playground. This marker will be in keeping with the ultimate beauty and utility of the playground.

#### F. M. Knight Will Preside

Francis M. Knight, President of the Board of Education of District 107, will preside at the dedication ceremony. On the platform will be representatives of the three school districts in Highland Park, of the city government, and of the Morgan family. The Elm Place School Band will play at the beginning and end of the program. All parents and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend the dedication.

#### W. P. A. Work Stopped

Last fall a W.P.A. project to complete the development of this playground was approved. The outbreak of the war of course stopped any W.P.A. projects in this country. However, the Board of Education allocated a small sum to be spent on its development. Through the cooperation of the city government, the Park Board, and some interested parents with the School Board considerable work has been done. An all-purpose playground and a large grass field are being put in shape for use next fall. Further development will take place as rapidly as funds permit.

## Chicago Area Quotas Have Been Set At \$1,749,432

### Highland Park Has 60 Active Auxiliary Police

The Highland Park Auxiliary Police is composed of 60 civilians from all walks of life, who are undergoing intensive training to fit them for duty in supplementing the regular police force during blackouts or other emergencies.

This is how the group was organized: within a month of our entrance into the war, the Highland Park chapter of the American Legion turned over its membership list and offered its services to the community. This list was promptly put into use, and one hundred and twenty-five letters were sent out to legionnaires asking them to form an auxiliary police force.

Of the sixty auxiliary police, eighty per cent are legionnaires; the other twenty per cent are men who were eager to be of service, and were admitted into this group. The membership consists of professional and business men: lawyers, manufacturers, writers, printers, a teacher, a postman, chemists, stock brokers, a milk driver, technicians, and accountants. Each man is required to take a physical examination, and nearly half the men have already been examined.

The man in charge of this body is Harry Eichler, called "The Colonel" by the entire organization, and he is doing an outstanding job. The first meeting was called Friday evening, March 6th and about 60 men were on hand. Chief of Police, Rex R. Andrews outlined the program. On the following Monday evening, March 9th, the group met again, and has continued to meet every Monday night since then.

Chief Andrews gave a streamlined course in police tactics in the first six lessons. Since which time the members have been taking a course in First Aid. They are unanimously enthusiastic about the excellence of the instruction. This course is taught by George Scheuchemflug, better known to his students as "Mr. X". These classes are held at the American Legion headquarters, and have had a uniformly high attendance.

The unit is organized on semi-military lines. Highland Park is divided into three battalions. Each battalion commander is termed "Major", and his aide, "Captain". The battalions are divided into platoons, commanded by "lieutenants".

The twenty vulnerable spots in the city, such as the electric light plants, water works, and communication facilities, are patrolled during blackouts. A point of major importance during blackouts is the control of traffic within, as well as at the approaches to the city. In the recent trial blackout, everything functioned smoothly and according to plan, with all the men at their posts, and in command.

For the purpose of identification, the men wear an arm band, but a more conspicuous badge is under consideration.

## H. P. Goes Over Top In Drive

Highland Park has once again gone over the top. Early tabulations not yet complete indicate that citizens of this community have responded almost one hundred per cent to our Government's Defense Bond Drive.

Wearing the Government's Minute-man badge, three hundred local women went forth last week to solicit a pledge of financial war-aid to our Government from every member of every household in our community. The response was overwhelming, so great, in fact that a complete report on the canvass cannot be published before next week.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jay S. Glidden, chairman, and her committee, Mrs. Ralph C. Archer, Mrs. Oliver E. Weed, Mrs. Julius E. Lackner, Mrs. W. A. Hamm, Walter Borg, Miss Nancy Santi, Mrs. Kenneth Lacy, Mrs. A. J. Wells,

Suburban towns in Cook, Lake and DuPage Counties are pitching in wholeheartedly to make the great campaign of the United Service Organizations a quick and complete success. Nicholas J. Conrad, Chairman of the Country Towns Division in the campaign, has his organization well under way and is appointing particularly strong key men in the communities under his leadership. Area Chairman named by Mr. Conrad for Highland Park is William T. Jones.

#### Chicago Quota

The campaign quota established for the entire Chicago area is \$1,749,432 of the \$32,000,000 national fund which is now being raised.

America's fighting men are now making more than 2,000,000 visits a month to the 419 USO clubhouses which have been established in forty-three states and in trans-ocean bases, according to Holman D. Pettibone, general chairman of the Chicago USO Campaign.

USO is now operating 647 units, which include clubhouses, temporary rented quarters and mobile units which go to men on stations in the field, remote from centers where clubs have been established. Of these operations, 619 are spread throughout the United States and 28 are in extra-continental bases. There are two units each at Highland Park, Highwood and Waukegan. A second lounge for troops in transit is being opened this week at the Union Station. One in the Illinois Central Station at 12th street has been in operation for several weeks.

#### 35,544 Helped

The assistance of USO in aiding service men with personal problems is being widely used, Mr. Pettibone says. During the last month for which detailed reports are available, 35,544 uniformed men asked help from USO workers. Service supplied ranged from assistance in family problems to counsel on matters of preparation of the men to qualify for promotion.

USO clubs, which are primarily for recreation, are widely used now for study purposes by enlisted men who are seeking promotion to commissions. In several USO clubhouses it has been found advisable to establish study halls where men may read and study under conditions more favorable than are possible in barracks.

USO also developed stature as a liaison agent between service men, guests and civilian hosts. Through USO more than 30,000 soldiers and sailors are now being entertained each month in private homes throughout the country.

While USO clubs do not ordinarily provide sleeping quarters, dormitories have been established in clubs near leave centers, and approximately 20,000 men each month use these facilities of USO while on leave.

#### Six Agencies

USO is composed of six wartime service organizations, the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association.

## Bob Moon Enters Army Air Corps

Robert Moon, who enlisted in the army air corps in March was inducted on Sunday and left that day for an unannounced training base. He is the son of Assistant Postmaster Fred Moon, Highland Park, and Mrs. Moon.

The Moon's entertained 16 at dinner last Thursday at a combination farewell and birthday party. It was Bob's twenty-fourth anniversary.

and Mrs. David Lasier who efficiently organized the drive. Congratulations to the District Captains and Minutemen who so diligently fulfilled their duties. And congratulations to Highland Park on its decisive answer to the clarion call of victory.

## Highland Park Plans Ceremony To Induct 675 Air Raid Wardens

### Form Plans For Gardener Convention

The National Men's Garden Club Convention will be held at Hotel Moraine-on-the-Lake, June 25 to June 28 inclusive, with the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park acting as hosts. C. Eugene Pfister, president of the local club, will act as convention chairman.

Governor Green has invited all Governors of the United States to attend personally or send their State Victory Garden chairmen, to the nation-wide Conference to be held on Thursday, June 25.

#### Tentative Program

The tentative program of events follows:

- Thursday, June 25
- 10:00 a.m.—Meeting of the Board of Governors Registration of Delegates
- 12:00 Noon—Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m.—National Victory Garden Conference
- 6:30 p.m.—Dinner
- 8:00 p.m.—Round Table Discussion Subject—"Victory Gardens"
- Friday, June 26
- 9:30 a.m.—Annual Business Meeting
- 12:00 Noon—Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m.—Dedication of Gardeners Memorial and Christening of new rose "Highland Park"
- 6:00 p.m.—Steak Fry and Entertainment
- Saturday, June 27
- 9:30 a.m.—Panel Discussions
- 12:00 Noon—Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Visits to Gardens of Members of the H. P. Men's Garden Club
- 6:30 p.m.—Annual Dinner
- Sunday, June 28
- 9:30 a.m.—Visits to Estate Gardens—au revoir at Noon

The City of Highland Park will hold an impressive ceremony and program to induct 675 Air Raid Wardens and co-Wardens, Friday evening, 8 P. M., May 22nd, at the Elm Place School Auditorium.

The program and induction ceremony will be conducted by Harry Aiston, Chief Air Raid Warden, who will be assisted by Robert Patton and Miller Schreiner, Assistant Chief Wardens, Phillip E. Cole, Special Deputy Warden, and Comdr. Harry E. Eichler, Commander American Legion and Highland Park Auxiliary Police Force.

Frank J. Ronan, Mayor and Chairman of the Civilian Defense Council will deliver a message thanking the wardens for their outstanding performance in successfully conducting the recent blackout, the city-wide Civilian Defense Census, and the securing of several hundred enrollments for participation in the state's Victory Garden program.

Honored guests will include Harry B. Bleck, Chief of Division 8, Office of Civilian Defense, Donald Trumbull, Co-ordinator Civilian Defense, and Lieut. Commander Edwin L. Gilroy, who until his recent entry into Service was Chief Air Raid Warden of Highland Park.

The 12 Divisions Air Raid Wardens, under whom the 675 air raid wardens of Highland Park operate are Messrs. Clarence Bassler, Marc Law, Van G. Kirk, D. A. Kittermaster, James Murphy, Edward C. George, J. A. Bellows, Milton Southers, Albert A. Larson, Bert D. Green, Art Olson and P. N. Gould.

The program will be concluded by a special showing of civilian defense motion pictures covering fire fighting, air raid wardens on duty, and showing actual scenes taken in London during an air raid. These pictures will be shown through the courtesy of Mr. Walter Eyles of Highland Park, and prominently identified with the motion picture industry.

Also assisting in arrangements will be Highland Park's Sector Wardens.