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## Pro And Con Of School District Consolidation

This is the second in a series of articles on "Consolidation" which will run for about six issues. Questions should be sent promptly to any of the following members of the council:

Braeside School, Hamilton Winton; Elm Place, Mrs. Charles D. Spencer; Green Bay road, Mrs. L. Stein; Lincoln, Mrs. Richard J. Seitz; Ravinia, Mrs. Mason Smith; Ridge, W. J. Hodge.

Broader, modernized educational services available now in other suburban communities would be made possible for Highland Park children under the consolidation of the city's elementary school system. At the same time such a move would not call for any immediate major change in personnel. Teachers would probably continue in the same grades and schools in which they now teach. Consolidation would make possible to better cope with future problems through the addition of new personnel thus benefiting the teachers in both districts.

With a consolidated school system, Highland Park would be able to give its children an even better education through the employment of supervisors in special fields, a plan found advisable in modern school systems. For example, many systems employ a reading supervisor who devotes a major portion of her time to helping teachers in difficult reading problems, and generally raising the level of reading instruction throughout the system. Other schools employ supervisors who are specialists in certain grades or subjects, and are able to give teachers a great deal of help in these fields. Persons devoting full time to these subjects are able to bring about significant advancement in such fields for the school system as a whole. Such special supervisors will be found in many of the other Chicago suburban communities. Larger, consolidated school districts can take advantage of the aid of such experts at a reasonable per child cost not possible in smaller districts such as Highland Park's present two units.

### Special Teachers

Many persons will raise the question as to whether or not consolidation will make it possible for our special teachers of music, art, shop work, physical education and the like, to serve more children. In general, consolidation will not accomplish this, as the present teachers are now serving as many children as possible. In certain situations, however, a more efficient and better balanced use of these special teachers throughout the city as a whole might be possible.

The greatest gain through consolidation would be the possibilities for adding other special teachers in the future. Addition of such persons as home economics teachers, probably not feasible in either district along under present circumstances, would be an opportunity in this direction. As additional revenue becomes available, the board of education of the consolidated district can more economically add needed services that at present our schools do not enjoy, such as psychological experts, specialized music teachers, additional art teachers, and other fields.

The University of Chicago survey points out that Highland Park is fortunate in having a high calibre teaching personnel, but it also stresses that it is important to the continued success of the schools to insure the employment of such high type teachers in the future. Many persons will wonder what effect consolidation will have in regard to obtaining and holding good teachers.

It is doubtful that consolidation will have much immediate effect on the services being performed by the present teaching staff. Teachers would probably continue in their same positions under the same organization within the schools, and with the same general objectives in mind. In certain

### Lions Hear Talk By Otto Fisher

Otto Fisher, a member of the Highland Park Lions club, will speak at the regular meeting of the club today (Thursday) at the Open House tea-room at 12:35 o'clock. He will talk on his experiences on a recent trip through Mexico and Guatemala and will show colored slides.

Dr. James Butterworth, past president of the club, is now district zone chairman of district 1F of Lions International. Having received a second lieutenant's commission in the marine corps, he is leaving the end of the week for Quantico, Va., to enter training. A resident of West Lake Forest, he is proprietor of dog hospitals in Highland Park and Libertyville.

## Summer Playgrounds Draw Enrollment of Over Five Hundred

Heavy enrollment in all summer playgrounds indicated interest in the new program. Over 500 boys and girls have shown their interest by enrolling in the various offerings.

Activities at the various playgrounds have been outlined as follows:

### Braeside

At Braeside school, Miss Betty Ranstead is conducting clubs in drama and sports. Dramatic activity is mixed with outdoor games and sports. Younger boys and girls should come mornings if possible, and older children should come afternoons.

Friday nights just after supper is sports night at Braeside. Dads and high school agers are invited to come out for the fun. George Ekdahl is in charge of this activity.

### Ravinia

Ravinia is primarily for playground activity. Day camp is on Mondays. Miss Joan Wichman is in attendance afternoons and it is suggested that younger children come at that time. George Ekdahl is the morning playground director and older children are asked to come mornings.

Thursday nights after supper is sports night at Ravinia.

### Lincoln

This is the art section of the playgrounds. Miss Ella Rasmussen is on hand to give instruction in many kinds of art activity. Play and sports is also a part of the art program. Suggestion, younger children ought come mornings and older ones afternoons.

Tuesday night is dads' and high school age night at Lincoln. George Ekdahl will be on hand to help organize these after supper games.

### Sunset

This is a playground program. Day camp on Wednesdays. Bert Leech is in charge afternoons and suggests that older children come at that time. Miss Joan Wichman is the play leader mornings and she suggests that younger children come at that time. Tuesday and Friday nights after supper is older boy, older girl and dads' time at Sunset. Bert Leech will be on hand.

Here the craft program operates at full speed ahead under Paul McLaughlin's leadership. The program is interspersed with sports and games. Thursday night is dads' and high schooler's night. Bert Leech will be on hand. If the weather is clear on Thursdays Mr. Leech promises those who want to, a trip up in the Elm Place observatory for a bit of astronomy.

## Local League Members Attend Council Meeting

Illinois presidents of local League of Women Voters held a state council meeting Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Hixon in Lake Forest to discuss state and national league programs. Members from Highland Park who took part are Mrs. Carlton Cummins, president, and Mrs. Philip Ringer, Mrs. Maurice Pollack, and Mrs. Marc Law, all members of the state board.

The council, the policy-making body of the state league, which meets at least three times a year, reached decisions regarding the active list of league projects; considered reports on the proposed Adoption bill for Illinois and the campaign for a Constitutional convention; and discussed the budget and finance plan.

"Take It or Leave It," a humorous skit on election techniques, was presented by Mrs. James S. Baker, Mrs. Monroe Ottenheimer, Mrs. Van Kirk, and Mrs. Irving Meierhoff, all of Highland Park. Mrs. Philip Ringer led the discussion on the National and State League programs.

## Offer Sports For Dads, High Schoolers

For the benefit of Dads and high schoolers, supervised evening playground activities have been planned for this summer as follows:

Braeside—Friday night with George Ekdahl.  
Ravinia—Thursday nights with Mr. Ekdahl.  
Lincoln—Tuesday nights with Mr. Ekdahl.  
Elm Place—Thursday nights with Bert Leech.

Sunset—Tuesday and Friday nights with Mr. Leech.  
If sufficient interest is shown, the playground committee will arrange to

## THE FATHER

Hearing his son and daughter  
Laugh, and talk of dances, theaters,  
Of their school, and friends,  
And books,  
Taking it all for granted,—  
He sighs a bit,  
Remembering wistfully  
A certain mill-town  
And his boyhood there,  
And puts his arm  
Across his son's broad shoulder,  
Dumbly, as fathers do.

—John Holmes

## Air Wardens Help to Complete D-Day Loan

Highland Park inaugurated its Fifth War Loan campaign, under the direction of Nathan S. Sharp, chairman, Monday, June 12. This time it will be the "D-Day War Loan" and an opportunity to directly "Back the Attack" now actually under way.

As previously announced, the War department has ordered all protective services, henceforth maintained, in reserve. Training and duties from now on will be the minimum necessary to enable immediate response in the event of call or emergency. Valuable man hours have thereby been released for help to the War Loan and other programs, all important in winning the war.

To further facilitate this purpose, and because the air raid wardens, with their community-wide organization, experience and training have been able to render important and valuable aid to the war effort in communities throughout the nation, whenever called upon, the National Office of Civilian Defense has directed that the air wardens serve in the future as Civilian Defense leaders in each community.

Mayor Joseph B. Garnett has therefore appointed all staff, division and sector air wardens to act as Civilian Defense wardens, and all block air wardens have been requested to volunteer to act as Civilian Defense block wardens. Duties have been defined as standing ready at all times to assist or help coordinate other war programs when help is requested.

While more than half of the divisions, sectors and blocks in the last two War Loan campaigns were headed by wardens, and this is also true of this campaign, the Civilian Defense office has been advised that some help may be needed in certain districts to complete organization for a full coverage and a speedy campaign.

All wardens are therefore requested to volunteer to take part, or to assist in any manner they can, in the event they are called upon by Mr. Sharp. Volunteer to help by contacting division chairmen, or addressing Nathan S. Sharp, chairman, War Bond committee, City Hall building, Highland Park. Phone Highland Park 805 or 797.

## Legion to Award \$1,000 in Prizes At Carnival

Members of the Highland Park post of the American Legion are making a united effort to give the community a carnival in tribute to the spirit of cooperation that characterizes Highland Park's outstanding record in wartime activities.

One thousand dollars in war bonds of various denominations will top the list of carnival prizes. The attractions will be many and varied, including three kinds of rides for the children and adults.

### Square Deal for Vets

"One of the main objectives of the American Legion right now," said Commander Arthur Johnson, "is to see that our returning veterans of this war get a square deal. We hope eventually to be able to establish a Legion home in Highland Park which will be a tribute to all citizens who are now helping to achieve victory and a memorial to those who gave their all to preserve the rights and freedom of mankind."

The post this year has a record high membership of 284, including 18 who

## Commemorate Father's Day By Drive for Red Cross June 12 to 17

To let invasion forces know that the home front also is willing to give its blood for victory, the Red Cross blood donor service has set the week of June 12-17th for a Father's day drive.

Because of the increasing need for donations now that the invasion is an actuality, Chicago's weekly quota of 6,000 pints must be met. Thus, as a fitting commemoration for Father's day, the Red Cross blood donors service is asking all fathers in Chicagoland to voluntarily take over the job of talking to friends and neighbors in each block, urging that, during this week before Father's day, every resident make a definite appointment to come into the Red Cross Blood Donor center at 5 North Wabash avenue, Chicago, and give his blood to help save the life of a fighting man in the invasion.

To make an appointment, prospective donors should call Wabash 7850 and ask for the Blood Donor center. A definite appointment will be made.

## Fire Damages Stores In the 300 Block on Central Av. Wednesday

An overheated boiler caused a fire in the 300 block on Central Avenue Wednesday afternoon, resulting in damage of approximately \$10,000. The stores most damaged were Shelton's Grill, Central Cleaners & Dyers, and the Sam Wo Laundry. Huber's Electric was also affected to a less degree. Fire departments from Highland Park, Highwood and Ft. Sheridan assisted in extinguishing the blaze.

Hot ashes in a paper box near the furnace caused a slight fire at the home of Edwig Fischer, 589 W. Park avenue, Friday evening. There was no loss.

Firemen were called to the home of Hawken Hobler, 1300 Edgewood drive, thirty-five minutes after the Fischer call Friday, when an overheated chimney and furnace caused a \$75 loss.

An awning over the swimming pool at the H. M. Florsheim home, 1830 S. Sheridan road, was completely demolished by fire Saturday evening. It was thought that a lighted cigarette was thrown into the canopy.

## Red Cross Volunteers

Every woman and girl who has any free daytime hours is urged to join now in one of the Red Cross volunteer special services. Information on those services can be obtained from Mrs. Richard Keblon, 432 N. Linden avenue, telephone H. P. 3909, local general chairman of all volunteer recruiting.

There are 55 hospitals (military and civilian) throughout Chicago which are serviced by Red Cross volunteers as nurse's aides, dietitian's aides, and staff assistants. Gray Ladies, canteen, arts and skills and Motor corps also aid in the work at the hospitals.

With the opening of Vaughn General hospital in the early part of June all the above Red Cross volunteer services will be called upon to participate in the important task of caring for the sick and wounded servicemen sent there.

Commander Johnson has appointed a number of chairmen and committees to complete all arrangements. The carnival will be held in Sunset park July 1 to 4 inclusive.

## OUR FLAG

"Sign of a nation, great and strong  
To ward her people from foreign wrong;  
Pride and glory and honor,—all  
Live in the colors to stand or fall."

—Henry Holcomb Bennett

## Program For The 5th War Loan Drive Set In Motion

### Old Timer's Softball Team Takes on Navy

The Highland Park Old Timers Softball team will try to sink the navy at Sunset Park on Friday, June 16, at 9 p.m. when the navy medics from Great Lakes will be their opponents.

This team, under the leadership of Chief Petty Officers Leahan and Meyers and managed by Pharmacist Mate 3/c Francis E. Pape, have been playing together for some time. Due to the calibre of these next opponents, Manager Elmer (Red) Therrien has called an extra practice for Thursday night.

The game scheduled last Friday night with the post headquarters team from Fort Sheridan was called off, due to inclement weather, and it will be played as part of a double header on some Friday night in the near future.

Next Friday, June 23, will see the baker's and cook's team from Fort Sheridan as the opponents of the Highland Park Old Timers.

No one has to tell the public how much the American Red Cross is doing for our men in service. Now more than ever the Red Cross can use every additional dollar they receive. Inasmuch as the American Red Cross receives the entire gross receipts collected at each game by their uniformed workers, the support of the Highland Park Old Timers means aid to the American Red Cross.

### Women Voters & P.T.A. Consider Health Plan

Neighborhood meetings sponsored jointly by the Highland Park League of Women Voters and the P. T. A. will take place throughout this month to consider both the question of a county health department and the school consolidation plan. The league will furnish speakers to discuss the health unit, and the P.T.A. will provide speakers for the school consolidation problem.

The meetings, open to the public, are being arranged by the league precinct chairman under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Archer. These chairmen are as follows:

Mrs. Robert Koretz, Mrs. Tom Wyles, Mrs. Jay Glidden, Mrs. E. T. Barnes, Mrs. Arthur Byfield, Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson, Mrs. Herbert Schaffner, Mrs. Joseph Caro, Mrs. Melvin Wolens, Mrs. Frank Venning, Mrs. V. Edward Lawrence, Mrs. Paul Jester, Mrs. Charles Puestow, Mrs. Earl Varner, Mrs. Beverly Hugel.

### Members in Charge

Mrs. Elwood Hansmann, chairman of the league's health committee, is training the speakers on the county health department plan; Mrs. Mason Smith, president of the P.T.A. is in charge of speakers to discuss the school consolidation project.

The dual purpose of the meetings is to explain the reasons for the petitions, now being circulated, to secure a county health department for Lake county, and to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed consolidation of school districts 107 and 108.

The public is urged to attend any of the meetings on these two timely and important questions. The dates, places and league speakers are as follows:

This afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Melvin Wolens, 1599 Dean avenue, with Mrs. Albert Elliott as the league speaker; Tuesday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Robert Koretz, 443 Egandale road, with Mrs. Louis Haller; Wednesday, June 21 at 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Howell Murray, 31 N. Linden, with Mrs. George Gaidzik; Friday, June 23, at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. D. L. Clinton, 220 Dale avenue, with Mrs. Albert Elliott; Tuesday, June 27, at 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Beverly Hugel, 2433 Balsam road, with Mrs. Louis Haller.

Four such meetings have already taken place this month. Hostesses were Mrs. Arthur Byfield, Mrs. Edmund Froelich, Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson and Mrs. Charles Puestow.

### More Local Policemen Join Armed Services

The entrance of Earl Lampen and George Hall, Jr. into the Navy brings the contribution of the Highland Park Police department to the armed forces to the number of twelve. Prior to this date, Roland Demgen and Theodore Loesch have joined the Navy, Mike Bonamare the Navy Seabee, and the Army has claimed Bud Moon and the former chief of police, Rex Andrew, who is now a captain.

The Highland Park 5th War Loan drive to meet its quota of \$925,000 gained momentum this week as divisional leaders, sector chairmen and block chairmen set the program outlined by Campaign Director Nathan S. Sharp in motion.

The local 5th War Loan committee, divisional leaders, and sector chairmen met at the City hall on Monday evening of this week to put the finishing touches on the campaign to put Highland Park well over the top in the current drive. Subscription blanks have already been sent out to every home in the city with instructions to the subscribers to await the "pick up service" call of the block chairmen.

Campaign Director Sharp opened the Monday evening meeting by introducing Mayor Joseph B. Garnett. Mayor Garnett thanked the divisional leaders and sector chairmen for their participation in past drives and predicted that the opening of the second front in France would prove a tremendous aid in making the current campaign a success.

### Individual Sales Higher

Following Mayor Garnett's remarks, Mr. Sharp led a discussion on the various divisions of the Highland Park 5th War Loan quota. He pointed out that while in the national goal of sixteen billion dollars the individual bond sales quota was six billion or nearly one third of the total the individual sales percentage quota in Highland Park was much higher. Of a total quota in Highland Park of \$925,000, \$775,000 was allotted to the sale of bonds to individuals.

The "pick up service" feature of the Highland Park campaign, the committee believes, will simplify the procedure of the sale of bonds to a marked degree. One of the most important contributions of this method of handling the subscriptions will be to save the block chairman the trouble of making needless re-calls on the bond buyers in their territory.

In order that each community will (Continued on page 4)

## Contributions for Red Cross Mobile Unit to Be Accepted July 7, 8

The mobile blood unit of the American Red Cross will be in Highland Park on Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8, to accept contributions of blood from North Shore residents. As in the past, the unit will be housed in the Highland Park Woman's club, Elm place and Sheridan road.

Registrations are being accepted at the Highland Park Red Cross center in the Public Service store, telephone Highland Park 1018, daytimes, and by Mrs. Charles Mason, chairman of the blood donor unit, at Highland Park 2398, evenings. Those who plan to donate are asked to make their appointments at the earliest possible date.

### Needed For Wounded Men

Now that the invasion of Europe is in progress, it is more important than ever that those on the home front keep the life-line of blood plasma flowing to the wounded men in the field. Plasma and serum albumin, derivatives of the blood given by volunteers to the Red Cross, have been hailed by army and navy doctors as the foremost life-savers of this war. Plasma is the liquid part of the blood, while serum albumin is the protein solution from the plasma itself.

According to Brig. Gen. Fred Rankin of the surgeon general's office, the average number of plasma units given a seriously wounded man is four and a half, although some men need as many as 12 and 13 units, and one soldier, Charles Gates of Baltimore, was given 32 pints of plasma after he was wounded on Guadalcanal. That is why the Red Cross has been asked to collect 5,000,000 pints of blood in 1944 over and beyond the 5,700,000 pints collected up until the first of this year.

### Bicycle Rider Struck

While riding a bicycle on Lincoln avenue Friday, Evan Appelman, 9 years old, of 1021 Ridgewood place, collided with a car driven by James Bowles of 720 Central avenue, who was driving north on St. Johns avenue.

The boy was treated by Dr. Morley McNeal for bruises and lacerations about the face.

### Paper Collections

Ravinia School children are reminded that wastepaper collection will be made as usual at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays throughout the summer.