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### HOME FOLKS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Life, for any of us, is made up of a myriad of little things. We see and become accustomed to certain people. We adapt ourselves to certain foods and surroundings. We habituate ourselves to certain hours in a somewhat fixed routine of living.

The men who have gone into the armed services find that their new life is not so much difficult as it is different. They wear different clothing, meet different people, live under a different routine. The many little things that constituted civilian life are absent. The subconscious thought that keeps up the morale of many if not most of the men in uniform is this. . . "The old way of living still goes on back there at home; after the war is over I will again take my place among folks I know, among familiar surroundings, to do the things beloved of old."

The finest thing we here at home can do is keep the home contacts alive for that man in service. Letters, cheerful, newsy, hardly ever serious, are priceless to the warrior son, father or husband. A few little family snapshots enclosed every once in a while lend sparkle to your letters.

If in the past you have made cookies, cake or candy that was someone's favorite, do it some more, and often, to send to that someone at training camp or wherever he may be. In all frankness, it is the thought such a gift conveys which means as much as the delicacy itself. Do you ever see nonsensical little gadgets while you are shopping? Of course you do. Buy the next one you see and enclose it with your next letter or in a package. It will please the recipient far beyond its cost.

In other words, one of the best and most interesting things we folks, whom the war has left behind here in Highland Park can do for our service men, is to let them know we are with them in thought and spirit always. We're the home folks, ever waiting to welcome the soldier home.

### SOLDIERS ALL

Frequently a tiny light casts a mighty illumination. A tiny deed shows the spirit of a nation. A few words tell a deathless story. By way of illustration . . . the Northwestern train from Waukegan south was crowded the other night. An elderly man, quite evidently a defense worker climbed on board at Great Lakes, and took the only empty seat in his coach. Seven soldiers boarded the train at Fort Sheridan and the old gentleman proffered his seat to one of them, saying, "Have my seat, son. You probably marched all day, and must be tired."

The young soldier smiled and answered, "Thanks, Dad, but you look like you'd be soldiering pretty hard yourself today. You keep the seat, and I'll just sit here on the arm and chat with you for a few minutes if you don't mind."

Here was the American spirit epitomized. The old are proud and just a bit envious of the lads in uniform. The young love their elders and respect their invaluable efforts toward the common cause—Victory. Win the War and the Peace? We cannot help but win with such an abundance of mutual respect and teamwork. Dad stays home making bombs, tanks, and planes. Son constitutes himself a special delivery man, to put the products of Dad's labor where they will do the most good.

How long, then, before the Axis Powers will recognize that glorious truth, that AMERICAN IDEALS AND AMERICA'S PEOPLE CAN'T BE BEAT.

### COMBINING PLEASURE AND DUTY

Dumersq Spencer Post of the American Legion opens its annual carnival today. Traditionally, the local Legionaires have held a carnival over the Fourth of July holiday as a means of raising funds to carry on their Americanization and welfare work. This year, in spite of the fact that the members of Dumersq Spencer post are just about 100% engaged in war work or some form of Civilian Defense activity, they have found the time and strength to carry on the worth while efforts of former years.

When you attend the 1942 Legion carnival, you will carry with you the inner feeling of satisfaction that every hot dog you buy, every merry-go-round ride you allow the children, will contribute its share toward the community efforts conducted by the Legion. Have a good time, folks!

### OPEN YOUR PURSE AGAIN, PLEASE

Some time ago this column talked to readers about the need for additional USO funds. The drive has been most successful up to this time. However, to secure the final dollars needed to meet the \$8,500.00 quota, the last few days of the drive call for acceleration among donors. Keep in mind that the USO provides things that soldiers, sailors and marines lack in their camps and on board ship. The touch of home, the social contacts, the chance to relax in congenial surroundings and among friendly people, means much to the service man. If YOU have a man in service, just consider that it may be your dollar that will make for an extra bit of comfort for him. And dig out that dollar this very day.

### KEEP YOUR FOOT ON THE BASE

July holds a record for accidents, most of which represent a needless loss in life, money and working time. The National Safety Council is working throughout the nation to cut the accident toll. Here in Highland Park, in conjunction with Mayor Ronan and the city fathers, the Council is urging safe practices be the rule of the day, whether walking, riding, swimming or just staying home. Keep in mind that every accident penalizes not only the victim, but his family, friends and business. The nation cannot AFFORD accidents. We have a war to win.

### DIRTH OF ROOMS

Have you registered that spare sleeping room of yours with the Salvation Army USO? There seems to be a dirth of places for the families of service men to live—especially those who have a baby. 'Twould seem that having children was a serious offense—when these sacrificing, underpaid and sometimes homesick soldiers and sailors try to rent rooms in order to be near their wives and children as long as possible. Certainly if these men can go to the front and fight for us, we can be inconvenienced just a little and house their families. These men are not asking you to give them anything. They are willing and even glad to pay fair rent for a sleeping room, or a tiny apartment. The Salvation Army USO is just a block from the south gate entrance to Fort Sheridan. Men by the dozens stop in at the USO office daily asking for rooms. The USO is doing a magnificent job of supplying rooms to these men—but there aren't half enough to go around. Why not register your guest room, your sleeping porch, or Junior or Mary Ann's room, that isn't being occupied since they've gone to summer camp? Perhaps you have a son, who is now in the service. Don't you think that he would be glad to know that his room is being used by one of his "buddies"? Wouldn't you be glad to know that someplace in this world there might be someone like you—who has gone out of her way just a little to make YOUR son comfortable and happy? Register that spare room of yours today!

## 458 MEN REGISTER TUESDAY

### First Of Articles On Registration

An act of great importance to every voter in the state of Illinois was passed by the Legislature in July, 1941, and went into effect June 8, 1942. This is the much desired Permanent Registration Act which represents an important legislative safeguard of the privilege of voting. Voters, henceforth, must be registered in order to vote at any Primary, General, or Special election at which any State officer is to be nominated or elected.

The County Clerk of each county is the designated registration officer and has full charge and control of the registration of voters. In Lake County the County Clerk, Jay B. Morse, has charge of this work and is prepared to register any qualified voter at his office in Waukegan any week day, from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. and Saturday until noon.

The bill provides that two cards be filled out by the applicant and signed by him and the registration official. One set is kept on file at the County Clerk's office and the other is arranged by precincts and sent to each precinct on Election Day. This provides a permanent record of the qualified voters of the County. A qualified voter is any person 21 years of age at the time of the election, a native born or naturalized citizen, who has lived in the State one year, in the County ninety days, and in the precinct thirty days.

For the convenience of the voters the law provides that there shall be two registration days in each general election precinct. In this regard, Mr. Morse says, "I am convinced that it would be impossible for the seventy thousand voters of Lake County to be registered on the two days of registration as set up by the Act. Therefore it is necessary to have clerks in each community of the County on certain other dates during the summer for registration purposes. I ask the assistance of the League of Women Voters and all civic-minded organizations in the County to aid and assist my office in encouraging all persons to register as soon as possible. If everyone who can, will register early, it will relieve the congestion on the days of registration and give my office more time to assemble the cards alphabetically in the visible record cabinets and to arrange the binders for each precinct for use at the polls on Election Day."

The Illinois League of Women Voters has worked for many years for the passage of a permanent registration bill because it feels it is the most nearly foolproof method for securing an honest vote. Now that the law has gone into effect the League is willing and eager to cooperate to the fullest extent to see that every qualified voter is registered.

## Lake County Board No. 1 Signs 423 18 and 19 Year Old Registrants

### Playground Program Announced

The staff of the playgrounds operated by the Highland Park Park Board has planned a schedule of activities for the next seven weeks for the younger people of the community. Three playgrounds are being operated, Sunset Park, Lincoln Field, and the playground area of the Ravinia School. Baseball leagues, swimming lessons, volley ball tournaments, horse shoe matches, hikes, treasure hunts, handicrafts, all are to find a place in the schedule. All boys and girls of the community are invited to take part in the activities. There is no charge as it is a part of the recreational program sponsored by the Park Board for the residents of the community. Merely report to the nearest playground, give your name, age, address, and telephone number to the instructor in charge and you are registered for the summer. Further information may be had by calling the Park Board office, Highland Park 2763 or by inquiring of an instructor on the playgrounds.

#### Schedule

- The following is a partial schedule of next weeks program (July 6-10):
- Monday morning, July 6—Story hour and handicrafts on all playgrounds.
- Monday afternoon, July 6—Group games and tournaments on all playgrounds.
- Tuesday morning, July 7—Baseball games—Ravinia vs Sunset Cubs at Sunset, Lincoln vs Sunset Sox at Lincoln.
- Tuesday afternoon, July 7—General program on all playgrounds.
- Wednesday morning, July 8—Swimming lessons—Sunset and Lincoln groups to Central Beach—Ravinia group to Roger Williams.
- Wednesday afternoon, July 8—General program on all playgrounds.
- Thursday morning, July 9—Baseball games—Ravinia vs Sunset Sox at Ravinia; Lincoln vs Sunset Cubs at Sunset.
- Thursday afternoon, July 9—Tournaments and group games on all playgrounds.
- Friday morning, July 10—Swimming lessons—Sunset and Lincoln groups to Central Beach—Ravinia to Roger Williams Beach.
- Friday afternoon, July 10—General program on all playgrounds.

## Registrants To Be Segregated Into Four Classes by Local Board

### Rubber Salvage Nears End

With the successful rubber salvage campaign in the final stretch, the Highland Park conservation committee is turning its attention to the conservation of fat and grease.

Thus far, according to the committee, Highland Parkers have done exceedingly well in this branch of salvage. Butcher shop proprietors report that many pounds have been sold each week by housewives.

The fat salvage plan is not a short-term drive as in the case of rubber, but will continue for the duration of the war.

During the first two weeks of the campaign, 4,991 pounds of old rubber were collected in Highland Park, reports of the service stations, garages and auto supply houses show.

Because large quantities of old rubber were collected during clean-up week last spring, the contribution of Highland Parkers is excellent. Mrs. Edward Colombo, of the conservation committee, pointed out yesterday.

Using little red wagons, abandoned baby carriages, scooters equipped with boxes and roller skates for transportation and hauling purposes, members of the newly-formed junior captains corps have joined the salvage drive.

They will be officially inducted into the Civilian Defense organization July 14 in the Community Center, beginning at 2 p.m. The induction ceremonies originally had been set for July 11 at Memorial park.

### Highland Park USO May Be First To Reach Campaign Goal

If the Highland Park USO war fund committee's drive is boosted "over the top" this week it will be the first to reach its goal in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Publicity Chairman Alfred Houser reported yesterday that the committee is just a few hundred dollars short of the campaign goal.

Letters urging Highland Parkers who have subscribed to make an added donation are in the mail. Accompanying the letters are USO buttons to be worn by subscribers.

### Nine From Draft Board No. 1 To Be Inducted Monday

Nine young men will leave Highland Park Monday at 7 a.m. for the Chicago army induction center.

Included in the group will be John Martin Seyfarth and Harold F. Frauenhofer, of Highland Park; Leslie R. Whitcomb, of Deerfield; Norando Nannini and Dante Amidei, of Highwood; Thor J. Johnson, of Detroit; Walter Aro, of Floodwood, Mann.; Emil James Mittl, of Cumberland, Wis., and Alfred Soefker, of Wheeling.

Registration of 18 and 19 year old men was completed Tuesday night at the office of Lake County local board No. 1.

The young men will not be inducted into the army under the selective service law until they have reached their 20th birthdays.

### Harry Skidmore To Report For Officers Training Monday

Harry Skidmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Skidmore, 332 N. St. Johns Ave., will report to Notre Dame Monday to begin a four-month naval officers' training course.

Harry, a Northwestern university graduate, has been an active Highland Parker. He has devoted a great deal of his time to Boy Scouting, first as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 324 and later as Scoutmaster of the troop.

On Tuesday 458 young men 18 and 19 years old registered at Highland Park. Of this number 423 were from Lake County board number 1; 19 were from other Illinois boards and 16 were from out of the state. Men 18 and 19 and those men who became 20 since December 31, 1941 signed the register in the third national draft registration.

Selective Service headquarters have instructed local boards to segregate registrants into four categories and call them to service in the following order: (1) those without financial dependents; (2) those with financial dependents other than wives or children; (3) registrants who married prior to December 8, 1941, and who are maintaining bona fide family relationships; and (4) registrants who have wives and children or children only with whom they maintain bona fide family relationships. Selective Service headquarters said local boards will decide on disposition of men who were in process of being inducted at the time the categories were set up.

### Garden Clubs Elect Eugene Pfister

S. S. Rockwell, New York, was elected president of the Men's Garden Club of America, at an election held Friday at Hotel Moraine on the Lake, where the tenth annual jubilee convention was in session. He succeeds Louis E. Tarr.

C. Eugene Pfister, president of the Highland Park Men's Garden club, was elected first vice president. Other officers chosen were W. H. Thorne, Asheville, N. C. second vice president; Hoyt T. Paxton, Asheville, N. C., secretary and assistant treasurer; and A. J. Nitschke, Savannah, Ga., treasurer.

At the Friday afternoon session, Mrs. Mahlon C. Bradley, Highland Park, entertained the wives with a demonstration of flower arrangements in the solarium.

#### Gardeners' Memorial

Perhaps the most important part of the convention, from the Highland Park angle, was the dedication of the "Gardeners' Memorial", a project of the local Men's Garden club. The Memorial is located north of the city hall. Speakers at the dedication included Mayor Frank Ronan, Rev. Christopher Keller, Peter B. Nelson, Dr. Louis Sherwin, and W. Fred Gallagher, president of the park district.

There are three sections of the garden: The William C. Egan Rose Garden; The Jessie Lowe Smith nature garden; and the Jens Jensen garden of nature planting.

Rose 'Highland Park' "Highland Park" the new type rose was named during the ceremony. Children of the Highland Park Men's Garden club members formed a court of honor and acted as junior hostesses throughout the day.

Friday night a steak fry was held at the Elias Mayes estate. Howard Moran, Henry Siljstrom and Robert Anspach were in charge of this part of the program.

The session closed Sunday with a tour of north-shore gardens and estates. Places visited included the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Wecker, Wilmet road, Bannockburn; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Roberts, 822 N. Ridge road, Highland Park; Mr. and Mrs. Edson K. Roca, 1724 S. Ridge road, Highland Park; Jesse L. Strassu, 100 Maple Hill road, Glencoe; Mr. and Mrs. C. Eugene Pfister, 2385 Lake-ridge place; Mr. and Mrs. Morton G. Schamberg, 271 Cary avenue, Ravinia; Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Peabody, 195 East Onwentsia road, Lake Forest; Walter P. Murphy, Green Bay road, Lake Bluff; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Bevan, 740 N. Green Bay road, Lake Forest and Mr. and Mrs. W. McCormick Blair, Sheridan road, Lake Bluff. The 1943 convention will be held at Asheville, N. C. Hoyt Paxton will act as general chairman.

## Highland Parkers Have Opportunity To Donate Blood To Armed Forces

Arrangements have been completed by the Highland Park Woman's Club through its President, Mrs. Harry G. Pertz and the chairman of the Victory Committee, Mrs. Herbert Smith, to have the mobile blood donor unit of the American Red Cross visit Highland Park during the week of August 3 to 7. Believing this to be one of the most worth while services that the club could render to the community, the committee began asking several months ago for such a unit to locate at the woman's club during its stay in this suburb. Through the cooperation of the local Red Cross chairman, Harry F. Kelley, 27 N. Sheridan Road, Highland Park, this city has been one of the first to secure the unit.

More than 75,000 persons in the Chicago area have already signed up as prospective blood donors pending the visit of the Red Cross mobile unit to their community or industrial plant, Mr. Kelley said.

Much interest has been expressed by Highland Parkers in donating

blood for the armed forces and it is hoped that a large number of donors will volunteer. Over one hundred members of the Woman's club alone have already signed up as donors. To date more than 27 thousand residents in the Chicago area have given their blood at the Red Cross Blood Donor Unit in Chicago.

Appointments must be made the first two weeks in July so we can be sure that we will have enough donors to fill all five days that have been scheduled. Call the Civilian Defense Office (H. P. 1400) to make appointments or Mrs. Herbert Smith (H. P. 480). Donors must be in good health, not anemic, between the ages of 18 and 60. Ages from 18 to 21 require a written consent of parent or guardian.

There will be a large Red Cross exhibit, beginning Monday, July 6, at the Public Service office.

A table will be provided there for the registration of blood donors. There will also be a registration table at the First National Bank.

Register the spare sleeping rooms you have for rent at the SALVATION ARMY U. S. O. 346 WAUKEGAN AVE. HIGHWOOD, ILL. PHONE H. P. 1816

You will not only ad money to your housekeeping "kitty," but also be doing a patriotic act in supplying a place where the families of men in service can live, in order to be near their loved ones.