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Office Appointments Made Monday By City Council

At the meeting of the city council on Monday evening, appointments were made by Mayor J. B. Garnett and Commissioners Leo J. Sheridan, Lyle Gourley, Edward Moroney and Arthur Swanson. Little change was made.

City Clerk Musser, who has served the city in that office since 1927, was reappointed.

Another reappointment was that of Chief of Police Martin E. Kopp, who has been a member of the police force for twenty years.

Other appointments all covering persons serving under ex-Mayor Frank J. Roman, include: Charles T. Grant, city treasurer; Doctors W. L. Winters, Grover Q. Grady and Morely McNeal who are retained as health commissioners; George B. Prindle reappointed superintendent of the water plant; Fred Botker, superintendent of the sewers and water mains; E. C. Hoskins renamed chief fire marshal; and Sidney D. Morris, building inspector.

Important posts remaining unfilled are that of street superintendent, city engineer, and corporation counsel.

Corporation Counsel Philip McKenna offered his resignation at the council meeting, but no action has as yet been taken towards his reappointment or appointment to fill this vacancy. Paul Behanna, a very fine and highly respected attorney who is well known here and in Waukegan, is under consideration.

Commissioner Swanson will announce the appointment of city engineer, formerly held by Philip Cole, and superintendent of streets, a post held for years by Alex Rafferty, at the next council meeting.

Tickets On Sale For Bluejackets Dessert Bridge On Tuesday

The Bundles for Bluejackets dessert bridge will be given at Exmoor Tuesday, May 18, at 1:15 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling Mrs. Malcolm Vail, Mrs. Howell Murray or Mrs. Edward Weil.

Among those entertaining at the party will be Mrs. Everette L. Millard, who will have as her guests Mrs. John Downes and Mrs. E. A. Lofquist. Mrs. Millard is general chairman of the benefit bridge and Mrs. George Childs is her co-chairman. Mrs. George Mason will have as her guests Mrs. John Cohane, regional chairman of the Chicago Bundles for Bluejackets and Bundles for America, and Miss Lucy Martin.

Mrs. Ralph Bard Jr., who is in charge of prizes, reports that the prizes have been donated by merchants. Among the numerous prizes will be cosmetics, toiletries, baskets of groceries (non-rationed foods) leather hand bag, stationery, hats, slippers, sweater yarn, jewelry, trays, cookie jar, vases, liquor, cocktail shaker, bath mats, towels, wall shelf, table lamp, hurricane lamp, dressing table set, glassware, cookbook for wartime menus, beauty parlor certificates, photography certificates, merchandise certificates, pictures, and for the garden flowers, plants and fertilizer. Among the special prizes will be a war bond.

Others working on the committee are Mrs. Raymond Herman, arrangements and Mrs. Philip Johnson tickets and publicity. There are thirty women assisting with the ticket selling.

The funds raised from this party will be used to supply wool for the many Highland Park knitters and to cover other obligations of the Bluejacket organization. Mrs. Thomas Creigh, chairman of the Highland Park Bluejackets, recently reported that her committee had collected funds for 1224 Comfort Kits, about 300 Christmas stockings, and had turned in to the Chicago office 675 knitted garments.

Players are asked to bring their own playing cards for their own table and if players wish to leave their cards they will be given to the Bluejackets at Great Lakes.

Officers Elected By Thrift Shop Board

Thrift shop board held its annual meeting Monday at the home of the new president, Mrs. Charles Jones. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Roswell Swazy, vice president; Mrs. Bernard Newman, secretary; Mrs. William T. Jones, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Jay Glidden, treasurer.

Ravinia Park Festival Plans Summer Concert

With the announcement of the conductors who have been engaged for the Ravinia festival, active plans for the seven-week season which begins June 29 at the North Shore park got under way this week.

Percy B. Eckhart, chairman of the Ravinia Festival association, announced that Desire Defauw, newly appointed conductor of the Chicago Symphony orchestra, and until the war foremost musician in his native Belgium, will open the festival, conducting for the first week. Howard Barlow, noted American conductor, will occupy the podium for the second week. He will have as his soloist twice that week, Margery Lawrence, the Metropolitan opera soprano who last winter staged an operatic come-back after a two-year illness.

Pierre Monteux, most famous of contemporary French conductors, who scored signal success at Ravinia two previous seasons, will take over the baton for the third week of the festival. As yet no soloists have been engaged for that week, nor for the fourth week when Efram Kurtz, Russian-born conductor, will conduct, but it is expected that engagements will be made. George Szell, the distinguished European conductor, returns to Ravinia for the third season and will conduct the fifth and sixth weeks. His soloist twice each week will be

Arthur Rubinstein, front-ranking pianist.

The Budapest String quartet, whose chamber music has been an outstanding attraction of the festival for the past two years, will be back at Ravinia this year for the seventh and concluding week.

Mrs. Ernst C. von Ammon of 568 Elm street, Winnetka, general chairman of the Ravinia festival coupon book sales committee, announced at the same time that she will give a tea at her home Monday afternoon, May 17, to open the annual campaign to sell coupon books.

The tea will be for the community chairmen who will take responsibility for advance sales of the festival coupon books and will replace the annual luncheon at the Casino club. The luncheon has been abandoned because of the war and its accompanying rationing and transportation problems.

Final plans for selling the coupon books in all of the North Shore towns and Chicago will be made at the tea. Actual sales will begin June 1.

Chairmen for the North Shore towns this year will be: Mrs. Alexander F. Beaubien, Waukegan; Miss Juliette Brown, Lake Bluff; Mrs. M. Dutton Morehouse, Lake Forest; Mrs. L. F. McClure, Highland Park; Mrs. Dwight C. Orcutt, Glenocoe; Mrs. H. C. Kimbrough, Winnetka; Mrs. T. Weller Kimball, Kenilworth; Miss Frances Scheidhelm, Wilmette; Mrs. Arthur H. Boettcher, Evanston; Miss Alice Barler, Chicago; Mrs. Gustavus Babson, Jr., Oak Park; Mrs. William H. Wieboldt, River Forest.

Coupons are transferable and can be used for admission to any of the concerts or a reserved seat, as well as for the seventh week of chamber music, when they will call for an unreserved seat in the pavilion.

Poppy Day To Be Observed Here Monday, May 24

America's dead of two wars will be honored Monday, May 24, when millions of Americans will wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance and tribute.

Here, as in other cities throughout the country, women of the American Legion auxiliary will be on the streets at an early hour with baskets of poppies. A large corps of volunteer workers has been organized by Mrs. William Salyards Jr. and Mrs. Roland Stanley, poppy chairmen, to distribute poppies to everyone in Highland Park and Highwood.

The poppies have been made by disabled war veterans at a Veteran's hospital who have been working at their beds and in the hospital work room during the winter and spring. This occupation has helped them pass the long hospital days, has enabled them to earn money and has been valuable in promoting recovery.

While distributing the memorial flowers, the auxiliary women will re-

WAACs Will Observe First Anniversary On Sunday

Members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin will observe their first anniversary Sunday, May 16, Major General H. S. Aarand, Commanding General, Sixth Service Command, has announced.

Having been organized for one year to serve with the Army of the United States, the WAAC has enrolled and offered training to over 55,000 American women thereby releasing men at over 50 posts for more active service.

A contingent of WAACs has taken over clerical jobs, communications, and motor transport duties with Allied Headquarters, North Africa, and WAACs are on duty at all Service Command Headquarters in the United States with recruiting personnel assigned to Army recruiting offices.

Public Law No. 554, authorizing the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, was enacted by Congress on May 14, 1942. July 20 the First WAAC Training Center was opened at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. The second at Daytona Beach, Fla., was activated Oct. 24. On Oct. 26, the President approved the Pay Bill Amendment equalizing the rate of pay with that of the Army. A Radio Specialist School to train WAAC radio operators and mechanics as personnel for Army Air Forces Headquarters was opened in Kansas City, Missouri. In November President Roosevelt authorized expansion of the Corps to 150,000.

In December the Army Air Forces requested the services of members of the WAAC in more than 25 highly technical jobs. Training of photographic laboratory technicians at Lowry Field, Colorado, began in January.

A third WAAC Training Center opened on February 1st at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Seven Administrative Specialist Schools opened in February and March at Nacogdoches, Denton, Commerce, and Alpine in Texas; at Russellville and Conway in Arkansas; and at Richmond, Kentucky. Opening of the Fourth WAAC Training Center at Fort Devens, Massachusetts was announced on February 18. The Fifth WAAC Training Center, announced March 3, includes sections at Ruston and Camp Polk in Louisiana and Monticello, Arkansas.

Homecoming Day At Arden Shore On Sunday, May 16

The annual homecoming day celebration at Arden Shore has been remodelled to fit the pattern of the times. Instead of the customary all-day festivities (morning athletic, mid-day festivities (morning athletics, mid-members, and supper for the boys) there will be, this spring, only a reunion picnic at camp for the old boys.

The date is the same as always, the third Sunday in May, which this year falls on the 16th, and the plan is to have the alumnae bring their own lunch boxes, with dessert provided for them at camp. There will be no formal program and no speaker, but board members and other friends of Arden Shore will be made welcome if they want to drop in that afternoon.

Summer camp for mothers and children will open as usual the end of June, and the annual board picnic is scheduled as always for mid-July.

Miss Anna Belle Ferrier is executive head of Arden Shore camp; Mrs. Robert B. Gregory, honorary president of the board; Mrs. Proch H. Jaklon, president; Mrs. M. Ralph Cleary and Mrs. W. J. B. Janisch, village chairmen respectively for Highland Park and Ravinia. Other Highland Park women serving on the board include: Mrs. H. S. Vandenberg, Mrs. George A. Mason, and Mrs. Louis Leverone, with Mrs. Harry A. Selley of Ravinia in the group of honorary members.

ceive contributions for the Legion and auxiliary rehabilitation and welfare funds. All of the money contributed will go into these funds, the auxiliary workers serving without pay. Poppy contributions form an important part of the funds which support the vast humanitarian efforts of the Legion and auxiliary for the disabled veterans, and children of the dead and disabled of both wars.

More than 13,000,000 poppies were distributed by the auxiliary last year and the number worn May 24 is expected to be substantially larger. The local auxiliary unit is prepared to supply a poppy to everyone in the city.

Clark G. Wright to Retire As District 108 Superintendent

Announcement has recently been made of the coming retirement of Clark G. Wright from active educational service in this community.

For twenty-nine years Mr. Wright has superintended the elementary schools of District 108, including Lincoln, Ravinia, Braeside and West Ridge Schools. He has now tendered his resignation because of ill health.

The community is receiving this news with considerable concern, realizing how difficult it will be to find a successor to carry on the high standard set by Mr. Wright in his progressive projects.

Parents, teachers and children appreciate as never before what a privilege it has been to work with a man who has always retained a clear sense of values through all the shifting theories of modern education. For example, Mr. Wright has never failed to put human considerations above mere efficiency. This writer, who at one time attended school in Berlin, believes that the "efficiency-first" idea adopted there was one of the chief flaws in German education—one of the flaws which led to Nazi-ism. It seems important, therefore, that we in America should not be swept off our feet by any such ideology. Only under leaders like Mr. Wright, who have sympathetic understanding of people, can our school system expect to remain warmly human and proudly American.

Members of the community will be glad to know that the Wrights plan to make their home in Rockton, Illinois, a place within easy driving distance of Highland Park. There, in the quiet of a small town, it is hoped Mr. Wright will soon regain his health. Already he has remodeled an attractive old house and is landscaping the yard with the same good taste he has always expressed in beautifying our school grounds.

When gasoline rationing becomes less strict, friends and neighbors will find it a joy to drop in at the Wrights home in Rockton where the hospitable Mrs. Wright as well as her husband will bid them welcome.

Masonic Service Center To Present 'Friend's Singers'

On Saturday evening, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. the Masonic Service Center in the Masonic Temple at 19 N. Sheridan road will sponsor a musical program featuring Mrs. Esther Friend Arnold and her group of singers of Waukegan.

This is the second appearance of the group under the direction of Mrs. Arnold at the service center. Their return engagement is by popular request.

The group which is called "Friend's Singers" have appeared at the Salvation Army USO unit in Highwood, and at units in Waukegan. At all appearances Mr. Arnold has been enthusiastically received by men in uniform.

Refreshments and decorations in charge of Mrs. Schwarm, assisted by members of the Campbell Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, will add to the evening's entertainment. There will be dancing following the musical program to Don Heintz's orchestra. All service men are invited to attend.

Community Center Activities

C. Schaff Wins Table Tennis Tournament
Community Center's Table Tennis tournament for older boys was won by C. Schaff. B. Keats played Schaff for the championship. In the semifinals Jim Moon lost to Keats and H. Krueger lost to Schaff.

Summer Program Committee Making Plans
Community Center will again run a six weeks series of hobby clubs and classes for boys and girls. The committee in charge of planning the various activities to be offered is Mrs. Mrs. Harold Rosenheim, chairman, Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Egan, Miss Laura Cross, and Mrs. David Levinson. Watch this paper for more news about this program.

Spring Art and Crafts Clubs Hold Last Session Saturday
On this Saturday the Art & Crafts club which have been meeting since February 6 will have their final meeting for the spring session. For the past 15 weeks thirty-two boys and girls have been having much fun with painting and drawing under Miss Ella Rasmussen's leadership; and 42 boys and girls have been busy in Community Center's Rotary-sponsored craft shop under Miss Rose Opitz's leadership. These classes will continue with another session during the Summer term.

Highland Park Will Have Mock Air Raid On Sunday

High School to Present 'Arsenic and Old Lace' Saturday Night

Being presented this Saturday evening, May 15, at 8:15, in the Highland Park high school auditorium, "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a mystery farce of unusual interest to both adults and young people alike. The cast and crews, composed entirely of high school students, are in the final rehearsals, and are looking toward a successful production.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a new comedy by Joseph Kesselring and concerns the two mild and mannered Brewster sisters, whose rather sinister hobby is putting unhappy men out of their misery. The method is a trusty bottle of elderberry wine, which they quite innocently serve to their unsuspecting victims. They get competition from their brother Jonathan, recently escaped from an asylum, but are victorious by a score of 13 corpses to 12. Despite the brutal game, the play is exceedingly hilarious, and the critics have proclaimed it the funniest comedy within memory.

The farce is in its third record-breaking year on Broadway, it is receiving a warm ovation in London and South America, and a motion picture is completed and will be released this fall. The local performance will be one of the few non-professional productions, and the crews have worked for perfection. The two story set was constructed by a group of vocational boys, and the properties and furnishings, very Victorian and very difficult to obtain, were generously loaned by several Highland Parkers. The peaceful domain of the slightly mad Brewster covey, has been constructed, with the eccentricities of the period and the inhabitants well in mind. Costumes are gathered, and the electricians have been arranged and adjusted their light set-ups. The entire cast and crews are working hard for a performance that you will enjoy, and they hope for a capacity audience.

Tickets are obtainable at the box-office at the high school auditorium, every day before and after school, and at the special booth on Central Avenue, next to Fell's clothing store, on this coming Saturday. There are plenty of seats for all.

The cast of "Arsenic and Old Lace" is as follows; Barbara Mills and Joan Wallach as the two Brewster sisters, Fritz Meyer as Jonathan, Wendell Stewart and Sue Newman as the young couple, and Delver Dever, Tom Lederer, Earl Klemp, Bruce Robinson, Bob Meyer, Harold Schimmelfeng, David Sloan, Bob Klemp, and Dick Kebborn.

Total of \$2,829.50 In War Bonds Sold By Women In Booths

During the month of April the amount of war savings stamps and bonds sold by the women and girls at the booths in Woolworth's, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea store and Sears, Roebuck totaled \$2,829.50.

Any woman who wishes to offer her services may call H.P. 646.

Women who have served in the booths during the week of May 10 to May 15 are: Mrs. Sumner Sprague, Mrs. J. Dickinson, Mrs. Arthur Swanson, Mrs. Grover Grady, Mrs. K. Wonnell, Mrs. L. B. Sinclair, Mrs. G. W. McSweeney, Mrs. H. W. Schimmelfeng, Mrs. C. Downes, Mrs. Leslie Brand, Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, Mrs. F. P. Biggs, Mrs. George Bliss, Mrs. R. B. Baughman, Mrs. William Burgess, Mrs. C. F. Baker, Mrs. R. F. Black, Mrs. E. P. Engelbrecht, Mrs. H. Abercromby, Mrs. Whitt Schultz, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. G. N. Nelson, Mrs. D. E. Rossiter, Mrs. J. M. Mannings, Mrs. F. V. Nelson and Mrs. George Neel.

BIRTHS AT THE HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. John Ori, 648 Deerfield avenue, twins, a boy and a girl, May 7.
Mr. and Mrs. Arne Makela, 220 Evolution avenue, Highwood, girl, May 7.
Mr. and Mrs. William Hayward, 225 Sheridan avenue, Highwood, boy, May 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Inman, 615 Deerfield avenue, boy, May 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olson, 961 Central avenue, Deerfield, boy, May 10.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Werhane, 603 Onswentzia avenue, boy, May 11.
Mr. and Mrs. George Faselich, 542 Railway avenue, Highwood, boy, May 12.

Sunday, May 16, is to be a red letter day on the calendar of the Protective Services of the Highland Park Civilian Defense organization. During the afternoon a mock air raid will be staged in the vicinity of the Community center to give the Civilian Defense Protective Service personnel a preliminary training try-out of practice incidents. The public is invited to attend and watch the demonstration. The auxiliary police under Chief Martin Kopp and Harry Eichler will go on duty at 2 p.m. They will be on hand to show spectators where to stand when the performance begins at 2:55 with Mr. "X" (George Scheuchelpflug) broadcasting proceedings over a loudspeaker.

At 3 p.m. harmless bombs will fall on the Community center from planes flying overhead. Immediately the Civilian Defense workers in the protective services will go into action. Chief Edward Hoskins of the fire department will be on hand to superintend the activities of his men and the auxiliary firemen in putting out fires started by incendiary bombs. Harry Aiston and his air raid wardens will assemble to rescue persons trapped in the building, and give first aid to the injured.

By a quarter after three the decontamination and bomb squads under Philip Cole will arrive to carry out their duties, and the public utility squads under Edward Menke will appear shortly thereafter to repair damages to gas mains and to the electric wiring in front of the U.S.O. There will be Red Cross ambulances to carry away the injured, and as a climax to the program the fire department will use their net to catch a victim trapped in the Community center.

Sunday, May 16, is "I Am An American" day.

USO-Salvation Army Unit Calls For More Available Rooms

Last year the USO-Salvation Army unit, 346 Waukegan Ave., Highwood, made an appeal to the householders of Highwood and Highland Park to open their homes to relatives of service men stationed at Ft. Sheridan. The need for rooms was generously met at that time, enabling the unit to place an average of around 350 each month—for which cooperation they are sincerely grateful.

Lately there has been such a large influx of wives and families of servicemen that housing facilities have been severely overtaxed.

In order to fulfill the service demanded of the unit they need your additional help. Requests daily for all kinds of housing, with or without kitchen privileges, as well as apartments for both officers and enlisted men, are received.

A number of householders have helped out splendidly by listing their rooms for week-end guests. With the coming of warmer weather there has been a great increase in requests for rooms by relatives who can only for the week end, and must be back at work on Monday morning.

If you have a spare room, one that can be fixed up for occupancy, or one that can be made available for week-ends, you can offer a real service to the personnel at Fort Sheridan by calling H. P. 1810, the USO Club operated by the Salvation Army in Highwood with Maj. Ira Fitzpatrick as director.

State Park To Be Located Five Miles North of Waukegan

The state of Illinois has just purchased 450 acres of land five miles north of Waukegan, in Lake County, for a new state park. The tract has a Lake Michigan shore line of a mile and a half long, and contains fine stands of oak and white pine.

Governor Dwight H. Green, in announcing the purchase, disclosed that the U. S. Army has been given permission to construct a soldiers' training camp on the parksite. The public will also be allowed to use the park in the near future.

The new park is the first state-owned recreational area bordering Lake Michigan, and will afford vacation facilities to a populous region including most of Chicago and the Fox River cities. Illinois now has about 20,000 acres in its park system.

NOTICE TO HIGHWOOD AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

Chief of Police John DeSmidt announces that beginning Monday, May 17, tickets will be issued to all car owners of Highwood not displaying their 1943 vehicle stickers.