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Ravinia's First Concert Of Season Tuesday Eve., July 27

Chicago's North Shore will occupy the musical spotlight of the Midwest this week with the opening of the ninth annual Ravinia Music festival on Tuesday evening, June 27, at 8:30 o'clock.

With Pierre Monteux, the San Francisco Symphony's noted French conductor, occupying the podium, the Chicago Symphony orchestra will present the first of a series of 24 symphony concerts to be given during the next six weeks.

Monteux, recognized as the outstanding contemporary French conductor, returns for his fourth season at Ravinia, having won acclaim from Ravinia audiences during previous summers.

His opening night program under the stars at Ravinia will be made up of music of Wagner, Debussy, Prokofiev and Beethoven. Three succeeding programs on Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons will include the works of Brahms, Hindemith, Sibelius, Ravel, Schumann, Borowski, Rimsky-Korsakov, Dukas, Berlioz, and Tchaikowsky.

The first night audience will be welcomed to the third wartime Ravinia festival by Percy B. Eckhart, president of the Ravinia Festival association.

On the eve of the opening, Mrs. Ernst C. von Armon of Winnetka, chairman of the coupon sales committee, issued a reminder that sale of coupon books for the season will be continued only until Tuesday evening, July 4. Both, manned by members of the women's committee, will be set up at the park at each of the first five concerts, for sale of the coupon books.

Each coupon may be used for a general admission to the park or for a reserved seat in the pavilion for any regular concert.

Mrs. von Armon also made a renewed appeal for contributions to a fund which will purchase tickets for servicemen. These tickets are then distributed at servicemen's centers for the use of service men and women. Checks for this fund may be sent to the offices of the Ravinia Festival association, 231 South La Salle street, Chicago.

The program to be presented on Tuesday evening, June 27, beginning at 8:30, follows:

Pierre Monteux, Conductor
Prelude to "The Mastersingers" Wagner
Two Nocturnes Debussy
"Noces" ("Chords") Debussy
"Fetes" ("Festivals") Debussy
Suite No. 1, from the Ballet, "Roméo and Juliet" Opus 64 by Prokofiev
1. Dance of the People
2. Sonata
3. Madrigal
4. Minuet
5. Masques
6. Romeo and Juliet
7. The Death of Tybalt
Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica"), E Flat Major Opus 55 Beethoven
Marela Fantasy
Scherzo
Allegro molto

On Thursday evening, June 29, the following programs will be given, with Monteux conducting:

Pierre Monteux, Conductor
"Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus," Opus 43 Beethoven
a. Overture
b. Air de Ballet
Solo: Violoncello, Harp, Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon
Symphony No. 1, B Flat Major, Opus 28 Schumann
Andante un poco maestoso—Allegro molto vivace
Larghetto
Scherzo
Allegro animato e grazioso
Intermission
Tone Poem "Jean Sibelius" Borowski
Voices of the Forest, from "Siegfried" Wagner
Overture, "The Russian Easter," Opus 36 Rimsky-Korsakov

Saturday's Program
Monteux will conduct the Chicago Symphony in the following program, Saturday evening, July 1:

Pierre Monteux, Conductor
Symphony No. 3, F Major, Opus 96 Brahms
Allegro con fuoco
Andante
Poco Allegretto
Allegro
Intermission
Symphony, "Mathias the Painter," Hindemith
Angelica Concert
Entombed
Templation of Saint Anthony
Legend from the "Kalevala," "The Swan of Tuonela," Opus 22 Sibelius
Rhapsodie Espagnole
Prelude a la Nuit
Malaguena
Balkan
Feria
Intermission
Symphony No. 1 ("Fathetic"), Tchaikowsky
3 Minor, Opus 14
Adagio—Allegro—Andante

The concluding concert under the Monteux baton will be that of Sunday afternoon, July 2, which is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. It will be as follows:

Pierre Monteux, Conductor
Trio Overture, Opus 81 Brahms
Dance Poem, "The Fire" Dukas
Selections from "The Damnation of Faust" Berlioz
Dance of the Will-O'-the-Wisp
Dance of the Sylphs
March, "Riders"
Intermission
Symphony No. 1 ("Fathetic"), Tchaikowsky
3 Minor, Opus 14
Adagio—Allegro—Andante

Pro and Con of School District Consolidation

This is the third 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.

Financial Aspects

In the event of consolidation of Highland Park's elementary school districts 107 (Elm Place and Green Bay schools) and 108 (Lincoln, Ravinia, Braeside and Ridge schools) each district would contribute both assets and liabilities to the newly formed district. Assets that can be considered financially are land, buildings and equipment, also money in the bank and supplies. Liabilities include bonded debt and interest still unpaid, and other debts payable.

The assessed valuation of the consolidated district on which the taxes are based will simply be the total of the existing assessed valuation of the separate districts. There will be no possible change in the permitted tax rates. The charge made by the township treasurer against the tax collections will be the same, so that the revenue available for the combined districts after consolidation would be exactly the same as would be available for the separate districts.

How Taxpayers Are Affected

If there are any arguments pro and con from the financial standpoint, they exist only as consolidation affects the taxpayers in the two districts. For the past few years the tax assessed in District 107 for elementary school purposes has been around \$2.52 for each hundred dollars assessed valuation, while the tax payers of District 108 were paying only \$2.32 for each hundred dollars assessed valuation. On the face of this it might lead one to believe that consolidation would result in an increase in taxes for the residents of District 108, and would therefore be to their disadvantage.

The facts, however are that District 107 has been retiring its indebtedness more rapidly and has been building up a cash working fund, bettering its cash position, which would be reflected in later years, at which time the tax payers in District 107 would be paying less taxes for elementary school purposes than tax payers in District 108.

Probably the best measure to determine the fairness of contributions is to consider the ratio that each district's present assessed valuation would bear to the probably total assessed valuation of the new consolidated district. The 1943 assessed valuation of 107 is \$5,506,347 and of 108 is \$7,927,588 or a total of \$13,433,935, 107's share being 41 per cent of the total and 108's share 59 per cent. This ratio of 41 per cent to 59 per cent will be used in measuring the contribution of assets and liabilities by each district. However, this measuring rod is not static but changes each year as valuations change. Actually, district 108 valuation is increasing and 107 is decreasing.

Slight Changes

The annual changes, however, are slight and do not have a material effect for the short term, upon the following figures. Assessed valuation of 107 has declined from \$5,608,000 in 1936 to \$5,506,347 in 1943. Assessed valuation of 108 has increased from \$7,232,000 in 1936 to \$7,927,588 in 1943. The total bonded debt of 107 as of June 15, 1944, was \$120,000 and the last bonds will be paid in June 1, 1948, four years hence. Total interest to maturity is \$10,200 or total principal and interest to maturity of \$130,200. The total bonded debt of 108 as of June 15, 1944 was \$205,000 and the last bonds will be paid November 1, 1956, 12 years hence. Total interest to maturity is \$25,112 or total principal and interest to maturity of \$230,112.

The consolidated district would assume this total indebtedness of \$360,312. Of this, \$130,200 or 36.1 per cent would have been contributed by 107 and \$230,112 or 63.9 per cent by 108. In the new district the taxpayers of what is now 107 would be required to pay 41 per cent (the measuring rod) of the total or \$147,728 or \$17,528 more than they are now required to pay. Conversely 108 would pay 59 per cent of the combined debt or \$212,584 or \$17,528 less than they are now required to pay.

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Tin Can Collection Increase Needed For Army-Navy

The goal of 700 tons of empty tin cans a month in the Chicago area, so far has not been reached. The latest available figures, for April, show that only 177 tons were collected.

Tin is needed in greater quantities than ever before, reports Mrs. Carleton Cummins, tin can chairman. Reclaimed tin cans are used to make containers for medical supplies at the fighting fronts, for airplane motors, and for food shipments to the army and navy.

The last local carload of 30,150 pounds, on May 19, included collections from Highland Park—7,500, Deerfield—1,300, Highwood—250, Lake Forest—3,100, and Fort Sheridan—18,000.

1. Wash thoroughly. Remove paper label completely.
2. Cut off bottom as well as top of can.
3. Step on can to flatten. Leave space between inner walls.
4. Save prepared cans in a basket, box or bag.
5. Give to garbage collector, or phone your junior captain.

Playgrounds Offer Play School for 5-6-7-Year Olds

Cooperating with the grade schools, the Playground and Recreation board is offering a morning and an afternoon play school for children who now are five, six, or seven years of age. This is in response to requests for an activity suitable to children of this age group.

The Place—Lincoln school, where a playground suitable to younger children is available.

The Hours—There will be two groups; mornings, 9 to 11:30 and afternoons, 2 to 4:30; Mondays through Fridays.

Period—Play school will operate for seven weeks starting June 26 through August 11.

Cost—One dollar per week for either a morning or an afternoon period. Director—Miss Barbara Zimmerman, an experienced teacher with much ability with this age group.

Parents must arrange to deliver and call for children. School is open to children living in Highland Park.

Program—An informal play program including playground games, trips, stories, crafts, music, etc.

Registration—At the Community center, phone 2442; each group, morning and afternoon is limited to 20 children. If enrollment is large an additional group will be added to the school.

Local Playground, Recreation Board Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Playground and Recreation board last Monday night, June 19, the following were re-elected and appointed to the board: Art Olson, president; Mrs. Carroll Binder, vice president; E. T. Skidmore, treasurer; Mrs. David Levinson, secretary, and George Hartman, activities chairman. Mr. Skidmore has been re-appointed to the Playground and Recreation board by Mayor J. B. Garnett. He was appointed for a 5 year term.

Summer playgrounds and day camp activities are under the guidance of the Playground board. George Scheuchtenflug was appointed as recreation director of the community by the board.

Summer Playgrounds To Be Open Evenings

Summer playgrounds will be open evenings from 6:30 to 9 o'clock during the summer under supervision of older boys and girls and adults. The schedule of places is as follows: Braeside school on Friday nights Ravinia school on Thursday nights Lincoln school on Tuesday nights Elm Place school on Thursday nights Sunset park on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Officers Elected By Library Board

At the recent annual meeting of the library board of the Highland Park Public Library, the following officers were elected: H. L. Kennicott, President; H. A. Zischke, vice president, and Mrs. A. H. Emerson, secretary. The first of July, Mrs. Otis Beardsley retires from the board. She has served as secretary, vice-president and president. To fill this vacancy Mayor J. B. Garnett has appointed F. S. Wichman.

Park District To Open Two Public Beaches

Only two public beaches are operated by the Park district and these are Central avenue and Roger Williams avenue.

It is the intention to operate Central avenue beach this year in much the same manner as last year. For the present however guard service only will be maintained beginning this week-end. The bath house will be opened when the help has been obtained for that purpose. In the event of failing to secure the help necessary, it will be impossible to open the building to the public.

Roger Williams avenue will be closed the same as last year. If it should prove possible to obtain the necessary personnel, there is a possibility of its being opened. At the present time, nothing definite can be promised along this line.

It will be appreciated by the Park district if the public will bear in mind that the acute labor shortage plays a major part in the service that can be rendered in any activity of the Park district.

Last Meeting of Season Planned By Infant Welfare Seniors

The June meeting of the Highland Park-Ravinia seniors of the Infant Welfare will be held Monday, June 26, at the home of the vice president, Mrs. Howard Detmer, 555 Bob O'Link road. Mrs. Detmer will preside at the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Charles DeLeuw, who has gone to the north woods for the summer. This is to be the last meeting until September for the seniors.

Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Elmer Freytag, Mrs. Frank Lunding and Mrs. Ira Mathiessen. Mrs. Robert Douglass has charge of the luncheon. Her helpers will be Mrs. Edwin Hadley, Mrs. Kenneth Kraft and Mrs. Gerald Stone.

The sewing chairman for the meeting will be Mrs. Donald Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Fred Carpenter, Mrs. L. L. Jim Howe and Mrs. Edward Knox.

Sunset Park Offers Wednesday Program

In the interest of constantly improving the summer playground program the Playground and Recreation board is announcing a change in playground schedule.

So as to release program specialists in art, crafts, drama and sports to be available for the Sunset day camp program, playgrounds will not be supervised on Wednesdays. These playground specialists will jointly put on a day camp program which should be interesting to boys and girls 8 years of age and older.

Ravinia playgrounds will not have a separate day camp of their own on Mondays. The impending changes on their playgrounds and the lack of adequate staff has made this change necessary.

Special Features

The first joint city wide day camp at Sunset park will feature "I Am an American" day. Story telling, drama, crafts, art, sports will all emphasize phases of American tradition and culture. Each week will feature some special time, place or country. Children are urged to come in appropriate costume.

All children eight years and older are urged to go to Sunset park at 9:30 on Wednesdays for the day camp programs. They should bring lunch and a nickel for a bottle of milk.

The day camp staff is: Bert E. Leach—Day Camp Director, Joan Wichman—Sports, Group Leader, George Ek Dahl—Sports, Group Leader, Ella Rasmussen—Art, Betty Rasmussen—Drama, Paul McLaughlin—Crafts, Mrs. M. J. Allsbrook—Group Leader, Mrs. M. C. Huls—Group Leader. Plus other special staff from time to time.

Old Timers More Than Match for Youngsters

The Highland Park Old Timers soft ball team proved they are more than a match for the younger service men by winning their second game of the season, Friday, 20-2, with a seven inning batting spree that netted seven home runs over the navy medics. Spectators contributed \$40.01 to the Red Cross at the game.

Friday night, June 23, a hand picked All Star team representing all departments at Fort Sheridan will attempt to upset the Old Timers' winning streak. Inasmuch as the Old Timers are in mid-season form, a game of games is looked for, and the expected record crowd should produce a sizeable contribution for the Red Cross, for whose benefit these games are being played.

Citizens Urged To Speed Up Subscriptions In Bond Drive

Special Appeal for Red Cross Workers

Mrs. Richard Kebbon, Highland Park recruiting chairman for the American Red Cross, is making a special appeal this week for volunteer workers for the Home Service corps of the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has been designated by Congress as the official medium of communication between members of the armed forces and their families. Its Home Service department helps to solve the many problems that may arise when someone leaves civilian life to enter military service.

As more men are inducted into the armed forces, increasing numbers of families become dependent upon the Home Service department for assistance. In addition to this, the returning veterans need the service of this department in filing claims and in becoming rehabilitated after a long service.

Trainees for this service attend for two weeks classes three times a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., after which they are assigned to practice work under the guidance of trained supervisors two eight-hour days a week (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for four weeks.

After satisfactorily completing the training course, Home Service volunteers work under the guidance of experienced supervisors. Home visiting is an important part of the work and volunteers must be prepared to travel by public carrier and at their own expense. Volunteers pledge themselves to give a minimum of two full days a week and to attend a staff meeting once a month for a period of at least six months.

Persons interested may make applications by calling at 616 S. Michigan avenue, room 402 for a personal interview, or by telephoning Harrison 5910, extension 4. Mrs. Kebbon also may be reached for further information at H.P. 3909, or by writing her at 432 N. Linden avenue, Highland Park.

Highland Park women now serving as Home Service volunteers include, Mrs. Mary Goodman, Mrs. S. L. Schwartz, Mrs. Walter Heymann and Mrs. Malcolm Vail.

Ridge School To Have Arts-Crafts

Ridge school playground will be open on Monday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock for a program of arts, crafts and sports. Miss Ella Rasmussen is the playground specialist who will be on hand to help all interested. This is a playground board activity.

New Army Group Is Bundles for America

An army group of women workers is being organized in Highland Park to supplement the Navy group, which has functioned here for over 2 years under the name of "Bundles For Blue-jackets." Mrs. Charles W. Jones is chairman of the Army group, to supplement the other group whose chairman is Mrs. Thomas Creigh.

The knitting of sweaters, helmets, gloves and scarves for sailors and soldiers goes ahead all the time, and layettes are also made.

Books for service men are also needed—current books which you yourselves enjoy and can pass along. Take them to Mrs. Raymond E. Herman, 328 No. Linden Ave.

Men's white shirts are needed to be used in hospitals. A committee cuts off the sleeves and applies tape to the front. Shirts and books may be taken to Mrs. Herman, or will be called for if you phone Mrs. Howell W. Murray, H. P. 261.

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK

As you read the Casualty Lists—stop and think—could you have helped to keep some of these names off this list? You might have if you had become a BLOOD DONOR. Help keep the next list down! Call H.P. 1018 daytimes or H.P. 2398 evenings to register for the mobile unit's visit to Highland Park on July 7-8.

THE WORLD'S SAFEST INVESTMENT WAR BONDS

With Highland Park's 5th War Loan campaign nearing its peak, every effort is being made to put the city over the top on its individual bond quota of \$775,000 by June 26.

Nathan S. Sharp, campaign director of the local War Loan committee, said this week that the returns to date were not as encouraging as they might be, and that it would take the wholehearted cooperation of every citizen in the community to put over the city's individual bond sales drive.

The War Loan committee and the block chairmen have been busy all week attempting to overcome the feeling of inertia exhibited by an uncomfortable large number of citizens who still have not taken the time to fill out their subscription blanks.

'Pick Up Service'

The program of the Highland Park 5th War Loan campaign with its special "pick up service" feature was designed to make the purchase of bonds by the subscribers as simple as possible. No stone has been left unturned that in any way would make easier the task of filling the city's total bond subscription quota of \$925,000.

A letter outlining the program was sent to every prospect along with a subscription blank. The block chairmen have been provided with additional subscription blanks, credit slips for purchases made in other communities and detailed information concerning the bonds which the government is offering for sale in the 5th War Loan.

The War Loan committee feels that it has done everything in its power to set up an efficient campaign program and that it is now up to the citizens of the community to bring the 5th War Loan drive to a successful conclusion.

Erect Signs

Large tri-colored signs telling of the progress of the campaign have been erected at both Ravinia and at Central avenue. Up to the minute reports on the sale of bonds in Highland Park will be inscribed on these signs at short intervals. It is hoped that these signs will prove an incentive to the public to immediately fill out their subscription blanks so that they might be recorded and the totals placed on exhibition.

Highland Park's quota for the current drive is substantially higher than in any previous campaign. This means that practically complete coverage of homes and individuals in the community must be made. It also means that every individual must buy more bonds than he has before. Naturally, a higher quota necessitates higher unit sales.

While increased war activity on practically all fronts has proven a spur to the campaign, it is still felt that bond sale returns should be coming in at a faster rate than they have during the past week. The committee believes, however, that the lethargy now being exhibited by 5th War Loan prospects in Highland Park is only temporary and that Monday morning will find the city well over the top on its individual sales quota.

With New Meaning

By ELIZABETH DOBSON

"Let's back them up with everything we've got!" You've heard that before? Yes, it's a War Bond slogan, and badly shopworn, but it seems to have taken on a new meaning since D-day.

The gallant paratroopers, first to land; the infantry, grimly fighting their way into France; the sailors on 4,000 ships that carried the landing forces across the Channel; the airmen who protected them as they went ashore—we are grateful to everyone of them, humble in the face of their courage and achievements. Gladly, if we could, we would express our gratitude.

All right. Let's really back them up with everything we've got! The invasion is costly, in money as well as lives. Sixteen billion dollars must be raised to finance our war expenditures, and the Fifth War Bond drive is on. This time, let's buy the bond we can't afford—arrange for it on the payroll savings plan if we can't put down the cash. Some way, we must keep faith with the men who are doing our fighting for us, in France, in Italy, in the Pacific. Wherever they are, they're all in there, patching—and they won't let us down.