

### Highland Park USO News

Attendance at the club is still swinging up; at last Friday's formal dance, 325 service and 110 girls were on hand to dance to Hal Jackson's music and watch an awe-inspiring exhibition of jitterbugging by Joe and Pearl Zeuschal.

On Sunday a large crowd attended the Italian party, expertly arranged by Highland Park's versatile Ben Bruce. Fully 400 guests consumed untold yards of spaghetti (67 pounds according to a reliable source) but garlic was omitted for the sake of unity in the ranks. Entertainment was furnished by local talent, and included tap dancing, piano and accordion numbers and a girl soloist. Signor Andy Jacobs supplied heady Italian music.

Another beach party is planned for Thursday night at the Lawrence Stein's beach, unless frost and light snow flurries interfere, and on Sunday the Royal Knights make their last appearance at the club because of their heavy fall schedule; reservations for floor space will not be taken on that evening.

The week's schedule is as follows: Monday, Aug. 24—Dance instruction by Mrs. Lucy Smith, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Photo instruction by William E. Cunningham, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Craft shop instruction by John Engels; Bridge instruction by Richard Rubel, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Square dancing, 8:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., Sgt. Gibson, caller; Ballroom dancing, 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hostess group 3, Clara Melchiorre, chairman.

Thursday, Aug. 27—Beach party at Lawrence Stein's beach on Woodbridge lane, 6:30 p.m. (Service men and GSO's please sign up at receptionist's desk) "Do as you please night" Dancing, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hostess group 4, Mary Hart, chairman. Craft shop instruction by Al DeHerder.

Friday, Aug. 28—Open house for wives of service men with instrumental music by Mrs. Helen Mayer Mannings, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Variety floor show, Dance—Cliff Aspergren's orchestra, 8 p.m. Kenilworth GSO. Craft shop instruction by Ed Brandriff.

Saturday, Aug. 29—Variety show sponsored by Mrs. Brown, 8 p.m. Dancing 9 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Groups 5, 6 and 7, Jeanne Jenkins, Lila Letson and Nancy Santi, chairman; overnight sleeping with breakfast 35c; Craft shop instruction by Charles Bartell.

Sunday, Aug. 30—Breakfast served at 9 a.m. Supper served at 6:30 p.m.; Group sing led by Messrs. Larson, Cunningham and Heath, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8:30 p.m. Royal Knights orchestra; Craft shop instruction by Charles Bartell.

Monday, Aug. 31—Come and cut the cake at 9:15 p.m. All boys who have birthdays in August; Dance instruction by Mrs. Lucy Smith, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Craft shop instruction by John Engels; Bridge instruction by Richard Rubel, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Photo instruction by William E. Cunningham, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Square dancing, 8:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.; Ball room dancing, 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m., Hostess group 7, Nancy Santi, chairman.

### Railroads Are Essential Part of Fighting Power

The railroads are an essential part of the fighting power of the nation. War cannot be carried on without fighting forces and munitions; but munitions cannot be provided, nor fighting forces sustained, without adequate transportation—and in America that means chiefly railroad transportation.

How well the railroads are meeting the transportation requirements of America's war program is indicated in a report from the Milwaukee Road that during the first six months of 1942 the ton mileage it handled increased 62 per cent compared with the same period in 1940, when war materials were not moving in great quantity.

During the first six months of this year the Milwaukee Road moved 7 billion, 382 million ton miles of revenue freight, an increase of 2 billion, 800 million ton miles over the same period two years ago. Yet it used only 15 per cent more cars for the purpose.

The additional load was handled by increasing the average load in each car by 16 per cent; increasing the average number of tons each train hauled 27 per cent and the average number of miles each freight car traveled each 38 per cent, according to H. A. Scandrett, trustee for the railroad.

The large number of troops traveling were transported without inconvenience to regular passengers, according to Mr. Scandrett, who said, "We are maintaining the record achievement in the second half of the year and whatever the exigencies ahead, it is evident that the Milwaukee Road will do its full part in the successful prosecution of the war."

### Marine League To Preview 'Wake Island' At Corps Convention

Former marines and their families living in the Lake county area will be interested to know that many unusual events are being planned to entertain their visiting comrades during the Marine Corps league convention in Chicago, September 2 to 5.

The Highland Park Press has been asked to inform its marine veteran readers that a world-premiere of the new motion picture, "Wake Island," an epic of the heroic marine defenders, will be shown on Thursday night, Sept. 3, especially for marine veterans and their families.

Other features planned include a mammoth Chicago night banquet which will be attended by ranking marine corps officers and other notables. Stage and screen stars will entertain. There will also be a Marine Corps league day at Washington park on Friday, September 4. A special race dedicated to the league and auxiliary will be featured and the winning jockey will receive a war savings bond as an added prize.

Further details concerning the premiere showing and other convention plans will be discussed at the next regular meeting of Chicago Detachment No. 1 of the Marine Corps league at the Sherman hotel, Chicago, at 8:30 p. m., Thursday, August 27. Anthony J. Marchi, 1450 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, is the commandant.

### 'Eagle Squadron' Tells Vital Story

Walter Wanger's new Universal production, "Eagle Squadron," the first screen story of American fighter pilots in the Royal Air Force, will be the attraction at the Genesee theatre starting Sunday.

Heading a long and imposing cast are Robert Stack and Diana Barrymore, youngest member of America's celebrated "royal family" of stage and screen, who is making her motion picture debut in "Eagle Squadron".

Other notable players include Jon Hall, Eddie Albert, Nigel Bruce, Evelyn Ankers, Leif Erikson, John Loder, Edgar Barrier, Isobel Elsom, Gladys Cooper, Paul Cavanagh, Richard Davies, Jill Esmond, Gene Reynolds and Alan Hale, Jr.

The authentic, behind-the-scenes story of "Eagle Squadron" tells of actual experiences of many American aviators who preceded their own country's entrance into the war by joining the RAF's Eagle Squadron in October, 1940. Flying their famous Spitfires, the Eagle Squadron since then has written many memorable chapters of the modern war in the clouds.

In addition, "Eagle Squadron" brings to the screen for the first time scenes showing the widespread activities of British women in war-time, which include flying transport planes, operating radio directional apparatus and firing anti-aircraft guns. The fabulous British Commandos, the daring night raiders who have terrified the enemy, are shown in action in an exciting sequence of "Eagle Squadron".

The authenticity of "Eagle Squadron" was assured by many thousands of feet of film taken by a camera crew sent to England by Producer Wanger, on permission granted by the British Ministry of Information.

### ROSEBUD AXT WEDDED

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Axt, of Highland, Monday announced the marriage of their daughter, Rosebud, and Murner C. Swanson, of Lake Forest. The couple, who were wedded last Thursday, are spending their honeymoon in Texas. They will be home in Lake Forest after Sept. 10.

### What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Hitler found out that his high powered mechanized and motorized army bogged down in the snow and mud of the Russian Winter. Although our Army is largely mechanized the cavalry horse is still a highly essential factor in this mounted division and in the Field Artillery. The Army also maintains remount farms where many cavalry horses are bred and raised.



These select horses cost from \$100 to \$100 and our crack cavalrymen are expert riders and carry on the traditions which have followed the cavalry from the earliest days of the Army. Purchase of War Savings Bonds will insure good mounts for the Cavalry. You and your neighbors buying War Bonds and Stamps regularly every pay day can help buy these horses for the U. S. Cavalry. Invest at least 10 percent of your income in War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

### Local Musicians Return From Study At Interlochen Camp

Mary Jean Gateswood, Gwendyth Bingham, Betty Loch, Samuel Golden, Elaine Wertheimer, Halle Harrington, Skippy Pfantziel, James Krohn, Bernice Ann Flanagan, Rose Marie Barrett and Constance Kochelin have returned home this week after eight weeks study under some of the nation's foremost musicians and radio dramatists at the National Music camp at Interlochen, Michigan.

The young people won distinction in various divisions of the camp—some in radio-drama, others in orchestra, choir, band, and dance.

The camp was barred from making its usual nationwide broadcasts over the National Broadcasting company chain this season by action of James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians.

However, supported by the national protest which the ban evoked and encouraged by the investigations now underway, camp students are hopeful the ban will be revoked. The camp is a non-profit educational institution which each year attracts a group of some of the finest high school and college musicians in the country for study under musicians of national repute. The coast to coast broadcasts in past years have stirred wide interest and served as an inspiration to thousands of young musicians.



### USO-Salvation Army

246 Waukegan Rd., Highwood, Ill. Maj. Ira R. Fitzpatrick, Mgr.

Although Major Fitzpatrick is at present in the south, looking after the comfort and relaxation of our soldier friends on maneuvers, the work at the unit is going on as before. Mrs. Fitzpatrick acting as substitute manager.

Miss Lucille O'Hair, who during the summer months acted as senior hostess at the unit, is now in St. Louis for a week's rest before resuming her duties as teacher in the Oak Park high school. She will return to the club on Sunday and Wednesday evenings throughout the school year.

Miss Henrietta Haworth, program director, and equally at home in the craft room or manipulating the movie projector, will remain with the club staff.

Monday, August 24: Owing to confusion of dates, the J.W.B. party did not take place as advertised, but will be given on Monday evening of next week. Miss Jasmnine Saso entertained during the evening with her accordion. Coffee and cake were served at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25: The evening was largely given over to music lovers. Impromptu jam sessions have become quite the thing at the unit, enough professional musicians being found among the service men to put the thing over with a bang. J.H.O. girls entertained.

Wednesday, August 26: A weiner roast was held at the Summer club, Mr. Gunther and son of Evanston entertaining with music. Coffee Club, as usual, at the main unit from 10 to 11. Jewelry craft at the main club.

Thursday, August 27: Music of Gerschwin, courtesy of Lyon and Healy. Coffee club at 10 o'clock.

Friday, August 28: Feature movie at the Summer club, weather being favorable. Otherwise the picture will be shown at the main unit. From 10 to 11 pie-like-mother-used-to-make will be served with coffee.

Saturday, August 29: Mrs. Rosenthal—keeno—prizes. Refreshments at 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 30: Open house day. Informal entertainment. Vespers at

### Ask Cooperation In Suppressing Noise During Blackouts

In a bulletin to the members of the Greater Chicago Noise Reduction council on "Air Raids and Noise," the technical committee of the council points out that while the task of providing a satisfactory signal lever may whether manufacturer, truck driver, originate with the GCD, every person, whether manufacturer, truck driver, merchant, doctor or householder must carry out his part in the program of suppressing background noise to a minimum in order that his community will bear the warning devices.

The report goes on to say that the effect of background noise on the audibility of warning signals was dramatically demonstrated during Chicago's blackout on Aug. 12. The difficulty of hearing the original warning in a great many sections of the city as compared to the loudness of the "all clear" signal in practically all parts of the city at the end of the period showed why a nominal reduction in city noises is worth working for.

Careful measurements by numerous observers have shown that in the presence of a number of background noises, a 5 decibel increase of signal power doubles the area over which the signal can be heard satisfactorily. Conversely, if the background level is decreased by 5 decibels the area over which the signal can be heard is doubled. Hence, by dropping background levels, fewer signals are necessary, which means smaller cost and more important, a saving in critical materials.

7 at the H. P. Methodist church.

Monday, August 31: J. W. B. will give an entertainment and spread. G. H.O. girls entertaining Camera club.

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Edward Gertz, service man from Fort Sheridan, will entertain with baritone solos.

Wednesday, Sept. 2: Party at Summer club. Coffee club at 10 p.m. as usual.

### Highwood USO Club

Operated by N.C.C.S. 428 Railway Ave. Highwood Ill.

A repeat performance of the Money Bags Quiz show will take place, under the direction of Opera Star Mark Love, director of Radio Station WHIP, on Wednesday, Sept. 30, the night of the fall formal dance in the Highwood U.S.O. club, 428 Railway ave. The program was so popular there last month that it is being brought back by Roy P. Bedore, director. The audience will be entertained, before the question period, by Marjorie May-cr, soprano, Shari Morning, comedienne, Henry Dorf, announcer, Mr. Love, basso, and Harold Stokes, accordionist. Cash prizes ranging from \$2 to \$20 will be given service men.

Refreshments, decorations and a professional floor show are being arranged for that night by Mrs. Roy E. Wyle of Highland Park.

Dr. Anatole Lindsay, N.C.C.S. program consultant from Washington, D. C., was a visitor last week at the club-rooms. He inspected the dark rooms and recording machine in particular.

Mrs. Loretta Mayhew of Evanston, volunteer worker, has arranged for a contingent of Fort Sheridan boys to attend high noon mass at old St. Stephen's church in Chicago, built in 1867 and survivor of the great Chicago fire in 1871. Pews have been reserved for Sept. 30 by the Rev. Stephen A. Bubacz, a chaplain in the last war, in the historic church, which has a groto to the exact duplicate of that at Lourdes in France and two chapels, one of jewels, especially interesting as shrines.

The new neon sign, in the patriotic tri-colors, has been installed together with floodlights for the grounds to facilitate parking on crowded dance nights.

The Polish-American Citizens league of Chicago, under Billie Patts, will sponsor a dance on Aug. 29 and the Wilmette council of the Knights of Columbus, together with the Wilmette Catholic Daughters, will entertain Sept. 2.

## Your electric cords are precious —



# MAKE THEM LAST!

Electric cords are made mostly of rubber and copper—two materials that are much in demand these days! Check the electric cords in your home, using this guide. Make them last just as long as they were designed to last!

### HOW TO MAKE CORDS LAST LONGER

There are three things that commonly cause your cords to wear out:

1. **FRICTION.** When disconnecting, don't yank on the cord—take hold of the plug. Never let a cord become twisted or knotted. When not in use, hang it over two widely separated hooks, so there will be no sharp bend. Never run cords under carpets, or nail them to the wall or floor. Be sure they are away from moving parts of appliances.



2. **HEAT.** Keep cords away from radiators or steam pipes: Even direct sunlight will shorten the life of the rubber in a cord.

3. **MOISTURE.** Don't let electric cords get wet. Even rubber-covered extensions will in time absorb water.

### WHERE TO LOOK FOR DAMAGED CORDS

Appliance cords wear most quickly at the points where the cord enters the appliance and the plug. Check the cords on your lamp bases, electric fans, irons and other frequently moved appliances.



### WHAT TO DO ABOUT DAMAGED CORDS



Never try to push worn cords out of sight—they should be fixed immediately. Unless you are sure of your repairing skill, call an electrician. He can often re-use most of the old cord, and you know the job is done right!

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