

## STRICTLY LOCAL

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### ● MOST PERSONAL GIFT

As the war continues, the feeling grows in most of us that we want to do everything we can as individuals to bring the Peace. Little by little, we realize that no sacrifice we can be called upon to make will be too great. Privation, hunger, discomfort, suffering—of the inevitability of all these we are cognizant. We know our fighting forces require the whole-time services of millions of men and women in factories, shops and mills formerly devoted to civilian production. We know we must sacrifice style, frequently comfort too, in our clothing, shoes, transportation. If the statistics are correct, eighteen civilian workers are required to supply the needs of every man in service, so it is easy to see why our normal comforts cannot be served. Now, however, comes an opportunity for service which is much more intimate, much less impersonal, than are most of the contributions requested of us. Through the good offices of the Highland Park Womens Club, one of the mobile blood donor units of the American Red Cross will be in Highland Park during the first week in August to accept blood donations. Here, then, is our chance to give of ourselves, to present to the nation's fighters that most personal gift, one which may well mean the difference between life and death. Blood plasma, taken from the blood of every donor, is sent where ever American armed forces go. It is available to every wounded man as needed. The use of plasma does away with the need, generally speaking, of finding a donor with the same blood type as the wounded man. It often brings patients out of shock and often sets them on the road to recovery in almost miraculous fashion. The opportunity of donating our own blood to our own boys, to be used in time of critical need, is a privilege we predict will be fought for by most of the citizens of Highland Park. We feel sure the blood donor unit will be kept busy every minute of its five days here. Don't forget to make your appointment with the Office of Civilian Defense (H. P. 1400) or with Mrs. Herbert Smith (H. P. 480) if you expect to be among those to "give a pint."

### ● UNUSED, BUT POTENT MAN POWER

Why is it that the average middle-aged man, still in his prime physically, and with the advantage of years of experience, is having such a hard time getting into a place where his strength and skill can be of use to the nation in this time of need? Right here in Highland Park, home of some of the real brass hats in the war effort, are scores if not hundreds of men who recognize the gravity of the national situation, and who would like nothing better than to close their desks for the duration and work for Uncle Sam, in any capacity. Men not actually engaged in war work today realize that nothing is as important as winning this war. These men are crying aloud for a chance to serve—yet service openings are bound around with red tape. The old "run-around" is all that too many men get when they try to get into defense work. War effort in most cases is simply production effort, closely akin to civil production except for intensity. Why, then, should it be difficult for trained business men to "enlist"? Men who have fought the business battle successfully for many years have a genuine service to contribute to the Victory Cause—their services should be gladly and promptly accepted by our War Government.

### ● NOT DUTY, BUT PRIVILEGE

Illinois is shortly to have an election. At the same time, we are fighting a foe which is doing its evil best to remove from us forever the opportunity of voting, of exercising our franchise. This foe would like to govern us by force, with the common citizen having no right to an opinion or any expression thereof. It behooves every citizen, then, to make certain that he or she is registered and thereby eligible to vote. Whatever your choice of candidates may be, make sure you are in position to express your wishes. The importance of this election cannot be overemphasized. We are preparing to choose public servants to conduct our civil affairs through the balance of the war period. The records of every candidate should be scrutinized by an alert, wide-awake, civic-minded electorate. Residents can hardly be termed citizens unless they vote, and in casting their ballots, do so in the light of a full awareness of the capacity of each candidate to fulfill adequately the duties of the office he seeks.

### ● "FOR LACK OF A NAIL—"

We all remember that old saying—something about, "For lack of a nail, a shoe was lost, for lack of a shoe a horse was lost, for lack of a horse a battle was lost," etc. In today's mechanized war, little things are as vitally important as are the things of magnitude. For instance, the enormous quantities of explosives required today call for glycerin, which is a product extracted from fats. The lubrication required by our mechanical warfare and war production call for further oils and fats. Where are these products to come from? Partly, we are told, through the conservation of greases and fats that accumulate in most kitchens. In your kitchen for example—what becomes of the bacon grease? In old fashioned homes, it was saved and made into soap. In today's homes, it is merely a nuisance, up to now. Today, the government asks housewives to strain all grease and deliver to markets from whence it will be collected and used in converted form for war needs. Perhaps you think you don't accumulate much grease or fat in your kitchen—only a couple of quarts a month, let's say. But when your two quarts is multiplied by the millions of homes in America, it is easy to see why your share is vital. Don't burn or throw away any kind of grease—let Uncle Sam use it to make things hot for the Axis.

### ● A WORD TO HOBBYISTS

Lots of otherwise perfectly sane and sensible people will tell you (or think) that you are unpatriotic to continue to pursue your hobby in wartime. They don't know what they are talking about! Your hobby is a release from the cares of the workaday world. It takes you away from fruitless worrying and for the moment brings you the peace that comes from concentration on an absorbing subject. It makes little difference what your hobby is—keep it up. Draft authorities recognize the importance of hobbies by listing them in questionnaires; the information derived therefrom has produced many a specialist in today's army and navy. You will find yourself a better worker on your job if you spend a few carefree hours with your hobby when the spirit moves. We don't mean that you should abandon your defense garden to tie trout flies, of course—but when the hatching is done and the taters dug—tie your flies too!

## Blood Donors Registering Now

### Rotarians Install Officers Appointments Taken At Bank And Public Service Co. To Give Blood To Armed Forces

#### 4 Pound Rubber Quota Set

At the regular meeting of the Highland Park Rotary Club held at the Moraine Hotel Monday noon, Paul C. Behanna was installed as President for the year 1942-43. Other officers are Earl Gsell, Vice-president; P. H. Ewens, Secretary; V. C. Musser, Treasurer and Robert Danzel, Sergeant at Arms.

P. H. Ewens, local delegate to the Rotary International Convention at Toronto, gave a brief report of the convention proceedings after which Arthur Ridenauer, director of the local USO, introduced the speaker of the day, Gerald Priestly. Mr. Priestly is associated with the Army & Navy YMCA and the national headquarters of the USO. He was born and raised in England, traveled extensively throughout continental Europe, and gave a most interesting talk on "Total War."

#### Begin Publication of New Newspaper at Fort Sheridan

Fort Sheridan's new weekly newspaper, the *Fort Sheridan Tower*, filled with camp news and pictures, made its initial appearance this week, with a specially drawn cartoon by John T. McCutcheon as its front page feature.

It was the noted cartoonist's contribution to Volume 1, of the new paper which is henceforth to supply the enlisted men and officers at the North Shore post with news of daily activities in Sheridan's part in the world struggle against the enemies of Democracy and the Four Freedoms. The paper carries eight pages, tabloid size, and special prominence is given to news of the barracks. In other words, it is a publication of, for, and actually by the men of Fort Sheridan, and is dedicated to "Keep Them Smiling."

The Fort Sheridan Tower, Inc., which is the sponsoring organization for the new paper, was set up as a non-profit enterprise. Under its charter, granted by the State of Illinois, all funds over and above the actually necessary operating expenses, go to the Post's entertainment fund. The civilian advertising group is headed by Kellogg M. Patterson, of Highland

#### Hold Last Of Meetings On Inflation

The last in the series of inflation meetings sponsored by the Highland Park League of Women Voters was held Monday, July 6, at the home of Mrs. Herman Zischke, 100 Hazel Avenue. The discussion was led by two local League members, Mrs. Lee Supple, state chairman of the Department of Economic Welfare, and Mrs. Maurice Pollak, past state chairman of the same department.

During the past two weeks other meetings have been held at the homes of Mrs. Carrol Binder, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. George W. Childs, Mrs. Harry A. Sellery, Mrs. Carol Baker Summers, Mrs. J. Calvin Smith, and Mrs. Edgar B. Carter. The discussion has included price control, rationing, taxes, and other measures in the fight against inflation.

#### Permanent Registration Article II

Honest voting at the polls will be tremendously helped by the Permanent Registration Act which went into effect June 8, 1942. There is so much detail work connected with the registration of every voting citizen that the County Clerk, Mr. Jay B. Morse, urges the voters of Lake County to register, as soon as possible to lighten the great burden put on his office staff.

This Act vitally concerns every voter in the County and by registering now, a voter need never register again, unless he leaves the county, remarries, or changes his name. Legally qualified voters are those men and women who have reached the age of 21 years by the next election, are native born or naturalized citizens, and who have lived in the State of Illinois one year, in the county ninety days and in the precinct thirty days.

Each voter must register in person, signing two cards in the presence of a deputy register, one card being kept on file at the County Clerk's office and the other being sent to the voter's precinct on Election Day. Both cards must have the following information on them, and these facts must be sworn to by the voter before the authorized deputy; full name, legal residence, term of residence in the state, county and precinct, country of birth, citizenship (native born or naturalized). In case the applicant is a naturalized citizen he must have papers giving the court, place and date of naturalization. Voters who are unable to sign their names may affix a mark to the affidavit, and the officer empowered to give the registration oath will write a detailed description of the applicant in the space provided as well as record father's first name, mother's first name, from what address the applicant last registered and reason for inability to sign name.

At election time the duplicate card will be on file in the precinct in which the voter will cast his vote, and he will be required to sign his name before voting. In case the signature at election time does not correspond to that of the signature in the County Clerk's file, his vote can be challenged and will not be accepted until the signature is proved to be correct. One can readily see how difficult it will be to cast fraudulent votes under this system.

It is also understandable what a mass of detail work will be necessary to obtain in duplicate these registration cards for all the voters in Lake County. Hence voters are urged to be helpful citizens by registering at the earliest possible date. One can register at the County Clerk's office in Waukegan any week day from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M., and Saturdays until noon. Those voters living in Highland Park or the vicinity will be given an opportunity to register at the City Hall, Saturday, July 25th from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., to relieve the congestion on the September and October registration days.

#### American Red Cross Unit To Be In Highland Park August 3-7.

The mobile blood donor unit of the American Red Cross will be in Highland Park, August 3 to 7. Arrangements to bring the unit here were made by Mrs. Harry G. Pertz, president of the local Woman's club and Mrs. Herbert Smith, chairman of the Victory Committee and Harry F. Kelly, chairman of the Highland Park chapter of the Red Cross. Appointments must be made the first two weeks in July, in order to fill the five day schedule, upon which the unit has agreed to operate. Tables for registration are located at the Public Service office and at the First National Bank of Highland Park.

#### Registrars

Woman in charge of registration at the Public Service are: Mrs. B. K. Martin, Mrs. Peter Weber, Mrs. Walter Buchroeder, Mrs. Louis Francoeur, Mrs. Whitt Schultz, Mrs. Ben Buckmaster, Mrs. W. H. Blessing, Mrs. Cyrus M. Avery, Mrs. Ernest Volwiler, Mrs. Herbert Small, Mrs. Karl E. Wagner, Mrs. A. M. Allison, Mrs. Joseph Cabonargi and Mrs. Oliver E. Weed.

These women will have charge of registration at the bank: Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Edson K. Rice, Mrs. R. W. Pease, Mrs. Lewis Mehnke, Mrs. Griffin Wells Baker, Mrs. John Marietta, Mrs. E. M. Sincere, Mrs. Robert T. Mark, Mrs. George A. Piper, Mrs. W. J. Hodge and Mrs. Warren Kennedy.

The national total at the 18 American Red Cross Blood Donor centers throughout the country is now approaching the 450,000 mark, with weekly blood donations running around 20,000 Mr. Kelley said. The national quota, set by the Army and Navy for the Red Cross is 1,280,000, and is likely to be increased in the near future, due to the rapid growth of the American fighting forces and their dispersal throughout the world.

#### Donor Qualifications

Donors must be in good health, not anemic, between the ages of 18 and 60. Persons 18 to 21 must present a written consent from either the parent or guardian.

#### Unit Personnel

The unit consist of two general utility truck-ambulances, and a station wagon. Complete equipment, from beds to canteen equipment to make coffee for the donors, is carried. Its crew is composed of a doctor, four graduate Red Cross nurses, two Nurse's Aides, two Canteen Corps members, two Gray Ladies, and two Staff Assistants. Capacity of the unit is approximately one hundred one-pint blood donations daily.

#### Process Used

Blood is collected in pint bottles at the mobile unit, then packed in refrigerated boxes and taken to the laboratory. There it is poured into a large centrifuge and whirled at high speed until the red and white corpuscles have settled to the bottom, leaving a clear colorless fluid—the plasma on top. The plasma is siphoned off into vacuum-sealed pint bottles and frozen solid until it looks like the cream on top of a milk bottle on a winter morning.

Then, under high vacuum, the water in the frozen plasma is drawn out of the bottles until all that remains is a golden, flaky substance—resembling laundry soap flakes. Each bottle of plasma is paired in a carton with a pint bottle of sterile water, both being sealed in tin cans along with rubber tubing and transfusion needles.

It is now ready to be delivered to the Army and Navy for distribution.

#### \$190,245.59 H. P. Quota For July

James F. Stiles Jr., chairman of the Lake County War Savings staff has announced Lake county's quota for the purchase of war bonds and stamps for July. The quota set for this county is \$98,500.

Highland Park's quota, the second highest in the county, has been set at \$190,245.59. West Deerfield is to raise \$30,236.04 and Highwood \$23,004.91.

## Unbeatable Team—Soldier, Bond Buyer

**Help Him**  
Every 13¢ you put into War Bonds buys 144 rifle bullets

**Help Yourself**  
Every 13¢ you put into War Bonds brings you back 14¢

**FOR VICTORY**  
LEAST 10% OF YOUR PAY EVERY PAYDAY

Register the spare sleeping rooms you have for rent at the  
**SALVATION ARMY U. S. O.**  
246 HAUKEGAN AVE.,  
HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.  
PHONE H. P. 1818

You will not only add money to your housekeeping "hitty," 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.