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NAVY

The recent appointment of H. W. Cady, Jr., of Highland Park as cadet lieutenant, junior grade at the Pre-Flight School of the Navy at Iowa City, Iowa calls attention to a step entirely new in military education. Several hundred young men, all with high school education or more, have been hand-picked for the most intensive training ever given to fighting men. Designed to make them perfect in physique and the world's toughest fighters, the Pre-Flight course rests of the belief that American young men have the inherent stamina and intelligence to master en masse a type of training that would stagger most trained athletes. In the way of equipment for the cadets at the school, the Navy provides everything of the finest quality and in plentiful volume. In performance, only the finest is acceptable from the cadets by their instructors. While the exact training of course cannot be made a matter of public information, it is already evident that the cadets who succeed in winning their Navy wings will be in every sense of the word trained fighters, in the air, on the ground, on, in or under water, and with every weapon human ingenuity can devise and human skill manipulate. It helps to give us increased faith in the wisdom of our military leaders to know that even in time of war, there is recognition of the need for this type of training. Fortunately, the days are gone when untrained men were thrown against the enemy. In this war, we are fighting fire with fire, and making ours hotter.

MORE ABOUT HOBBIES

The many Highland Park children who were recently awarded prizes in the hobby show at the Community Center, had inculcated into their natures something that will go with them through life. The love of a hobby, especially one that involves any type of manual effort or construction, is, like a knowledge of swimming, something that stays with one. It is interesting to speculate on the future lives of these young hobbyists. How often will they in later years turn from the trials and tribulations that seem so overwhelming, to find relaxation and relief in hobbying! How often will hobbies ward off insanity or nervous breakdowns among adults who learned to love a certain type of manual dexterity as children here in Highland Park! And how far has wise education come since the days when the three R's were considered an ample cultural basis for most people. Those responsible for the hobby classes at the Community Center know not how wisely they have builded a foundation for the lives of so many of our young folks.

THEY ALSO SERVE

It is safe to say that for every young man in the armed forces of the nation, there is waiting somewhere a wife, mother, sister or sweetheart. True, the service men are away from home, in strange and unfamiliar surroundings. But what about the homes and the womenfolk left in a manless, albeit familiar, state of living? These women are keeping alive the homes, caring for the children, husbanding the resources, tending the war jobs in stores, factories, offices. Shoals of them, unescorted, but bravely carrying on the affairs of a workaday world, are to be observed on the street, in public gatherings, in business establishments. Dry-eyed, smiling often, outwardly serene, the women of the United States are as unflinchingly courageous as their men, and every bit as deserving of recognition and support.

SERVICE WEDDINGS

Hardly an issue of The Press comes out these days but carries one or more stories of military weddings, hastily conceived, perhaps, but none-the-less occasions as momentous as similar peace-time ceremonies. We hear sociologists tut-tut these war weddings, decrying their effect on the stability of the married state in some future time of peace. Perhaps they are right. But before judging, let us remember that many of these young men will not come back to live among us. Many of these brides, had they waited to marry after the war, would be husbandless. If they choose to risk the possibility of future marital discord for the sake of happiness today, is it fair to criticize?

ROAR

H-1 Mayor Ronan listened to the recommendation of the Chicago Civilian Defense headquarters and purchased a \$6,750.00 air raid siren for Highland Park, we venture the opinion that the roar of the outraged citizenry would have drowned the siren's shriek. With several small sirens judiciously placed, the same result can be accomplished, giving us the protection Highland Park needs, but without that scandalous cost. We have level-headed people in charge of our CD work — another cause for thanks.

INFORMATION PLEASE

Probably there are few places busier than our library these days. As the war progresses, and more strange geographical names creep into the news, our librarians can expect a further strain on the library's resources. But in spite of the added work, our splendid staff of trained librarians carries on its work as calmly, helpfully and quietly as though the war was not in our thoughts at all. Incidentally, how long since you have made use of our library, gentle reader.

Free Folder On Enlisted Reserves At Press Office

The various plans available to University of Illinois students, and high school graduates who plan to attend the University this Fall, for enrollment in the Enlisted Reserves of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, are described in a new leaflet published by the University.

A few copies of the folder have been received by the Highland Park Press and may be had by calling at this office. Copies may also be secured at the public library, or by writing to the University Registrar, Urbana.

Briefly, these various reserve plans provide for the voluntary enlistment of a rather large number of University students possessing superior qualifications, such students to remain for the time being in an inactive status in order to continue their education.

West Deerfield Assessment Roll Is Published

The assessment roll for the Town of West Deerfield as fixed by the assessor, appear on page 6 and 7 of today's issue of the Highland Park Press. Every resident of the Town of West Deerfield, which includes the villages of Deerfield and Bannockburn and part of the cities of Lake Forest and Highland Park should make it a point to check up on the amount of his assessment.

Any property owner who objects to the amount of his valuation should file a formal complaint with the Board of Review within 10 days from the date of publication of this assessment roll.

Dr. Edward Morcross Succumbs to Heart Attack

Dr. Edward Powers Norcross, 64, who had practiced medicine in Highland Park for 25 years, died yesterday evening in the Highland Park hospital where he had been taken Tuesday night following a heart attack.

Dr. Norcross, who lived at 900 Rosalyn lane, was the son of the late Pliny and Phoebe Poole Norcross, of Janesville, Wis. and brother of the late Frederic F. Norcross, of Chicago and Lake Forest, and John V. Norcross, of Highland Park.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Madsen Norcross, and three children of a former marriage. They are Emily Dyas Norcross, of Highland Park; Dr. Pliny Norcross, of LaPorte, Ind., and Lt. Edward P. Norcross, Jr., of the 16th U. S. cavalry. Also surviving is his sister, Mrs. George Allen Mason, 180 Hazel ave.

A member of the St. Luke's hospital staff for 30 years, Dr. Norcross was a senior member at the time of his death. He also was a senior staff member at the Highland Park hospital. He was secretary of St. Luke's Episcopal chapel, a member of the University club, of Chicago, and a former member of Exmoor country club.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and received his degree from the Northwestern university medical school in 1904.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Trinity Episcopal church, Highland Park. Interment will be at the North Shore Garden of Memories.

City Trucks To Pick Up Tin Cans For Salvage

Tin Cans

As in the preparation of tin cans for salvage, there are four simple steps to follow in the collection of the prepared tins. (1) Keep all flattened cans in a separate container. (2) Regular garbage men will pick up. Check your garbage collection day and do not allow cans to rust by putting out more than 12 hours in advance of collection. (3) If no regular garbage pick-up, arrange with neighbor who has collection. (4) If taking garbage to city incinerator, take cans in separate box or bag and leave at incinerator.

The city trucks will take all cans from incinerator and arrange transportation direct to de-tinning plant.

Donald M. Nelson, WPB Chairman, on July 22 asked state, local and municipal governments to lend their trucks and manpower to aid in transporting public collections of scrap material, including tin cans. However, before this request went out from the War Production Board, Mr. Arthur H. Swanson, Commissioner of Public Streets, offered the Conservation Committee the use of the city trucks in hauling the cans from the city incinerator to the transportation point for the de-tinning plant. The Highland Park city officials have been most generous and cooperative in the use of city equipment for all salvage efforts.

Likewise the local refuse collectors. They have volunteered the services of their men and trucks in the collection of the tin cans as part of their patriotic service in furthering our war efforts.

Now, it is up to the housewife to do her part in keeping the flow of cans moving through these freely offered channels. If there are any questions as to the preparation and collection of these cans, please contact the Office of Civilian Defense, that telephone number being 1400.

Grease Salvage

The Grease Conservation Committee reports that Ft. Sheridan is doing a very nice job on grease salvage. They are averaging over 800 pounds per week. This is almost equal to Highland Park's quota of 1000 per week.

Mrs. Walter F. Rubens, Chairman of the Highland Park Conservation Committee, is convinced that only a closely-knit, cooperative committee can function smoothly. To this end she maintains close contact with all Division chairmen. On the first Thursday of the month, all divisions from 1 to 6 contact her at the Civilian Defense office where she is to be found from the hour one to three. These Chairmen, consecutively: Mrs. Melville Klein, Mrs. E. L. Cooley, Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, Mrs. Julian Harris,

Blackout To Be Held August 12 Called By Maj. Gen. George Gunert To Be Held In Middle West Area

New Tax Election August 17

The Board of Education of School District No. 108 will hold another tax validating election on Monday, August 17, 1942. By a vote of seventy-nine (79) for and four (4) against, the rate of one and one-half (1½) per cent for educational purposes and one-half (½) per cent for building purposes was validated at a recent election. This second election is for the validation of a rate of one and four-fifths (1 4/5) per cent for educational purposes. A recent decision of the Illinois Supreme Court which threw a cloud on the assessments made by the Highland Park District, as well as many other school districts in Illinois, necessitated these elections. The rates being validated involve no increase over the taxes which have been paid by residents of the district for a number of years and are merely to cure legal difficulties brought about by the court decision. Voters in the section served by the West Ridge and Lincoln Schools vote at the Lincoln School; those in the Ravinia and Braeside sections vote at the Ravinia School. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p. m. on August 17, 1942.

Test To Be Held From 10:00 Until 10:30 Says Mayor Ronan

R. F. Ahrens Heads Personnel At United Air Lines

Highland Park friends of Russell F. Ahrens today learned with interest of his appointment as director of personnel for United Air Lines. He succeeds Thomas B. Marshall, who has resigned to accept a position with the War Department at Washington.

Mr. Ahrens, widely known here, has been a resident of Highland Park



RUSSELL F. AHRENS

for five years. With Mrs. Ahrens and their three children, Lynn, ten years old; Gretchen, six, and Russell, Jr., ten months, he lives at 202 Beech street. He is a member of the Exmoor Country Club.

Mr. Ahrens' latest promotion culminates a steady rise in the airline industry. A graduate of the University of Washington, he joined Boeing Air Transport, a predecessor division of United, in 1928. Subsequently, he served as district traffic manager at Seattle and Chicago, then became Chicago regional manager and, in 1941, eastern sales manager for the company.

Ahrens will make his headquarters at the company's general offices in Chicago and will report directly to the office of the president, W. A. Patterson. At the present time there are 4100 personnel on United's payroll.

ROTARY CLUB

Robert Patton, of Highland Park, told of his trip to Alaska three years ago and showed colored motion pictures following the weekly luncheon of the Highland Park Rotary club Monday in the Hotel Moraine On-the-Lake.

Orders have already been issued according to Mayor Frank J. Ronan and Donald Trumbull, Defense Coordinator for the City of Highland Park to take part in the Blackout Test of the huge middle west area, ordered by Maj. Gen. George Gunert to be held from 10 to 10:30 p. m. on August 12 and it is expected that the new air raid sirens ordered by the city can be installed and operating on that night.

Highland Park's city wide organization of more than 700 Air Raid Wardens who so successfully conducted the last trial Black Out will again swing into action together with the Auxiliary police under the direction of Chief Martin Koppi and Commander Harry Echer and Fire Chief Hoskins advises that the newly formed Auxiliary Fire Department will be on duty as well.

Harry Aiston, Chief Air Raid Warden of the City of Highland Park states that since before the last Black Out Test Highland Park has been organized and prepared to operate and that most of the Air Raid Wardens have had almost all of the required number of hours in training.

Rules on Cards

The rules and regulations he states, covering conduct and procedure are as defined on the home Black Out Cards and the more recent rules proclaimed by Mayor Ronan for outdoor events. One exception applying to the test to be held August 12th is that motorists may remain in their cars during the Black Out but must pull to side of road, come to a stop and extinguish their lights, remaining until the all clear signal.

He adds that operations will be directed from the Air Raid Warden Office, City Hall Building, phone Highland Park 800, and that First Asst. Ch. Warden Robert Patton, Asst. Ch. Warden Miller Schreiner and Philip E. Cole and Deputy Warden Harry Pertz will be on duty to receive calls covering any emergency or give any desired assistance or information.

Air Raid Wardens and Co-Wardens on duty during the Black Out will wear a 3 inch white arm band on the left arm and will be equipped with a flashlight and whistle. Their immediate duty will be to see that all lights are promptly extinguished and the streets are cleared. All proper orders given by Air Raid Wardens during a Black Out are official and failure to comply makes a violator subject to penalties as set forth in the special city ordinance covering.

Twelve Divisions

The twelve divisions into which the Highland Park Air Raid Wardens organization is divided will be under the following Division Wardens, Div. 1, Clarence Bassler, Div. 2, Marc Law, Div. 3, Van G. Kirk, Div. 4, D. A. Kittermaster, Div. 5, James M. Murphy, Div. 6, Edw. C. George, Div. 7, John A. Bellows, Div. 8, Milton

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Rear Admiral and Mrs. John Downes were guests of honor at the annual open air Dutch Oven steak and corn dinner held last Thursday night at Exmoor club. During the evening Admiral Downes presented a certificate of gratitude from the sixth naval district in appreciation of Exmoor's generosity in housing and entertaining the young naval aviation cadets and officers. Club president Jerome F. Bowen Jr. received the award in behalf of the club. Shows shown from left to right are George W. Blossom Jr., president of the U. S. Golf Association; Ben Halsted, Highland Park chairman of the committee on War effort of Exmoor; Admiral Downes (Rear Admiral); and LaRett LeStuart, commanding officer, anti-aircraft artillery training center; Jerome F. Bowen, Exmoor president; and Tom Wyles, civilian defense official for Highland Park.