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## Word Received John Koon Is Prisoner of War

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Koon of South Sheridan road have received word from the Navy Department that



JOHN L. KOON

they are in receipt of an official cablegram from the International Red Cross in Tokyo, that their youngest son, John Leland Koon, is a riser of war at the Taiwan Camp in the Philippines. This is the first word Mr. and Mrs. Koon have received since Mothers' Day last May when word came he was missing after the submarine tender Canopus on which he was serving, was scuttled off Bataan.

He attended Lincoln school and Highland Park high school. He enlisted in the Navy three years ago in December and has not been home since March 1940. His boat training was taken at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

After a year's service in Hawaii, he transferred to the Asiatic Fleet and was on submarine duty for a period of eight months.

In the last letter received in November 1941, just before the outbreak of war, Koon wrote "there is nothing to write about." At the time he was taken prisoner, he was a fireman, first class.

In September Mrs. Koon went to the Red Cross in Chicago to send a message of twenty-five words to her son, which was to go on the Gripsholm. As yet no answer has come through.

## Annual Center Meeting January 18

The annual meeting of the Highland Park Community center members will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Community center. The purpose of the meeting is to elect fifteen directors and to transact such other business as may come before the members.

Following this there will be the annual directors' meeting of the Community center. Its program is to elect officers and to transact such other business as may come before them.

All persons who are members of the Community center are eligible to attend and participate in the annual members meeting.

## Christian Science Lecture On Jan. 18

A free Christian Science lecture will be presented by Harry C. Browne, C. S., of Boston, Massachusetts, Monday evening, Jan. 18, under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Highland Park, in the Elm Place auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Browne is a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

## BIRTHS AT THE HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL

- Mr. and Mrs. William Roof, 222 North avenue, Highwood, boy, Dec. 28.
- Mr. and Mrs. Chris Grotti, 454 Railway avenue, Highwood, girl, Dec. 29.
- Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hall, 122 Highwood avenue, Highwood, boy, Dec. 31.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cerva, 571 W. Park avenue, boy, Jan. 2.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lunn, Fox River Grove, boy, Jan. 3.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Heidt, Duffy lane, Deerfield, boy, Jan. 4.
- Mr. and Mrs. Nello Coradini, Glen-coe, girl, Jan. 4.
- Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harder, Highwood, boy, Jan. 5.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman, 543 Central avenue, boy, Jan. 6.

## League School to Study State and Local Education

To promote a real understanding by everyone of the educational system, both state and local, the Highland Park League of Women Voters' school is holding four meetings to cover all its aspects. Starting Monday, Jan. 11, at 1:15 at the Community center. The series is in charge of Mrs. J. M. Watkins Jr., chairman of the department of government and education.

"Now more than ever the preserving of our democracy rests with our children and their education," said Mrs. Watkins, who is also president of the Lincoln school P. T. A., and active in Girl Scout activities.

"To reach and maintain a uniformly high level in schools throughout the state, each citizen must feel his responsibility to understand the educational system, and to be able to cooperate when needed."

Organization of education in Illinois is the subject for the first meeting. Short talks as part of a panel discussion will be given by Mrs. Carl Pfantsch, on contribution of federal government to our schools, Mrs. David Joseph, on state organization of schools, W. C. Petty, county superintendent of schools, on Lake county schools, and Mrs. E. P. Barnes on Township treasurers, trustees and school districts.

All Highland Parkers are invited to the meetings, and many members of the school faculties and P. T. A.'s are planning to attend.

The speakers at the following three programs will be: January 18—Mrs. M. A. Law, School Finances—with question period. January 25—H. H. Coe, treasurer of the Illinois association of school boards, School Legislation. February 1—Mrs. Leonard M. Rieser, Local School Boards. Maurice A. Polak, chairman finance committee, District 108, Highland Park Schools. Three teacher representatives, Legislation Which Affects Us Locally.

## Mrs. Tom Wilder Succumbs To Pneumonia

Mrs. Edna Higman Wilder, wife of the noted artist, Tom Wilder of Ravinia, died Sunday in the Highland Park hospital. She had been ill with pneumonia and pleurisy for five weeks.

Mrs. Wilder, who has made her home in Ravinia since she was married in 1906, was widely known along the North Shore as a musician. She was a violinist, member of the music society, SIO, and a member of the Highland Park Music Club. She had made several appearances in North Shore musicales, and was a charter member of the Ravinia Woman's club.

Besides her husband, she leaves two brothers, James W. Higman and Harry W. Higman, and two sisters, Mrs. Ada Fox and Mrs. Mary Burdick.

Funeral services were held Tuesday.

## Masonic Center Sponsors Dance For Service Men

The Masonic Service center will sponsor a dance and entertainment in the Masonic temple, 19 N. Sheridan road, Saturday, Jan. 9, at 8:30 p.m.

All service men are invited. Evanton Girls club will act as junior hostesses and members of Campbell chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be senior hostesses and serve refreshments.

Mrs. Roland Blinseth is chairman and Mrs. Blanch Muller, Mrs. Catherine Levin, Mrs. Adalade Greene, Miss Ruth Siljstrom, Mrs. Nora Ohmsted and Miss Margaret Revenak are assisting her.

Music will be by the Waukegan Melodians.

## No Traffic Fatalities For City in 1942

Highland Park had no fatal accidents during 1942 as far as traffic accidents were concerned. The year preceding three persons were killed, and in 1941, there were four fatalities from traffic accidents. With Skokie Boulevard running through Highland Park, the city has a disadvantage over other towns along the North Shore.

Highland Park will be given an award by the National Safety council for this fine record. Awards are given according to the ratio of fatalities to the population.

## Catholic USO Holds Open House On First Anniversary

Sunday, January 10, will be the first anniversary of the N. C. C. S. operated U. S. O. club at 428 Railway avenue, Highwood.

The director, Roy P. Bedore, in announcing a special program, also is making this day open house for all the citizens of the North Shore area to visit the club, and hear the program which will begin promptly at 3 p. m.

Col. F. C. Rogers, commandant of Fort Sheridan, will be the principal speaker on this occasion. There will also be many prominent visitors who will make brief talks. It is also hoped to have Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch make a visit on this day.

After the program, the birthday cake will be cut by the club's own "Ma" Dean, who will serve a cup of coffee with the cake. There will also be several other features to entertain the guests during the afternoon.

On Saturday evening the Royal Neighbors of America, served sandwiches and cookies which were enjoyed by the several hundred service men and girls who danced to the tunes of Lenz's orchestra. Miss Ann Pontius, the head of the Ladies of Isabella of Chicago, chaperoned a group of girls from Chicago.

Serving were Mrs. Jules Plomb, Mrs. A. Shelton, Mrs. Wendell Hill, Jessie Noulis, Francis Cote, Elizabeth Billeuz, John Vander Bloomen and Mrs. Doris Lyle of Highland Park and Highwood. Chaperons were Mrs. S. Bernardi, Fausta Ugolini and Domenica Mordini.

## Thirty Young Men Will Be Sent To Induction Center

Thirty young men will be sent to the induction center in Chicago by Draft board No. 1 in Highland Park in the near future.

**Highland Park**  
Edwin Hall, Arthur Brandonisio, Harold Rogers, John Sorsen, William Cunningham (V.O.C.), Gele Faoro, Guido Tazioli, Donald Beaumont, William Carrier and William McArthur.

**Highwood**  
Leonard Bergdahl, Roy Castelli, John Donati, Bruno Bertucci, Dominic Valentini and Harold Lonngren.

**Deerfield**  
Ivan Stephens.

**Barrington**  
Edwin DeWitz, Roland Kelsey, Daniel Sullivan Jr. and James Benson.

**Prairie View**  
Walter Farmer.

**Lake Zurich**  
Harry Branding and Charles Froelich.

**Other Cities**  
Chicago, Alfred Trestick, Joseph Minorini and Louis Schlosser. Waukegan, Jack Shapiro. Spencer, Wis., Randall Miller. Sacramento, Calif., John Risdon.

## Elks to Give Keeno Party

A keno party will be held in the Elks hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 21. Proceeds from the party will be used to buy furniture for the Elks club room. All members and their friends are invited to attend.

The following group of men were initiated into the Elks lodge Tuesday evening: Anthony J. Goekner, John P. Keleher, William H. Denzel, Arthur G. Bess, Edwin Schwalback, Charles Gentilini, LeRoy F. Auls, Eric R. Engberg, Karl B. Hansen, Henry G. Bauer, Pellegrino, Morelli and John Witten.

## Service Mothers To Celebrate Anniversary

The Highland Park Service Men's Mothers' club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A. On this occasion the club will celebrate its first anniversary with a birthday cake and suitable refreshments following the business meeting.

New members who have not already done so are urged to send in their signed application cards to Mrs. Joseph Riddle, 330 Vine avenue, Highland Park.

## Lincoln School to Hold Ice Carnival

A costume parade, racing for each grade, figure skating and special skating stunt performers are all a part of the program scheduled for the Lincoln school ice carnival to be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, at the school ice rink according to the chairman, Mrs. Earl Spross and Mrs. Ellsworth Mills. Special prizes will be awarded for each event.

## Voters League to Hear John R. Van de Water on January 20

Mrs. R. S. Simons, program chairman for the Highland Park League of Women Voters, has secured as speaker for the January monthly meeting of the league, John R. Van de Water, who will speak on the subject, "Let's Win the War for Good." The meeting will occur on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 1:15 o'clock at the Highland Park Community center.

Mr. Van de Water, altho still a young man, has combined an extensive background of practical experience in several fields with an outstanding academic record. A Californian by birth, his education was begun on the Pacific coast and completed in the middle west.

He entered the University of Chicago on an honor scholarship, concentrated his attention on political and social science, international organization, and numerous branches of law—international, administrative and military. As an undergraduate he was voted the outstanding man on the campus. In 1941 he received the degree of doctor of law from the University of Chicago Law school.

However, Mr. Van de Water's interests were not limited to the classroom. He has participated in and led many social and religious groups, especially those related to better international understanding, such as student peace conferences, Y. M. C. A., etc. His special athletic interest in swimming, having effected over 200 rescues while acting as life guard on the California coast.

As a young man with training and ideals, Mr. Van de Water feels that every citizen must become aware of the position of the U. S. in world affairs, and must study and cooperate to find the basis for a just and lasting post-war peace.

## Community Center Activities

- Calendar**
- Thursday, Jan. 7
    - 7 p.m., Chess club.
    - 7:45 p.m. Youth committee, Civilian Defense.
    - 8 p.m., Transportation committee.
    - 8 p.m., First aid stations, committee.
  - Friday, Jan. 8
    - 7 p.m., Center's Boys' club.
    - 8 p.m., Symphony orchestra rehearsal.
  - Saturday, Jan. 9
    - 9 a.m., Arts and Crafts club, children.
    - 10 a.m., Game rooms open for play.
    - 2 p.m., Game rooms open for play.
  - Monday, Jan. 11
    - 9:45 a.m., Spanish class.
    - 1:15 p.m., League of Women Voters school.
    - 7:30 p.m., Table Tennis club.
    - 8:30 p.m., U.S.O. Com. Management.
  - Tuesday, Jan. 12
    - 9:30 a.m., Advanced first aid class, 2.
    - 7:30 p.m., Advanced first aid class, 1.
  - Wednesday, Jan. 13
    - 5 p.m., Center's executive committee.
    - 8 p.m., H. P. Camera club.

**Needed — Magazines**  
Community center will accept gifts of magazines several months or so old for its reading room. The reading material should be suitable for children seven to seventeen.

**Square Dance Club**  
On Thursday evening, Jan. 14, starting about 8, Community center's Square Dance club will have another get-together of those who like to square dance.

Square dance music; a caller; lots of old time dances will be featured.

**December Happenings**  
During December just past, 29 different Community center activities accounted for 289 meetings or sessions; with a record attendance of 4,502. This means that there were held in the Community center an average of ten activities a day; with a daily average attendance of 160 men, women, boys and girls.

Community center activities during December included:

- Being able to utilize: Committee meetings; H. P. Camera club; H. P. Civic chorus; Civilian Defense schools, etc.; Community singing; Use of book shop; First aid classes; conferences; Game rooms used by high school boys; Girl Scouts; H. P. Men's Garden club; H. P. Square Dance club; Spanish class; Transportation committee; Children's Craft club; Center's Boys' club; Center's Chess club; Chamber Symphony orchestra; Conference; Dickinson, Lincoln school; Use of book room; Game rooms used by girls; etc.
- Games used by adults: H. P. League of Women Voters; North Shore Philatelic society; Games; Parent associations; Table Tennis club; and The League for Social Service.

**Miscellaneous**  
Anyone interested in any of the above activities can get information concerning them by calling 2442.

## Third Carload Of Tin Cans Shipped December 29

### Noted Guest Speaker To Appear Jan. 13 At Ravinia Woman's Club

The Ravinia Woman's club will hear a talk by Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 13, in the village house at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Wright, the wife of Quincy Wright, is director of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, and will talk on current events.

Mrs. Wright is well known in Highland Park and has long been a member of the League of Women Voters, serving as chairman of the department of government and foreign policy for the past eight years. In 1938 she attended the Lima Conference as an advisor to the United States delegation, the only woman appointed to the position.

Last spring Mrs. Wright took over her present position as director of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, when Clifton M. Utley, who directed the affairs of the council for eleven years became editor of the air edition of the Chicago Sun. She is president of the Woodrow Wilson foundation and trustee of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The Ravinia Woman's Club, through its president, Mrs. Gilbert K. Hardacre, invites friends of the club to attend this lecture, which has been arranged by the program committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sidney Frisch.

Hostesses for the social hour to follow are Mrs. J. C. McAleer, Mrs. Hilmar Swenson, Mrs. Paul Wells and Mrs. George Bagley.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the club will be held on Jan. 6 at the home of Mrs. Woodward Burgert.

## Manuscript Meeting Planned by Members Of Creative Writers

The North Shore Creative Writers will hold a manuscript meeting Thursday morning, Jan. 14, at the Y.W.C.A. at 10 o'clock. It will be the last lesson of the present term and plans will be discussed for the new semester. Members of the class are invited to bring guests.

Mrs. George K. Bowden will present a letter from the Chicago representative of one of the 17 cooperating groups regarding the participation in the fourth annual writers' conference next summer.

Rowena Bennett is planning a program presenting original manuscripts written by members of the group this term. Her new book, "Teddy and His Sailboat and Other Stories," has come off the press since the last class meeting.

## Tuxis To Entertain Temple Children

The Tuxis society of the Highland Park Presbyterian church has invited the young people from the North Shore Congregation Israel to "stunt night" Sunday, Jan. 10.

Tea will be served at 6 o'clock, followed by short talks by Dr. Louis Sherwin, Rabbi Charles Shulman and the Tuxis president, Sue Howe. The stunt program will begin at 7:15 o'clock.

## John Picchiatti Bowls 300 Game

Bowling with the "Sox" team last week in the Chamber of Commerce league in Deerfield, John Picchiatti, proprietor, rolled the first 300 game to be made at the Deerfield Bowling academy. His score was 175-300-238, making a 713 series.

The same evening, in the "Rolling 40's" league, Miss Arline Metzger rolled the largest single game for ladies in league play ever made at the Deerfield academy, a 241.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kind expressions of sympathy shown during our recent bereavement.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riddle and Family

On December 29, the third carload of tin cans shipped from Highland Park was loaded. The total number of pounds shipped was 30,045. This amount was made up as follows: Lake Forest, 3750 pounds; Highwood, 700; Deerfield, 3145; Fort Sheridan, 2,500; Highland Park, 19,950. This is the first time Highwood has participated in a tin can car, having but recently organized for this activity.

With the anticipated rationing of all canned food just ahead of us, it becomes more and more necessary to see that no single can is wasted, according to the committee.

The grease collection continues and the figures turned in through the efforts of the grease conservation committee, including Mrs. Tom Wyles, Mrs. Edward L. Cooley and Mrs. F. Daube. The total number of pounds reported for the month of December is 4,413. This includes the grease from the Open House, Moraine hotel, the Highland Park hospital and the Exmoor club.

Recently another call came in for medicine bottles and cold cream jars with lids. Mrs. Charles Spencer, in charge of bottle collection, put in a box and a sign in front of Fell's Clothing store. This box disappeared. A second box and sign was placed for the collection and also disappeared. A third box has now been placed in front of the store and it is hoped that the collection of bottles will proceed.

In some communities the collection of newspapers and magazines has begun again. Instructions may come soon to Highland Park to fall in line. This salvaged paper will be used in the shipping of lend-lease materials as well as for war supplies to the various fronts.

## New License Plates Should Be Recorded On Ration Books

Gasoline rationing books, whether "A," "B" or "C," must bear the 1943 state registration number assigned to the automobile as soon as the 1943 plates are put on the car, says the Illinois Automobile club.

Registration numbers for 1942 are now on all gasoline rationing books, but as soon as the new 1943 plates are attached to a car—if they are different from last year's number—the ration book will no longer properly identify that car and the book will be invalid for the purchase of motor fuel until the change has been made.

Motorists assigned new registration numbers for 1943 should have their ration books officially corrected as soon as their 1943 plates are affixed to their automobiles. To have this correction made, the motorist must go to his Local Rationing Board and present his new Certificate of Registration card. The Board will change the number on the ration book and add the correction to its own records.

Motorists receiving the same registration number as that held by them in 1942 should have no change made on their ration books.

## Holy Name Society Honors Men In Service

A spiritual bouquet for the 100,000 Holy Name men in the armed forces from the Chicago area is being prepared by the Chicago Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name societies.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, Holy Name societies from Roman Catholic parishes in the community will celebrate their patronal feast-day, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. This year's commemorative services will be dedicated entirely to the men in service.

In each parish, members of the Holy Name society will attend Mass, receive Holy communion and participate in a communion breakfast meeting. The breakfast meetings will be highlighted by an address by the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago. He will broadcast over station WGN from 10:30 to 11 a. m.

## Air Raid Wardens To Issue Stickers

Highland Park's 700 air raid wardens will begin next week a campaign of the city to deliver Victory-Home certificates and issue stickers to those belonging to the Civilian Defense corps. At the same time, the wardens will endeavor to increase the V-Home membership, which now numbers over 1,800 persons.