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W. W. Steele Is Re-Elected Township Supervisor

Deerfield Township citizens from seventeen precincts, which include part of Lake Forest as well as Highland Park and Highwood, on Tuesday cast a vote of confidence for W. W. Steele when they reelected him to the office of Township Supervisor by some 600 votes over his political opponent, Clarence Witt, well-known Highland Park resident.

When the smoke of election campaigning cleared away and the votes were counted, the estimated number of ballots cast was 2,764, with 1,692 supporting Mr. Steele, and 1,072 supporting Mr. Witt.

According to Town Clerk Albert Larson, who says the figures are not official, this was an average vote.

W. W. "Bill" Steele will enter his third term as Supervisor and Poormaster of Deerfield Township. He was elected eight years ago on a citizen's petition and the election Tuesday shows he still has the support and confidence of these citizens behind him.

Emmett Moroney and William Witten, unopposed candidates for the offices of assistant supervisor, retain their offices.

Committee For Consumer Information To Have Dress Forum

The first gun to be fired in Highland Park in the campaign against the scarcity of supplies which has brought on national rationing will be the Dress Forum which will be held April 14 at 8 p. m. in the Y.W.C.A. auditorium.

A speaker from the Chicago metropolitan area OCD will talk on "What to Buy and How to Care for It." This timely discussion is to be held under the joint auspices of the Pi Deltas, the Business and Professional Women's Club of the Y.W.C.A. and the Committee for Consumer Information and Education of the Highland Park O. C. D.

They hope for a large attendance of the general public at this as well as the other meetings to be held all through the year for the benefit of the consumer.

Piano Recital On April 14 By Carver-Heath Pupils

Miss Pricilla Carver and Mrs. Elizabeth McCrystle Heath will give a two piano recital in the Guild hall of Trinity church on Wednesday afternoon, April 14, at 2:45 o'clock.

Miss Carver and Mrs. Heath have been giving a series of recitals in Lake Forest all winter. Following the musical tea will be served, Mrs. Whitt Schultze, having charge of the tea table.

Tickets may be procured from any of the following committee members: Mrs. Ralph Archer, Mrs. Claburn Jones, Mrs. George O. Strecker, Mrs. David T. Sanders, Mrs. Nathan Corwith Jr., Mrs. Harry Earhart, Mrs. William Winters, Mrs. J. Mills Easton, Mrs. George Bickler, Mrs. W. H. Blessing, Mrs. Konrad Schrier, or by calling the church office, phone H.P. 985.

Men's Fellowship Club Will Hear Great Lakes Officer

Lieut. P. D. Hinkle, U.S.N., stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training station, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Men's Fellowship club of the Highland Park Presbyterian church Thursday evening, April 8, at 6:45 o'clock.

Lieut. Hinkle, former athletic director and football coach at Butler university, coached the Great Lakes football team last fall, as well as their basketball team.

The program will include football movies of the Great Lakes team, in addition to Lieut. Hinkle's talk.

This will be the club's last meeting of the year. There will be the annual report of the treasurer, Stanley Clague, and the election of officers for 1943 and 1944.

It was originally planned to hold four dinners this year, but due to the difficulties in securing top speakers, the board of directors has decided to limit the season to three dinners.

State Legislature Introduces Bills Regarding Taxes

As an aftermath of the December town meeting jointly sponsored by the Highland Park League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce, at which Arthur Kaiser discussed the tax modernization program for Illinois, it is noted that five bills to modernize the tax structure were introduced in the state legislature by Mrs. Bernice Van der Vries on March 3. The bills were initiated by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and have been since endorsed by the Illinois League of Women Voters.

In the April issue of the "Illinois Voter," the monthly publication of the Illinois League, Mrs. Mark Law of Highland Park, made a detailed explanation of the five bills—H.B. 228, 229, 230, 231 and 232. Here are a few of Mrs. Law's answers to questions regarding the bills:

Q. How does H.B. 228 on Budgets 'strengthen' the present budget law?

A. It requires all governmental bodies to make a budget. It requires the budget to show not only the proposed expenditures for the current year, but to set forth in parallel columns expenditures for the two previous years. (Taxpayers can then make comparisons as to whether expenditures are reduced or increased and for what items.)

Q. How can the proposed new law be enforced?

A. It provides that no expenditures shall be incurred unless provided for in the budget. Any taxpayer may enjoin any expenditure by a municipality which fails to adopt a budget.

Q. Do park districts, forest preserves, all cities and villages come under the new law?

A. House Bills 230, 231, 232 provide for it, except those in Cook County which have their own laws.

Q. Regarding House Bill 229 on auditing and accounting, are not elected officials responsible to the people and is not the requirement of an independent audit expensive?

A. All responsible elected officials who spend more than \$10,000 a year should welcome a complete audit of the funds for which they are responsible. The cost of audits is in proportion to the amount of money involved. It is a necessary and cheap way to safeguard public funds. H.B. 229 provides for an annual audit if the sum is over \$20,000 and biennial if the expenditures are between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Many of the 15,202 taxing units in Illinois spend less than \$10,000 a year and do not come under the act at all.

Q. Why will the procedure under the new law make audits more intelligible to the voter?

A. The bill provides for a minimum standard audit program, which will be uniform for each class of municipalities. It is provided that a committee of fifteen members selected by the Governor, and consisting of representatives of counties, cities and villages, townships, school districts, sanitary districts, park districts, independent accountants, attorneys, and representatives of the public at large shall formulate a standard classification of accounts for each class of municipality, as a guide for the accountant.

When the accounts are uniform, taxpayers will be able to make comparisons of costs between different bodies, as well as to determine costs of specific items. (In making Know Your Town, Know Your County, etc. surveys, the League of Women Voters has found that it is nearly impossible to determine what expenditures are and to make comparisons between expenditures for similar services performed by governing bodies of like size.)

Report Articles Missing From Local USO Club

It was reported by Arthur S. Ride-nour, director of the Highland Park U.S.O., that several articles were stolen from the club Sunday night between the hours of 7 and 11 o'clock.

Missing were a fur jacket belonging to Mrs. L. Schenemann of Wilmetta; a black hat belonging to Helen Szolkoski, 621 Vine avenue, and a wallet of Mrs. William Sanders, containing \$15. All the articles were in the women's cloak room.

OUR AIMS

Since the Highland Park Press changed ownership last Fall, we also feel we have changed the policy of a paper supported and paid for by the residents of this vicinity.

It has been our policy to give reading as well as advertising space to all local civic organizations, all churches, regardless of creed, all clubs and other locally sponsored groups. We have affiliated ourselves with none of these organizations, but have strived to mirror the work of these groups regardless of any personal feelings on the part of our staff.

We invite all groups to submit publicity, as well as comments from our readers. We invite criticism, for with such only does a suburban paper grow.

The Press which has been published for the past thirty-three years, has always been sponsored by a Highland Park resident, and no matter what sponsorship has been behind your paper, our aim has always been to be of service to you, our neighbors.

Olson and Johnson Win in Park Board Election Tuesday

On Tuesday two of the four elections were decided when citizens went to the polls to vote for two commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park, and the Township election.

Arthur W. Olson received 875 votes and J. Sigurd Johnson 619 electing them commissioners of the Park District. The third candidate, George A. Piper, received 405 votes. The total number of ballots cast in this election was 1899 and will become an official figure when a canvas has been made by the Board of Commissioners.

This return is a little above the average votes cast, as two years ago at the Park District election the votes totalled 1295. The largest vote ever cast was in 1933 when 2,223 ballots were cast.

Clifford Moran Leaves for Duty With the Navy

Clifford R. Moran, plumbing and heating contractor who was sworn into the navy last Wednesday, left on Sunday as a warrant officer for officers' training at Williamsburg, Va.

Moran has left his business in the hands of his employees while he is serving in the armed forces.

He and his wife, the former Gertrude Witten, have three children. The oldest, William, is serving with the navy stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco. He is a machinist's mate, third class.

Moran will leave besides his wife, another son, Robert, who is a sophomore at Highland Park high school, and Jerry, 7, who will remain at the family home on Detamble avenue.

Write-In Candidate, C. F. Lundquist, To Run for Mayor

At the April 5 meeting of the Highland Park City Council, the petition signed by 436 citizens requesting that the name of C. F. Lundquist be placed on the ballot as candidate for mayor of Highland Park at the city election on April 20 was ignored, although it had been filed on March 29. After the council adjourned, attention was called to the petition and the council reconvened and then voted to deny the petition.

In answer to this action, Mr. Lundquist has issued the following statement to 436 petition signers:

April 6, 1943
This is to personally thank you for your indication of support which you have given me by signing the petition requesting the City Council to place my name upon the ballot for Mayor of the City of Highland Park in the election to be held April 20.

It is with deep regret that I inform you that the City Council has not seen fit to acquiesce to the wishes of their fellow townsmen who signed the petition.

Last evening, at the Council meeting, they flatly refused to place my name upon the ballot, even though over 400 of our local citizens made a personal request by petition.

No doubt the story as to why my name was not put up originally prior to the Primaries has already been told you. However, let us review the circumstances. Prior to the Primaries there were three or four good substantial citizens who were circulating petition for Mayor. Any one of these men would have made a good representative. However, as the closing time drew near for the filing of petitions, a certain few placed pressure upon some of the men and their petitions were withdrawn, leaving the hand-picked candidate of a few of our leading citizens as an unopposed candidate for Mayor. Then, when it became known that there was a possibility of competition through write-in in my name, or those of others in the Primary, the Primary was called, thus denying you and others the right to express your opinions through the use of the ballot. The law specifically provides that the opportunity to write-in a name shall be provided at both the Primary and general Municipal elections.

Inasmuch as the City Council has seen fit to refuse this petition, our Campaign must now be based upon a write-in program.

In following through with a program such as this, you can be assured that no one individual group will have control of our City. I have no obligations. I have made no promises. My only thought in mind is to see that the majority of the local citizens get proper representation within their City Government.

I again want to thank you for your indication of support and trust that you and the others who signed the petition will now go to work and let the voice of the people be heard.

Yours very sincerely,
Clayton F. Lundquist

Lenten Meditation

By REV. F. S. ROBINSON

The Son of Man hath no where to lay his head.—Matthew 8:20.

Why do we have Lent, and who brought it to our country? Why do we observe it? Is our country—our lives—or our homes better because we have this Lenten season, or is it a time that seems better because we send Easter cards and buy rabbits and Easter eggs.

We think more of the Lenten season than we do of the Christ who, by His life, death and resurrection, brought to us the hope of living with Him beyond the grave.

We are at war, and if in these days men will not turn to God and the scripture for comfort and peace—where else can we go.

In the days when Jesus was here upon earth, many left following Him and turned away—then Peter said, "To whom shall we go for Christ has the words of Eternal life. St. John 6:68.

Without Christ there would be no Lent, no Good Friday and no Easter. May we look at the man who had great authority, the influence His life lifted men, the sound of His voice cheered men and the sacrifice of His life saved men.

Jesus was the poorest man that ever walked the dirt roads of earth. Born in poverty, reared in obscurity, a stable was His birthplace, a manger was His cradle. For twenty years He worked as a carpenter in a poverty stricken and despised village, which bore the scorn of men. He had no income, and no vocation, but to love God and bless men.

As far as we know, He never possessed the value of a dollar. How pathetic His words, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath no where to lay His head. He had no certain dwelling place.

When invited He entered men's homes for dinner, when unasked He went hungry. He sought breakfast from a leafy fig tree but found none. He ate grain from His hand, as He walked through the fields of corn. He walked on over the hills of Judea and by the waters of fair Galilee enriching men, Himself the poorest of all.

He slept often under the open sky in the wilderness without food, by Jacob's well without water, in the crowded city without a home—thus he lived and loved, toiled and died.

On the cross He bequeathed His mother to the beloved John. He gave His peace to His disciples, His pardon to the thief, His life for the world, His body to the cross and His spirit to God.

We have Lent because He lived, and Eternal Life because He died. During this season may we lay aside every sin, every selfish thought and deed, following the example of Christ. May our thoughts be high and our conversation one of praise. May the world be better because we have lived in it.

Greed is the canker that eats the soul. Be liberal, make some one happy—by living a true Christian—that is the spirit of Lent.

Second War Loan Drive Will Open Monday April 12

Why We Need A Municipal Recreation System

By MRS. FRANK PEERS

Some people in fairly prosperous suburban communities like Highland Park ask this question "Why do we need a recreational system in our community?" "Our children are well-cared-for, happy, wholesome, good; our children have plenty of activity."

Stop and think a moment. Is it necessarily true that your community doesn't need a recreational system because your own children, or your friends children have ample recreation opportunities or that you think they have?

If the future is important, all our children must be considered, for the future consists of all the children and young people, not only the ones who are lucky enough to have homes able to provide them with many of their recreational needs. School, recreation, social life, club life, work—these wholesome avenues of activity apply to all the children.

Available to All
Just as educational opportunities must be open to all, so recreation facilities must be available to all, if we are to be a genuinely democratic, vigorous and free people.

Who are the potential delinquents of a community—the trouble makers of the future? They are the boys and girls who get "pushed around"—whom nobody wants. If a child has a feeling he is unwanted in home, school, or community he has to escape from that feeling and the form of his escape is usually turning against an unfriendly world.

First of all, we must realize that children are being affected by the general uncertainty of the time. It is a time of tension, excitement and insecurity for adults, a time when the most mature have moods of desperation. It is no wonder then that children need even more than in normal times wholesome outlets, and wise leadership for their energies. In England when they found the war had brought a tremendous increase in juvenile delinquency, their first act was the greatly increased amount of club and recreational work for all the children.

Need Fun and Play
All our children need play and fun. They need games, activities, dances, athletics, dramatics, clubs, excursions, projects. With boys and girls there is a constant need for exploring, adventuring. They must be kept busy. As a matter of fact there is a definite relation between the number of school days and the amount of juvenile delinquency. Unnecessary things can be postponed or stopped for the duration, but the inner necessity of young people for activity must continue to find desirable outlets here and now.

Restlessness among young people is due to the current uncertainties, the fact that their older brothers and sisters are in the army or holding well-paid jobs. There is more money in circulation, and less to spend it for; more mothers are taking jobs, which leave homes unsupervised and add to the feeling of insecurity. Many families have had to move to new communities.

More and more children are driven back upon their own inexperience to adjust themselves, have a good time, get what they want. Here is where leadership can help them. In spare time they can earn more money than they ever had, but what are they to do with it? Plenty of people are at hand to exploit their inexperience; all too few to help them to a constructive use of themselves and their resources.

Supply Recreation
We must recognize that these needs of children are legitimate and must find legitimate outlets. We must substitute positive for negative attitudes. Closing "dives" or roadhouses will not help one bit if we do not supply suitable recreational opportunities for the adolescent. "Chasing kids off the street" is no good unless they have somewhere else to go where they can have fun. And having fun is important. The place they go must have adequate leadership so that they can be attractive and gay and full of fun for children and young people.

We are proud to post service stars in our city flags for the boys who are in the armed forces. Each boy who plays marbles or ball on the streets today has just as much claim on our affections, efforts, and pride—for he is the citizen of tomorrow, for whom the war is being fought. What can we do for him?

With the appointment of J. M. Appel of the First National bank of Highland Park as honorary chairman of the Highland Park War Finance committee and George H. Hartman as general chairman of the Second War Loan, plans are now under way for



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the drive starting Monday, April 12. The members of the committee will be selected immediately so as to have everything in readiness for the opening of the drive next Monday.

A letter will be sent to all Highland Parkers telling about the need for putting over the Second War Loan and at the same time urging them to make their purchases of bonds at the First National Bank of Highland Park.

However, in the event they wish to make their investments elsewhere, it is urged that all Highland Parkers use their Highland Park address.

The Second War Loan, unlike the first held in December, includes all forms of war bonds including the regular series "E" issue. Full details will be given in this letter, which citizens will receive the first part of next week.

The need is urgent. Thirteen billion dollars must be raised to make it possible to win this war.

The facilities of the First National bank of Highland Park are made available to answer any questions relative to the Second War Loan drive. See opposite page for announcement.

School Children Donate \$1,000 To Red Cross Drive

The school children of Highland Park took the spotlight in the closing week of the Red Cross War Fund drive. According to E. A. Menke, co-chairman, total contributions of the Junior Red Cross, headed by Miss Lulu Lasswell and assisted by Dr. Harold Spears, principal of Highland Park high school, Jack Price superintendent of district 107, and Clark Wright, superintendent of district 108, will pass the \$1,000 mark when all returns are in. Local headquarters wish to publically acknowledge the cooperation and help given to the Red Cross by all of the teachers.

Results to date show total collections amounting to \$26,000. About one-half of this amount was raised by the woman's special gifts committee and likewise, the house-to-house and related campaigns netted approximately the same amount. The 800 names covered by the woman's special gifts committee netted \$11,113 last year, and the house-to-house and related campaigns last year totalled \$4,183. The big improvement this year in the house-to-house campaign which collected more than three times the amount of last year can be attributed to fine organization.

The campaign will continue until all returns are in. It is hoped that the whole sum collected will exceed \$30,000.

GOVERNOR SETS APRIL 15 AS ILLINOIS BIRD DAY

Governor Dwight H. Green has proclaimed Friday, April 16, as Arbor Day and Friday, October 15, as Bird Day for Illinois.

"The landscapes of Illinois would be lorn and desolate without trees, and our parks and woodlands would be lonely places without birds," the Governor's proclamation said. "Both birds and trees are so highly important that we do well to take special thought for them."