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### Life-Saving Boat

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It was in the summer of 1939 that the city of Highland Park was shocked and grieved to hear of the tragic death of two of its citizens in a lake mishap. A boat overturned and it was impossible to save the lives of these two men — father and son.

Before hardly a day had elapsed, a group of Highland Parkers had formed a committee and quickly planned a remedy to end all accidents on the lake.

The Highland Park Lake Front Safety committee was organized and after weeks of deep and thorough study, these citizens came to a decision. They would purchase the best life boat available and train crews to man the boat.

Leo Sheridan was elected president of the committee; Harry Aiston, secretary; Harry Earhart, treasurer; and Herbert Lautmann, a member of the board. With the help of such men as Ed Brown and John Peters they began the task of efficiently training a crew of men. There are now ten trained crews, consisting of from three to four men on each crew.

Situated on top of the water tower at Central ave. beach is a siren, which was purchased by the local Rotary club, and is in charge of the water department. In the case of any type of water casualty, the siren sounds and at least one crew and the police department are at the scene of the accident. The life boat is launched and the victim safely brought to shore in a very short time.

All this was possible through the cooperation of the citizens of the community who rallied forth in fine spirit when called upon to dohate to the Lake Front Safety commission for the purchase of a boat, the building of a pier and the upkeep of the equipment.

As an example of the organization's efficiency is an accident of several weeks ago, when it was proven that the contributing citizens invested their money into a good cause.

At about 8:30 p. m. one summer evening, Joe Riddle, Bob Gifford and Mr. and Mrs. Bus Huestis were out in the life boat when they suddenly sighted an SOS from a boat that was apparently three miles out. Neither the running lights nor the spotlights of the boat could then be seen, but the life boat, Rescue, held its course and finally the lights were seen again. About two hours later the Rescue put a line on the other boat, a twenty-two foot cabin cruiser, which had a clogged fuel-line, and tugged the boat into Wilmette harbor.

The owner of the stranded boat was Harry Nye of Murphy and Nye, sailmakers, and with him were his wife and six guests. Mr. Nye explained that he didn't know where he was, but that he hoped to attract somebody on shore. After trying for forty-five minutes, he gave up until he heard the motor of the Rescue.

For towing him in, Mr. Nye gave Skipper Riddle twenty-five dollars. Skipper Riddle told him that he would be listed as a contributor to the Rescue fund, explaining that the boat had been bought for such purposes with money which had been subscribed by Highland Park citizens.

Treasurer Earhart wrote a note to Mr. Nye thanking him for his gift, which, he said, would be used in the maintenance and operation of the life boat.

The following letter was received from Mr. Nye: "I do wish to say that your organization was more than welcome when you picked us up and towed us to Wilmette.

"At that time, we were getting mighty lonesome and we appreciated your help."

Since the organization of the Lake Front committee, there has not been a single serious accident or loss of life on Lake Michigan off Highland Park — a record of which to be indeed proud.

## 'Scrap-Minded' Salvage Committee Collects Old Keys

### Improvement Shown in Grease, Tin Collections

The old saying "great minds run in the same channel" seems to apply to the "scrap-minded Salvage committees of both Chicago and Highland Park. The idea of collecting old, useless keys to swell the tonnage of scrap metal occurred to both groups at approximately the same time. The committee does not know what prompted the thought in Chicago, but in Highland Park it was the story in the National Geographic magazine about the key turned in to the scrap metal depot in England with the attached tag: "The house belonging to this key was bombed. Please accept for salvage." Letters of instruction had already gone out to all junior captains in Highland Park to start collections before the station barrels were sent to Highland Park by the Junior Association of Commerce sponsoring the collection in Chicago.

While Highland Park always cooperates with neighboring communities in all war efforts, it was too late to recall the instructions to the junior captains and the committee proceeded with its original plans.

### Expect 1000 Pounds Weekly

The Grease Salvage committee reports 860 pounds this past week, which shows an improvement over the week before. Although short of the quota, it is felt that when the vacation period is over the committee will have reason to expect the maintenance of the 1000 pound weekly level.

The reports on tin can collection are encouraging as more and more housewives join the ranks of can salvagers. Those who have no regular garbage collection, may turn in their cans with a neighbor who has a regular collector.

The Conservation committee is grateful to the Public Service company for the window display on tin can salvage. The posters are the work of Mrs. Ann Landau. She has placed stress upon the necessity of tin for planes. With air superiority necessary for successful offensive tactics, tin becomes increasingly important as bushings for airplane engines and machine gun mounts.

### Transportation Shortage

Those who turned in all their scrap rubber during the recent drive need not be unduly alarmed at the large piles of scrap rubber yet to be seen about. An employee of the Sinclair Oil company explained that, due to the shortage of transportation facilities, the government had allocated but a certain number of freight cars for the purpose of hauling salvaged rubber to the re-conditioning plant. This takes time and all collectors of salvaged rubber must await the allocation of these cars.

The purpose of the rubber drive was two-fold; one was to learn the amount of salvage rubber available for re-conditioning that intelligent plans could be made for its use, and the second was the collection of that rubber. The first purpose has been accomplished and the second is being

## Rotary Governor, Arthur W. Wood, To Speak Here

Next Monday, Aug. 24, the Rotary club of Highland Park will welcome Arthur W. Wood, governor of the 147th district of Rotary International, which includes fifty-four Rotary clubs in northern Illinois.

Mr. Wood is principal of the John Deere Junior high school in Moline, Ill., and is a member of the Rotary club of Moline. He was nominated as governor at the conference of the 147th district held last May and was formally elected at the 1942 convention of Rotary International in Toronto, Canada, in June.



Arthur Wm. Wood

Mr. Wood will visit the Rotary club to advise and assist President Paul Behanna, Secretary P. H. Evans, and the committeemen of the club on matters pertaining to club administration and Rotary service activities. Governor Wood is urging Rotary clubs throughout the district to give special attention to the matter of adjusting their activities for the coming year to the war effort. Many clubs have already contributed to this in various ways.

He also urges all Rotarians to further their study and understanding of international problems throughout the community in any way possible. Governor Wood will hold office until shortly following the 1943 convention of Rotary International, which is scheduled for Philadelphia, Penn., next June.

## Twenty-Two Men To Report for Induction In Army Aug. 25

Twenty-two men from Draft Board No. 1 have been ordered to report for induction into the U. S. army Tuesday.

Included in the list are the following: Highland Parkers; Giuseppe Marchetti, Percy H. Prior, Sante Carani, Chris A. Michelson, Robert J. Weiler, Victor J. Cucchiara, Philip S. Fredrickson and Henry L. Boilini.

From Highland are Giuseppe Lops, Dominic Guiliani, Vito S. Lomoro, Nello L. Ori, John Morandi, William Andriani, Nicholas Binetti, Joseph E. La Rochelle and Vito Dastici.

Edward Feeley, Prairie View, Glen W. Sherman, Barrington, Richard F. Duffy, Deerfield, Robert R. Nicholson, Libertyville, and Elton J. Conn, Centerville, la., complete the list.

## 41 Graduate from Transport School At Fort Sheridan

Fort Sheridan's first graduating class of 41 students from the Motor Transport school received their diplomas last Saturday following a short address by Col. E. H. Besse, commander of the school.

### Thorough Course

Instruction was under the direction of D. E. Hamilton, civilian instructor, who followed a thorough course of auto mechanics prepared by the war department.

The students are now ready for assignment to motor corps in the field and as assistant instructors at other posts throughout the country.

### DANGER ZONE

Anti-aircraft firing today, tomorrow and Saturday will create a danger zone within a 12 mile radius of Fort Sheridan on Lake Michigan and up to an altitude of eight miles over this area. All shipping and all aircraft should avoid the danger zone.

accomplished as quickly as possible.

Soon the beaches will close and the bathing season will be over. The bathing cap which barely got through the summer may soon go into the station box or to a junior captain. Rags, scrap metal and old felt hats should be turned in, but please do not put glass bottles and jars into station boxes. Put them in the box in front of Fell's.

Mrs. Walter Rubens, chairman of conservation, reports that junior captain activity is keeping boxes fuller than ever before. From this source of salvage the amount of \$38.39 has been turned over to civilian defense since July 17.

## Spears Confers On High School's Role In War Effort

Dr. Harold Spears, principal of the Highland Park High School, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he spent a week at the United States office of education. He was called into a conference relative to the high school's place in the national war effort.

He indicates that national leaders, in both military and non-military positions, are stressing the important place the school holds in the furtherance of successful war.

## This Is Last Rent Registration Day At Local YWCA

Highland Park landlords have until 5 p. m. today to register their dwelling accommodations at the YWCA office, 374 Laurel ave. After today they must register either at rent control headquarters at 222 W. Adams st., Chicago, or at the branch office in Waukegan.

Every rented dwelling unit—houses, apartments, kitchenettes, hotel rooms, rooming houses, flats, tenements, tourist cabins, trailer homes and all other living accommodations offered for rent—in the Chicago defense rental area, which embraces Cook, Kane, DuPage and Lake counties, must be registered by Sept. 1.

Mrs. David Levinson and Mrs. Lewis B. Sinclair are in charge of rent registration at the YWCA, now in its third day. Among the women assisting them are Mrs. William Einbecker, Mrs. A. M. Rosenthal, Mrs. Leonard Rieser and Mrs. Frank D. Austin.

### Fix Maximum Rent

"When registration is complete," Earl Dean Howard, area rent director, announced at a meeting of real estate owners in the Union League club, "all tenants in the four-county area will be provided with a copy of the form which will show the rent charged on all units on March 1, 1942, the basic maximum rent fixed by the regulation."

Howard warned property owners and agents of their liability to penalties for failure or refusal to comply with registration requirements. In this connection he listed four possible penalties to the delinquent owner or agent.

1. He will forfeit the right to file any petition or receive any recognition by the rent director.

2. In any eviction or other proceedings in the courts in this area, the court will be advised of such non-compliance. Any tenant may set up this fact in defense in any such action.

3. A presumption will be created that failure to register is motivated by an attempt to conceal non-compliance with the maximum legal rent requirement. In such cases the penalties provided by law are severe.

4. The law requires that no owner or agent may make any new contracts or agreements for the rental of any unit not registered. Any such contracts or agreements will be regarded as invalid.

### Registration Is Simple

"This registration is a simple process," he continued "within a short distance of every landlord in the area, forms and postage-free envelopes can be obtained. It requires only a few minutes to fill out the triplicate form required. Once filled out, the landlord mails the form to the rent office. One copy will remain on file in the rent office, one will be returned to the landlord and the third will be sent to the tenant."

"Let me urge that landlords not wait until the last minute to fill out and mail in their registration statements. If the form is filled out properly, all will save time."

Instructions to the tenant on the reverse side of his copy of the registration form tell him that unless otherwise notified by the rent director, he is to pay no more rent than the maximum legal rent as stated in the section marked by a heavy green arrow. In the event the tenant disagrees with any of the statements in the form, he is to list his objections and return his copy of the statement to the rent office within 15 days. If the tenant does not disagree or question any of the statements, he need not return the form.

The instructions also tell the tenant that he cannot be evicted for refusing to pay more than the maximum legal rent, and that any agreement by the tenant to give up the benefit of any provision of the maximum rent regulation is void.

In the event of a tenant sub-letting to one or more persons not members of his family, all or part of the dwelling he has rented himself, the tenant then must submit a registration statement. Where he rents to three or more persons, he registers on the form which covers hotels, rooming and boarding houses.

In cases where a present tenant vacates, and the premises are rented to a new tenant, the landlord must show the new tenant the registration form, and have him sign it. The landlord must report such change in tenancy within five days.

## City Blackout A Success; Only One Violation

Test in Highland Park Proves Almost Perfect

### High School To Open Sept. 9 With 1,200 Students Enrolled

The Highland Park High School will begin its new term the week of Labor Day, with approximately 1,200 students enrolled. About 325 of these will be freshmen.

Freshmen will report for work Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 8:45 a. m. and upperclassmen will report for classes the following morning, Tuesday, Sept. 8, is designated as faculty planning day, with the first professional meeting of the group called for 3 p. m. Policies for the year will be outlined and discussed and new teachers will be introduced.

Students who have moved into the district since June should report at the high school for placement tests Monday, Aug. 31, at 8:30 a. m., the results of these tests to be used in the adjustment to and selection of courses. Students entering from the grammar schools of the district were given these tests last spring.

### Book Store Schedule

The high school bookstore will be open Friday, Sept. 4, from 9 a. m. to 12 and from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m., and Sat., Sept. 5, from 9 a. m. to 12. Paddocks and other supplies will be sold in addition to the books on these days, and lockers will be assigned to new students.

Students are urged to obtain books on these days. For the convenience of Deerfield students, a bus will leave Deerfield at 8:45 a. m. Sept. 4 and 5, returning later in the morning at a time designated by the bus driver.

Arthur Wolters, dean of boys, and Emada Griswold, dean of girls, will be in their offices Sept. 1 and 2, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. for enrolling new students and making necessary adjustments.

### New Faculty Members

Eight faculty members will take their places in the school for the first time this fall, four women and four men.

Helen Peppers will teach the new health course that is being inaugurated for all freshmen. In addition she will act as faculty sponsor for the freshman class. She holds a degree from Beloit and has taken graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Hubert V. Gardner will coach the varsity basketball team, will assist David Floyd, with football and will handle physical education classes and the lunch-period playground program. He has successfully coached similar sports in South Dakota for 10 years and holds degrees from the Universities of Illinois and Minnesota. He is married and has three young children.

For the first time this year a new basic speech course is being established for sophomores. Phyllis Carpenter, a Wisconsin university speech graduate, will handle this new program and in addition will sponsor a discussion and forum club for 9th and 10th grades. Coming in to take over the social studies classes of Lieut. Edward Burwell while he is in the service is Irwin Thomle, who as well as holding degrees from Northwestern university has acted as assistant instructor in social studies there the past two years.

The position in the commercial department left vacant last April when Al Werbelow resigned to accept a Chicago business position, is being filled by John Codd, a teacher from downstate. He has his M. A. in business from the University of Chicago and his A. B. from the University of Illinois. He is married and has two children. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Codd will assist in the scholastic athletics.

Patricia Bennit is coming in as an addition to the arts department. She will handle courses in arts and crafts, a new room having been equipped for this work adjacent to the present art room. One of her courses will be the new exploratory arts course for freshmen.

Coming in to teach biology is Harold McMullen, an experienced science teacher. A graduate of the University of Michigan, with extended graduate work at Chicago, McMullen comes directly from an assignment with the Kellogg Foundation's educational project in the Battle Creek area. He will conduct a nature-club in addition to his class work. This position was formerly held by Mr. Wade McNutt, who retired from service last spring.

## First High School Football Practice Set For Tuesday

Formation of the Highland Park high school football teams will get underway tomorrow when suits will be given out to upperclassmen at the athletic field on West Park ave. It was announced yesterday by Coach David Floyd.

The first practice will take place Tuesday at the field.

With almost all written block air raid warden reports received, covering performance in the 428 city blocks in Highland Park during the recent test blackout, Mayor Frank J. Ronan, chairman of the Civilian Defense council and Donald Trumbull, co-ordinator, have received a preliminary report from Harry Aiston, chief air raid warden and Harry Eichler, commander of auxiliary police, advising that Highland Park's performance was almost perfect.

More than 700 air wardens and co-wardens cooperating under the direction of the chief warden, Robert F. Patton, assistant chief air warden, twelve division wardens assisted by 30 sector warden cooperating with 60 members of the auxiliary police under the direction of Chief Martin Kopp and Commander Harry Eichler were on duty while some 50 members of the auxiliary fire department, organized by Chief Hoskins, stood by in case of emergency.

### Two Incidents

As a result of efficient patrolling and the whole-hearted cooperation of almost every citizen, only two incidents and one violation were reported. The incident consisted of a fire left burning in a fire place and a light burning in a bedroom overlooking a ravine on Linden ave. by a young boy reading, who thought it would not be seen. Both of these reports have been referred to the police apartment for final report.

The violation was a light burning in a building on County Line rd. at Skokie which was noticed by an alert warden. Upon investigation he found it was in a room occupied by Dominick Melone, 57, an employee of a local road house. Upon his refusal to extinguish the light, the warden called a policeman and an immediate arrest was made. Police Magistrate Henry Hansen held a mid-night preliminary hearing and Melone was released after posting \$100 bond. He was found guilty at trial the following Saturday morning and fined \$35 and costs by Judge Hansen.

### Good Cooperation

With this single exception, Mayor Ronan states the performance and cooperation of the citizens of Highland Park was outstanding and highly gratifying. The extent of this was expressed by Lt. William J. Tilden and Ensign Robert Duval, observers appointed by the United States Navy, who viewed the blackout from out in the lake accompanied by Edward Brown of the Park Board, and Philip Cole, city engineer. Lt. Tilden stated that all the lights of the city seemed to go on and off almost instantly.

Six new sirens purchased by the City of Highland Park had their first test and supplemented the other three in operation. Assistant Chief Patton states that, while the sound chart based on warden's reports has not been completed, it may be stated that these have gone a long way to solve the problem, but that the sirens which can be heard in all parts of the city both indoors and outdoors, regardless of weather conditions and prevailing noise still remain a problem which faces all communities and makers.

### Unannounced Test

While no general plan of test incidents was attempted in Highland Park's blackout an unannounced test was endeavored in an attempt to operate a car marked "official" and a police car with head lights turned down. In each attempt, however, alert air wardens and members of the auxiliary police stopped the cars almost instantly and it was found impossible to proceed.

Independent of the local operation in the community appointed at the direction of Henry Bleck, Chief of Division 8, Chicago Metropolitan area.

Division wardens who directed the program in each of Highland Park's twelve divisions include, Clarence Bassler, Marc Law, Van G. Kirk, D. A. Kittermaster, James M. Murphy, Edward C. George, John A. Bellows, Milton Souther, Albert Larsen, Bert G. Green, Art W. Olson and P. N. Gould.

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Butts, 626 Owensia ave., girl, Aug. 11.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drury, Fort Sheridan, girl, Aug. 14.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dalmar, 24 S. Green Bay rd., girl, Aug. 14.  
Mr. and Mrs. Werner Larson, 917 S. St. Johns ave., girl, Aug. 15.  
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Westercamp, 103 N. St. Johns ave., girl, Aug. 17.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wirth, Mayland ave., Deerfield, boy, Aug. 18.