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What Is A Municipal Recreation System?

RECREATION SYSTEM EXPLAINED

In connection with the coming election, many people have asked this question, "What is a municipal recreation system?" This article will attempt briefly to state an answer.

1. It is a playground and recreation system for which the people have asked and voted. Therefore it is up to the people at this coming election to decide whether or not this system will be an actuality in Highland Park.

2. A recreation system is conducted by a commission of 3 or 5 citizens who are intensely interested in the problem of community recreation. They are appointed by the mayor and the City Council and serve for a five-year term. The board is a volunteer board and is very similar to the Library board.

3. This recreation board usually then appoints a director of recreation, who is a trained recreation specialist. It is his business to gather about him a corps of athletic and recreation people who will conduct the program.

4. A public recreation program is carried out in the neighborhoods where the children live, as well as at centrally located facilities such as the communities, schools, municipal property, beaches, etc. One of the values of this plan is that existing recreation facilities are used to the fullest extent, and there is no need to build new buildings or facilities to house the program.

5. In such a recreation program in Highland Park there would be an athletic and a sports program, which would include activity and competition in basketball, badminton, volleyball, keep fit class, cycling, hiking, softball, horsehoes, tennis and such other sports and games as are desired by the community. These activities would be carried on in the neighborhoods.

6. Another phase of this system is summer playground activity, including games and sports, arts and crafts, nature activities, music and drama, and other activities. An adequate plan would include well supervised activities for children of all ages, and for adults, too.

7. The system would also include offerings in the way of many clubs and classes, year round or seasonal as the case may be. Included are such things as chamber music, bands, table tennis, nature study, swimming, square dancing, photography, shop work, painting, drama and others.

8. In addition, this department would make special efforts to promote community-wide activities such as dances for young people, hobby shows, kite contests, bird hikes, musical programs, picnics, ice carnivals, exhibits, track and field meets, and tournaments of all sorts.

Post Office Seeks Bids For Larger Quarters

Proposals are solicited to furnish quarters suitable for post-office purposes in Highland Park, under a lease subject to the provisions of the standard form of leases used by the Post Office department, at a stated price per annum, including heat, light, water, vault and all necessary equipment, for a term of five or ten years from January 1, 1944.

Floor space of at least 4100 square feet is desired. Important considerations are a reasonably central location, good daylight, and accessibility to rear or side entrance for mails.

General building requirements, equipment specifications, and form of proposal, together with information concerning the provisions of the lease, may be obtained from the Postmaster Daniel Cobb, of Highland Park.

Bids will be received up to and including April 25, 1943.

Easter Seals Sales Open Opportunities To The Crippled

Easter Seals, with their story of courage, will again bloom for the sixth season. They are on sale now through April 26. These penny seals, which are the sole support for the work with the handicapped done by the Illinois Association for the Crippled, are also mailed direct from the association office, 35 E. Wacker Drive, to an ever-widening circle of friends. Buying Easter Seals brings direct help to the crippled.

Work of our state association, which is one of the 41 affiliates in the National Society for Crippled Children, covers the whole welfare of the crippled from the beginning of his special problems. It is not limited by age,

Candidates Speak At Community Center Meeting

The Candidate's Meeting, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, held Tuesday evening at the Community Center was filled to capacity when the candidates for the city, Town, and Park Board elections to be held in April spoke.

Mrs. David Levinson spoke for the Recreation bill stating that the need for a community recreation program was especially necessary during war times.

Arthur W. Olson and Sigurd Johnson spoke for the aims of the Park Board stating what has been done, and what the board hopes to do with the present available funds.

Speaking on behalf of the Township elections to be held next Tuesday, Mr. Clarence Witt, candidate for Township Supervisor, spoke telling of his interest in civic affairs for the past twenty nine years.

Mr. W. W. Steele, candidate for reelection as Supervisor, summed up his work on the county board, and explained how the poor relief during his term of office had been carried out.

Mr. Emmett Moroney, candidate for reelection as assistant supervisor, explained his work on the county board.

In reference to the city elections to be held on April 20, the seven candidates for the four offices of commissioner each spoke three minutes. Candidates are Lyle Gourley, Nathan Sharp, Arthur Swanson, Herbert Huber, Edward Moroney, Leo Sheridan, and W. J. Curotto.

The last speaker before questions from the floor were answered by these candidates was Mr. J. P. Garnett, candidate for mayor.

The meeting which lasted two hours gave all Highland Park citizens the opportunity to know their candidates, and hear their views on the current questions. The meeting stressed the importance of each citizen going to the polls on April 6, 10, and 20 for the Town, Park District, School Board, and municipal elections respectively, and casting his vote.

Athletic Council of Ravinia School Purchases Jeep

The Athletic Council of the Ravinia school reported in a letter to Harold Finch of the Highland Park high school that the total stamp and bond purchases since the opening of school last fall was \$1,917.50. The February total stamp and bond sales amounting to \$157.95.

Before Christmas, the Athletic Council stated, that their goal of nine hundred for the purchase of a jeep had been reached and their present goal is another jeep before spring vacation. They have also collected paper, tinfoil, keys, license plates and sent magazine stories in decorated envelopes, menu cards, shaving papers and other gifts which the children have made to the Red Cross.

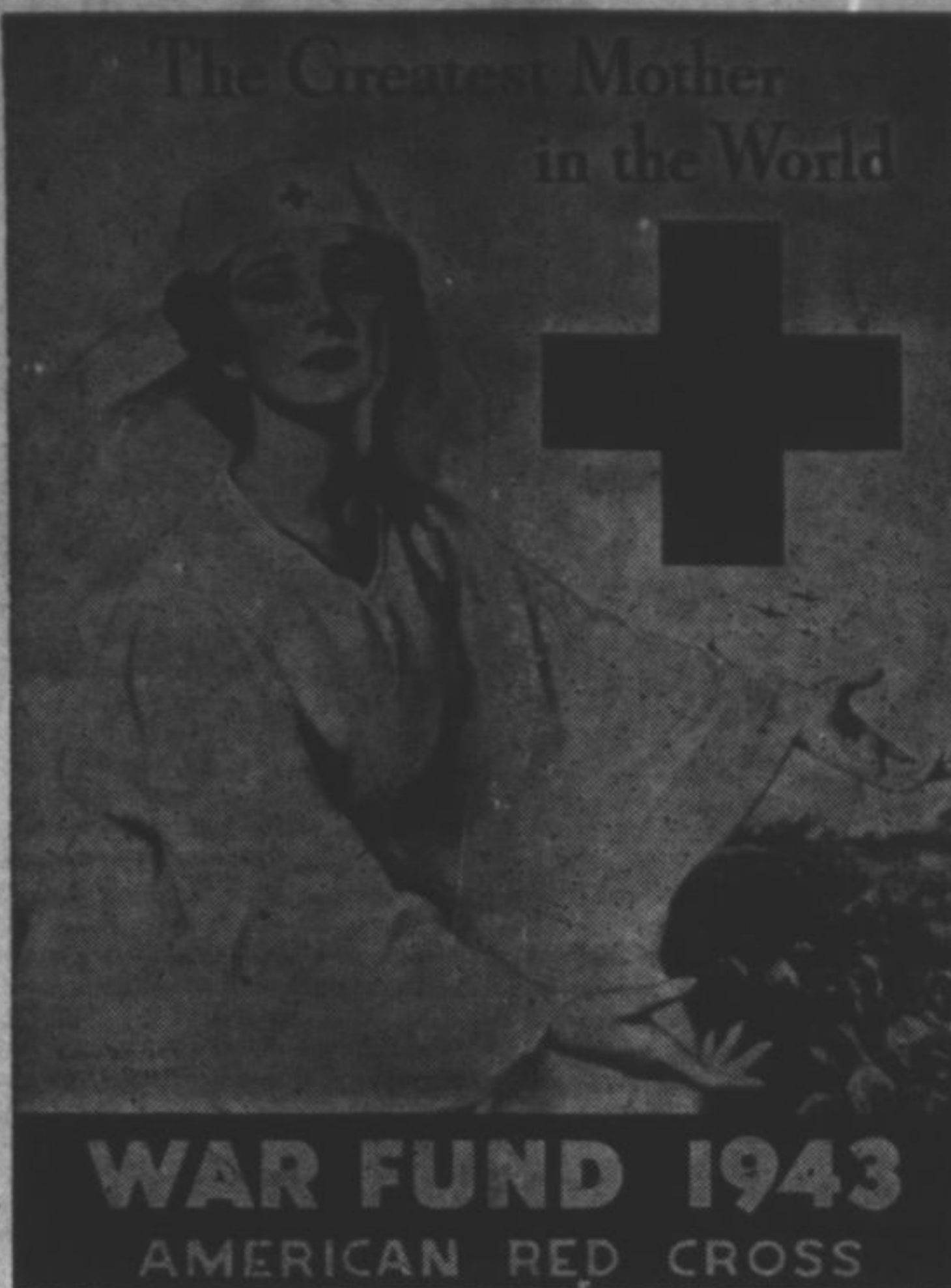
The following will be a list of women who will serve in the stamp booths in Sears Roebuck, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company store and Woolworths, April 5 to 10:

Mrs. Leppert, Mrs. H. W. Elliot, Mrs. M. J. Mitchell, Mrs. Robert Greenslade, Mrs. J. C. Redlich, Mrs. H. Balle, Mrs. J. N. Sehl, Mrs. Hugh Riddle, Mrs. Fred Gallagher, Mrs. A. R. Fierre, Mrs. H. McGlasson, Mrs. P. O. E. Johnson, Mrs. Tom Leeming, Mrs. Jess Halsted, Mrs. Robert Mahan, Mrs. A. Kauffman, Mrs. J. H. Lambert, Mrs. R. L. Hudson, Mrs. F. M. Knight, Mrs. E. Sproul, Mrs. E. P. Hunter, Mrs. G. S. Livingston, Mrs. Richard Lawton, Mrs. L. L. Howe, Mrs. M. E. Maiman, Mrs. N. W. Valley.

Mrs. E. W. A. Rowles, Mrs. J. E. Long, and Mrs. William Melohn served this week and their names were not included in the list last week.

race or creed, but is designed to meet needs.

Opportunities opening now in defense industries for the handicapped under the stress of manpower needs are used by three placement counselors on the association staff to fit the abilities of the crippled into the right jobs. Each month hundreds of handicapped workers are being placed in industry through the referrals of these skilled counselors. Employers report satisfaction in the services, loyalty and faithfulness of these workers who are making a place for only for themselves, but for war-maimed workers of the future.



Contributions for the local Red Cross War Fund Drive passed the \$23,000 mark, and is expected to soar considerably more after all returns are in.

People who for one reason or another have not filled out their subscription cards are urged to do so without further delay. Checks can be mailed to the American Red Cross at 521 Central Avenue, Highland Park.

POINT RATION REMINDERS

Gasoline— "A" book coupons No. 5 good for four gallons each from March 22nd to May 21st outside the eastern gasoline shortage area. Good for three gallons each and must last from March 22nd to July 21st inclusive, in the East Coast shortage area.

Sugar— Coupon No. 12 good for 5 pounds. Must last through May 31st.

Coffee— Stamp No. 26 (1 lb.) expires April 25th.

Tires— Class A. First inspection deadline March 31st.

Fuel Oil— Period 4 coupons expire April 6th in Zones C and D, April 12th in Zone B, April 17th in Zone A. Period 5 coupons now valid in all ones.

Shoes— No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair until June 15th.

Food— Red "A" stamps, valid March 29th, good for 16 points worth of meat, cheese and butter. Blue stamps D, T and F good from March 25 through April 30.

Expanded facilities for producing quick-frozen foods are expected to bring total frozen vegetable production to more than 200 million pounds in 1943. The increase in output will be primarily for the armed forces. Approximately 30 per cent of the production increase, however, will be available to civilian consumers, and will give them a total of about 180 million pounds—about 20 per cent more than in 1942.

Collections of wast kitchen fats during January increased nearly 900,000 pounds over the preceding month, but fell short of the monthly quota of 16,667,000.

Oil Rationing— Oil rationed householders have been cautioned by OPA to preserve the identity stub of their heating ration as it will be required when next winter's rations are issued. The stub is the remaining part of the coupon sheet after all the individual coupons have been removed. Local boards will require the consumer to present the stub when the 1943-44 rations are distributed.

Stove Pipe Supply Limited— Stove pipe will be obtainable only in limited quantities next winter, according to the plumbing and heating division of the War Production Board.

Tire Certificates— Rationing certificates for tires and tubes may be used at any time convenient to the holder, according to a recent OPA order withdrawing the provision which limited the life of a certificate to 30 days.

"WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH CHRIST"

By REV. G. A. PAHL, JR.

Matthew 27:22 "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"

This was the pathetic query of Pontius Pilate as he faced the mob gathered outside the Judgment Hall. Pilate was well aware of the circumstances surrounding the whole procedure of bringing Jesus to him for judgment. He knew that—"for envy"—they brought Him. Their minds were already made up to do away with Him. It is true that Pilate had a short conference with Jesus in private, and after that conference he was more convinced than before that Jesus should be freed. But he lacked the moral fibre to disband the mob and hand down the "not guilty" verdict; so—he remembered a certain custom. At the time of the Passover Feast, it was customary to release one prisoner. So, Pilate brought out a murderer, and a leader of an insurrection, whose name was Barabas. Surely, he thought within himself, the mob will choose Jesus instead of Barabas, for release. Perhaps his scheme would have worked, had it not been for one little detail; the presence of a small but influential "pressure group" in that mob.

"But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabas and destroy Jesus." So—the mob promptly cried for Barabas' release; and when Pilate asked: "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"—they replied emphatically, "Crucify him!"

Blind hate and prejudice is often extremely emphatic and definite in its decisions; but in the end, it never solves any problems, it only aggravates them and creates larger ones. Pilate wanted to do the right thing, but because of indecision, he lost that opportunity. He regarded Jesus as a problem to get off his hands, instead of the SOLUTION of problems.

There are many people today who do not believe it practical to begin now in laying the groundwork for a "just and durable peace"; their cry is "win the war and then you can think about a 'just and durable peace.'" We did that in the last war, and we failed miserably. We must not, we CANNOT be foolish twice. One of our army chaplains in a southern camp placed this statement at the head of a little chapel paper: "If it's worth defending, it's worth attending." Indeed! And that goes "double" for us on the home front. Over fifty per cent of the American people do not attend church or make any confession of faith. It seems to me that if we ever expect to rid the world of war, and intrigue and hate and dreams of world empire by force, we will have to make up our minds now, while we are in the thick of this awful war, what we desire to do with Christ. Shall we demand the release of Barabas or Christ? If we accept Christ now, even in this blessed Lenten season of opportunity, we shall have taken a long step towards establishing a basis for a "just and durable peace." When the war is over and our boys return, what will they come back to? Will it be a nation of degenerates with no principles of decency and ethics and hope? Or—will it be a nation that has repented and has accepted Christ, not as a problem but as the solution for all our trouble.

The churches in this community, as well as in the nation, stand to serve you and help you gain a sense of direction and purpose, and a true sense of the joy of living. We cannot afford to be indifferent towards the future for our boys, and our God. What shall we do with Christ? Believe in Him, worship Him, and serve Him!

All-Out City-Wide Salvage Drive To Begin April 19

Movies On Rifle Instruction To Be Shown At Ranges

The Lake County Council of Defense, department of marksmanship, under the direction of Robert J. Spahr, Chairman, is making arrangements through the National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C., whereby they will be able to show movies pertaining to the instruction in rifle shooting as taught in their classes. These movies will be shown at the rifle ranges of the various divisions on the dates, which will be announced later in the News. The public is invited to attend these movies.

The Lake County Council of Defense, marksmanship department, through the various rifle club divisions are maintaining schools at Waukegan, Libertyville and Deerfield, which are open to the public. Each course of instruction is for a period of six weeks. The classes meet once a week, during this period.

The Marksmanship division of Civilian Defense announces that there are several openings in the Wednesday, April 7, and Thursday, April 8, classes.

Anyone interested in joining these classes may contact Robert Spahr at H. P. 882.

The only requirement for the enrollee, is that of citizenship. Both men and women are welcome. There is a charge made to the students of these classes. This charge is to cover the cost of ammunition and materials which are expended during the course of instruction. The students are furnished with all necessary equipment, including the rifles, shooting gloves and shooting coats. It is not necessary that they buy their own or have any equipment, whatsoever.

Application blanks for these classes can be secured from the following places: Lake County Council of Defense, Room 102, County building, Waukegan; Richard Manning, 201 Lincoln Avenue, Waukegan; Highland Park City Hall; Robert J. Spahr, 944 Ridgewood Drive, Highland Park, and James Flagg, 404 W. Austin Avenue, Libertyville.

The next class at Deerfield will start Thursday, April 1. The next classes at the Eagles Rifle Club, will start on Monday, April 5 and the next classes at the Libertyville Rifle Club will start on April 22, 1943, (tentative).

Grace C. Fearing To Succeed Mrs. Grace H. Beatty

The appointment of Mrs. Grace C. Fearing as director for the Young Women's Christian Association at the U.S.O. club located at 21 North Green Bay road, was announced today by Mrs. Ernest Johnson of Lake Forest, member of the national board of the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Fearing succeeds Mrs. Grace H. Beatty, who is joining her husband, a chaplain in the Army Air Force Technical Training command at Atlantic City, N. J.

A native of Chicago, Mrs. Fearing received her musical training at Northwestern University. She also studied at Stetson University in Florida, and the University of Chicago, where she received her B.A. degree in social service administration. She has been with the American Red Cross as executive secretary for the Orange and Volusia County chapters in Florida for five years. While there, she acted for the field director at Orlando Air Base and represented the Traveller's Aid.

"As a member agency of the U.S.O., the Y.W.C.A. is primarily concerned with the welfare of women and girls who have been affected by the war. Thus, wives and families of service men, and women in the armed forces, find a welcome place at the U.S.O. in their leisure moments. A home away from home—hospitality and a friendly atmosphere is the prevailing keynote of U.S.O. service which includes recreational, health and educational programs, informal parties, dances and other get-togethers. The U.S.O. program, of course, includes the all-out entertainment for service men who come to the city on leave," according to Mrs. Fearing.

The Young Men's Christian Association is the directing agency of the U.S.O. club on Green Bay road. Other member agencies cooperating in the U.S.O. are the National Catholic Community Service, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army and National Travellers Aid Association.

"We're still at war! We still need your salvage!" This is the keynote struck by Mrs. Walter Rubens, chairman of Highland Park's Conservation and Salvage committee, in speaking of the coming All-Out City-Wide Salvage drive scheduled for April 19-24. Now that plans have been completed for the coming drive, it is interesting to check the figures acquired since the last all-out campaign (Oct. 5-10).

Scrap iron—14,870 pounds.
Rubber—1,024 pounds.
Mixed metal—429 pounds.
Paper—355 pounds.
Rags—343 pounds.

which is a total of 17,021 pounds up to December 1, 1942. From that date to the first of March, 1943, approximately 10 tons of scrap metal and rubber were collected.

This winter showing is due almost entirely to the junior captains.

As during the fall drive, offers of cooperation are coming in from other organizations. Chief Air Raid Warden Harry Aiston published the salvage collection schedule in the air raid wardens' bulletin. This schedule is as follows:

Monday, Apr. 19—Vine Avenue and north to city limits, east of tracks.
Tuesday, Apr. 20—Vine Avenue to Beech Street, east of the tracks.

Wednesday, Apr. 21—Beech Street to County Line Road, east of the tracks.
Thursday, Apr. 22—Central Avenue to County Line Road, west of the tracks.

Friday, Apr. 23—Central Avenue, north to city limits, west of the tracks.
Saturday, Apr. 24—Clean up of uncollected material for all districts.

The Highland Park high school is assisting the Conservation committee by mimeographing the broadsides to be delivered to all housewives in the city as a reminder of the various salvage needs and methods of preparation of the articles. During the week of the drive, special attention is to be given to the fabrics and rope. Much of the sisal and hemp for rope making came from the Philippines. With our increasing navy is the increasing need of rope. No piece of manila rope is too small to salvage.

As to the fabrics, in checking salvage list; one may find old sheets, pillow cases, towels, cotton dresses, shirts, curtains, etc. Members ask that housewives go through their rag bags. All fabrics are to be clean and dry.

Now that Lend-Lease shipments are in the foreground of news these days, and since these shipments were voted extended for another year, it is well to understand that great quantities of corrugated boxes and paper, wrapping and craft paper are needed to prepare the materials for transportation. That is where much of the salvage will go.

Pooling all money received from salvage efforts, including two previous city-wide drives, junior captain efforts, Victory box collections and the tin can shipments, it is found that there is a net sum of approximately \$3,000.

CAR Will Observe 12th Anniversary April 4

The Blackhawk society, the North Shore chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, will hold a meeting Sunday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. James T. MacMurchy to celebrate its twelfth anniversary.

April 4, 1931, is the date when the society was organized and sponsored by the North Shore chapter of the D.A.R. Founders' day will be observed Sunday, as the national society of the C.A.R. was organized in Washington, D. C., April 5, 1895.

Helen Saret, president, will present new propositions to the members for consideration. The nominating committee, consisting of Nancy MacMurchy, Doris Timm and Jacquelyn Day, will be present to make up its slate of officers and suggest ideas for the coming year, which begins in May.

James Van Ornum, recording secretary, will review the year's activities and social events. Edward Peterson, as treasurer, will give a report of the contributions to war, patriotic and charitable organizations made this year by the Blackhawk society. The color bearer, Roger Strecker, will instruct the members on a revised flag code.

Following the short business meeting, moving pictures will be shown, after which all members, invited guests, fathers, mothers and grandparents will gather for refreshments planned by the hostess, Mrs. MacMurchy, and her two assistant hostesses, Mrs. George O. Strecker and Mrs. Garfield Day, senior president of the society.