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## Expect Record Crowd at Benefit Game Friday Night

Unless one gets to Sunset Park well in advance of the 9:00 p.m. game time this coming Friday evening, Aug. 11, it will be "standing room only" as one of the largest crowds ever to witness a softball game is expected to see the Highland Park Old Timers play the Fort Sheridan All Stars for the benefit of Mrs. Wilson Richardson, who was injured at the game on July 4.

Fort Sheridan has selected a real all star aggregation from its 16 post teams to try and give the Old Timers a real game, and the record crowd should see as fine a game as has ever been played under the lights at Sunset Park. Everyone is urged to buy a 25c benefit ticket from one of the local stores or at Sunset Park on the night of the game. The entire collection for this game goes to Mrs. Richardson.

Last Friday the Old Timers continued their winning streak by defeating the Reception Center Officers team from Fort Sheridan by a score of 14-4. The Old Timers hammered out ten runs in the first inning, and then both pitchers fought a real pitching duel for the balance of the game.

As there will be no Red Cross collections this Friday, the Red Cross will again participate each Friday night beginning August 18.

## N. S. Catholic Woman's League

Rapidly approaching is the opening of the regular club year for the North Shore Catholic Woman's League. But suspension during the summer months of regular meeting does not mean a cessation of the League's work along the lines for which it was organized. The very capable war activities chairman, Mrs. Albert Wohl, has continued through the summer to give parties at the Highland Park and Highwood USO centers, and a buffet supper at Fort Sheridan for men in service.

A survey of members shows the majority of them working for various war service organizations — blood donors, Gray Ladies' volunteer home services, nurses' aid, Red Cross knitting and surgical dressings, etc.

Workers on the 5th war loan report a generous response to their efforts. Mrs. Wohl is assisted in this work by the following members: Mrs. Richard Finn and Mrs. George Baier, Jr., as co-chairmen. The members from Highland Park on this committee are Mrs. O. R. Hunchie, Mrs. John McCaffrey, Mrs. Arthur Schroder and Mrs. E. C. Weisenberg.

In a recent board meeting, at which the president, Mrs. Michael McNulty, presided, plans were made by the different departments of the League — social service art, literature, program, etc., for the year's activities. Mrs. Gerard Ungaro, program chairman, has planned an interesting and instructive year. At the opening meeting, October 10, an American born dramatic lyric soprano, Sylvia Lubin will appear. Frank Smothers, outstanding authority on foreign affairs, columnist and editor, will speak at an evening meeting, November 14. This meeting is arranged especially for the husbands and guests of the members.

The League's own drama group will entertain members with an appropriate Christmas play on December 12. On January 9, members will have an opportunity to hear a timely presentation of the personal experiences of a Catholic chaplain recently returned from foreign battle fronts.

Newton Bell, commentator analyst of international relations will be the speaker at the March 13 meeting. Other departments, including lectures, tours, art and literature, and philanthropic projects, are developing interesting and instructive programs which will be announced throughout the year.

## ATTENTION! VICTORY GARDENERS

Please do not waste vegetables. Give surplus to Highland Park Social Service. Call H.P. 4000 between 9 and 12 the day previous to donation.

## COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND GARDENS, O.C.D.

## Highland Park Masonic Temple Sold at Auction

Built by the Masons in 1924 at a cost of \$100,000, the Highland Park Masonic temple at 21 N. Sheridan, was sold recently for \$45,750. The purchaser was John B. Nash of Vogue Cleaners, 329 N. Green Bay. Joseph W. Cox acted as attorney for A. O. Fay lodge No. 676, A. F. & A. M., seller.

In 1932 the lodge defaulted on the original bond issue. Bondholders will receive about 60 cents on a dollar, according to Fred E. Hummel, federal trustee, who made the sale.

Among other organizations, the three-story building has served in the past as a meeting place for the Highland Park post of the American Legion, the Royal Neighbors of America, the Sheridan Rebekah lodge and the Odd Fellows, in addition to the Masonic orders. The North Shore Boy Scouts organization headquarters is housed here as well as the Open House tea room and Neill's sport shop.

Mr. Nash states that he plans to continue the present arrangements.

## Dumaresq Spencer Post Installs New Officers

At an open meeting, Thursday, Aug. 10, to which members of the Auxiliary and the wives, sweethearts and friends of Legionnaires are invited, the following officers are being installed:

Commander—DeWitt J. Manasse. Senior vice commander—Saylor D. Shanafelt.

Junior vice commander—Robert Grant. Adjutant—Miller W. Schreiner. Finance officer—Frank J. Zipoy. Chaplain—Chris W. Matthesen. Service officer—Raymond M. Hayes.

Sergeant-at-arms—Ernest R. DeSanto. The installation ceremony will be conducted by Tenth District Commander C. W. Boyd and other district officers.

Delegates to the department convention at Springfield, Aug. 25, 26, 27 and 28, elected at the meeting of July 27 are:

Arthur E. Johnson, DeWitt J. Manasse, Miller W. Schreiner. Alternates: Raymond M. Hayes, Peter J. Duskey and John Sweeney.

## Highwood Council Members Still at Cross Purposes

Highwood will get a \$7,500 fire truck in the near future, the aldermen having made their own selection of the type purchased without consulting Mayor Charles Portilia.

The matter was presented to the council at a meeting last Friday evening, and at one point to vote, overriding the mayor's request for a discussion of the type to be selected. The mayor was presented with data concerning the purchase, that he might acquaint himself with the facts concerning it.

The aldermen are apparently still ranking at the mayor's selection of an "outsider" as chief of police, although Chief Singer apparently has all the qualifications of an excellent man for the place.

The matter of hiring one additional policeman was opposed. The money paid for his salary, it was argued, could be well applied toward paying for the new fire truck. Observers are wondering when these officials will quit working at cross purposes and start pulling together, which date will mark the beginning of some real advancement.

## Mrs. Grace Richardson Continues to Improve

Mrs. Grace Richardson, victim of a freak accident at the July 4th ball game at Sunset Park, continues to improve at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fulkerson, 656 Michigan. Her husband, Chief P. O. Wilson, Sr., returned to his air base in Africa from which he flew upon learning of Mrs. Richardson's injury. Wilson, Jr., USN, also called to his mother's bedside, has returned to his base on the west coast.

Believe it or not, but the Federal Government sends out one out of every 16 letters mailed in the United States. Federal departments use the mails enough to send every one of the 30 million families in this country an average of 60 letters a year!

## WE PROGRESS

Another milestone in the progress of the Highland Park Press has been reached. Since the purchase by Lester S. Olson, its former superintendent and vice president, it has been the constant aim of the Press organization to add to the printing facilities those machines which would enable us to print the Press in its entirety in our own shop.

This goal has now been reached. This issue was type-set, printed, folded, trimmed and addressed in our own shop. Every operation in the production of this newspaper will henceforth take place here.

A new modern linotype and newspaper folder are the most recent additions to our equipment. Equally as important is the addition of George E. Patterson, former Highland Park Press linotype forman, to our staff.

The Press staff today comprises Lester S. Olson, owner and publisher, R. B. Olson, editor, George E. Patterson, operator and typographer, and Frank Blacker.

Cpl. Brandt "Bus" Olson, who recently spent a furlough in Highland Park after 28 months with the Marines in the South Pacific, will take his place in the Press organization after the close of the war, as partner and co-publisher.

You are cordially invited to visit our shop at 516 Laurel Avenue to see the Press in the process of production.

## Pvt. Edmund Bellei Lost on Italian Front

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bellei, 12 Webster, Highwood, have been notified by the War department that their son, Pvt. Edmund of the Army infantry, was lost in action in Italy on July 17.

An alumnus of the local high school, class of 1942, Pvt. Edmund entered the service in February, 1943, receiving his training at Camps Howze and Sam Houston, Texas, and left for foreign service in December, 1943. Since January, 1944, he had served in the front lines in Italy.

Although only 21 years of age, Pvt. Bellei had already realized two life ambitions. He had visited Rome, where he viewed Michael Angelo's paintings and had been received, with other Americans, in special audience by Pope Pius XII.

Surviving are his parents, two sisters, and a twin brother, Edward, coxswain in the U. S. Coast Guard, stationed in Greenland for over a year.

## Lt. Peter Reinhart Receives High Honor

Lt. Peter Reinhart, army air force pilot, who was forced down in Yugoslavia last March and rescued by Gen. Mihalovitch, later made his way back to Italy, where he rendered an invaluable service. He assisted his pilot in landing a damaged B-17 safely. For this service he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lt. Reinhart is the son of Mrs. G. C. Moseley, 25 Egandale.

## Tragedy Follows Tennis Match at Exmoor Club

Tragedy struck at Exmoor Country club Sunday afternoon when T. Weller Kimball of Winnetka collapsed after playing a tennis match, and died before a physician could administer help.

Mr. Kimball, 64, a Chicago financier, was associated with the investment banking firm of Glore, Morgan & Company, and was a member of the Chicago stock exchange. He is survived by his widow, a son, Donald E. Kimball II of Winnetka, and two daughters, Mrs. Doris Sidell-Fish and Helen Weller Kimball of Winnetka.

## Victory Garden Thief Shows Himself Choosy

Highland Park police last week were on the lookout for a Victory garden thief with a taste for green tomatoes and no taste at all for beet tops. One Victory gardener reported the theft of all her green tomatoes, while another reported that a thief had pulled up all his beets, then leisurely removed the tops and left them strewn in the garden before departing with his stolen food.

## Ens. David Johnson Loses Life in Action

Official word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. David E. Johnson, 114 Sunset, that their only son, Ens. David, has been lost in action.

David will be remembered by all who knew him as an exceptionally bright and capable boy, who received his education in the local schools and studied engineering for two years at Northwestern university, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Ens. David loved flying. Even in private life he was a licensed pilot. It is probable that, given a choice, he would have preferred to go this way, if he must. He entered the service in October, 1942, receiving his wings and commission in June, 1943, at Corpus Christi, Texas. A fighter pilot, he gave his life in the Pacific theater of war on July 24.

## Men's Garden Club Plans 4th Annual Garden Show

All amateur gardeners are invited to participate in the 4th annual garden show to be held Sept. 2 and 3 on the grounds of Lincoln school. The show will be sponsored by the local Men's Garden club.

Annuals, perennials, gladioli, roses, dahlias and the like will be exhibited as well as fruits and vegetables, with special prominence given to canned fruits and vegetables.

There will be no limit on the number of entries for each class, and no entry charge. Morton G. Shamberg, 271 Cary, will supply entry blanks upon application.

## Parents Receive Word of John Leland Koon

Indirect word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Koon, 1247 S. Sheridan, from their son, John Leland Koon, 22, petty officer 2/c, USN, who was taken prisoner by the Japanese with the fall of Corregidor. He is now in Tokio.

A short wave message from a friend, interned with him, mentioning Koon's name, was intercepted by a radio listener who relayed the message to the parents. Later the news was confirmed by wire from the War department.

## Urgent Need for Overseas Workers

There is an urgent need for both men and women to serve overseas as Red Cross workers, Chicago headquarters American Red Cross announced yesterday. Women between the ages of 25 and 30 are needed to do recreational work and to serve as staff assistants. Men aged between 30 and 50 are needed as field directors.

Persons interested in doing overseas work can learn by what procedure to make application by calling at the Highland Park Red Cross center in the Public Service store.

## Men's Republican Club Committee Heads Named

### UP TO NOW

With the full fury of the attack mounting in France, and with the forces pushing ever nearer the Japanese homeland, the thoughts of still-at-home Americans throughout the country have been turning more and more to the problem of adequate preparation for the return of victorious troops, when, at long last, they march their last parade and come back to take up their lives where they left them.

While not discounting the fact that there will be many months of bitter fighting and still more bitter losses still ahead, the advances being made by our forces all over the world makes it increasingly apparent that it is by no means too early to consider that sort of life our service forces will find at home—and to see what can be done to assure that it is what they want and deserve.

Giving the disabled men medals and a pension, giving the others who need it unemployment compensation for a time, so that they can be readjusted over the period of readjustment—is not enough. What is needed is an integrated plan to channel these men, handicapped or not, back to a useful place in the civilian society they left.

Present indications are that Highland Park will do its part. The community committee, sponsored by the American Legion, has voted to expand to not more than 15 active members so that all activities and organizations in Highland Park can be can and want to help may do so. This committee, which has been planning the groundwork for an organization designed to provide a place where the veteran can inform himself easily and quickly as to what rights are due him, what privileges available and what employment opportunities open, will meet again in September, on a date to be selected by Ray Hayes, service officer of the American Legion, and a spur-plug of the committee, to discuss obtaining funds, an office and the necessary help to operate the service.

The importance of this work should not be underestimated. With some 2,000 Highland Park veterans in the armed services, it is obvious that such a service will be an essential part of the community for some time after the war is over and the boys are home.

## Highwood Community And War Chest Drive

The newly formed Highwood Community and War Chest committee met on Wednesday, August 2. Plans were made to start their drive early in September. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Margaret Dean, chairman. Mr. A. Ladurini, chairman. Mr. E. Mocogni, treasurer. Miss Joan Robasse, secretary. Other members of the executive committee are Robert Saielli, John Pasquesi, Mrs. Eva Phillips, Mrs. Sam Somenzi and Roy Russell.

Talks were made by E. F. Wilson of Deerfield and E. B. Sheridan of Highland Park, who represents the Greater Chicago War Fund committee.

## Steps From Train to Meet Fatal Accident

Mrs. Lois Carlos, a collector on the North Shore line, sustained fatal injuries when she missed her footing in alighting from the train at the Highwood general offices on Monday night.

Well liked by patrons of the line, Mrs. Carlos' death will be greatly regretted.

In stepping from the train she evidently missed her footing. Her foot was caught and she was dragged a short distance before the train could be stopped.

Dr. Risjord was summoned, and at first her injuries did not appear to be fatal, but later in the evening she succumbed.

## BLEEDING SERBIA

Bleeding Serbia, the Graveyard of Europe, was the subject of an article portraying the pitiful plight of that country. It was described as a land of famine and pestilence made so by the Germans and their allies.

In preparation for the first public forum meeting to be held at the Community Center, Monday evening, August 14, under the auspices of the newly incorporated Men's Republican club, Harold O. McLain, president, this week named the following as committee heads:

Membership: Jerome P. Boyes, Jr., chairman; Herbert Lautman, Howell Murray, Nathan S. Sharp, George Dana, Arthur Swanson, Frank Nosek, Elmer Freytag, DeWitt Manasee, Moses Shirers and James Becker. Publicity committee: Earl Sproul, chairman; Arthur Marquette and George Hartman. Political Action and Candidates committee: Paul Behanna. Robert Greenblatt and others to be announced later. Ways and Means committee: Howell Murray, chairman. Legislation committee: Paul Behanna, chairman; members to be announced later. Organization committee: Harry B. Aiston, chairman; Frank J. Ronan, Harold Pfister, Harry Earhart and William Witten.

Frank J. Rushton, Jr., president of the Birmingham, Ala., Chamber of Commerce, guest speaker of the August 14 forum discussion, wired President McLain confirming his engagement.

"Mr. Rushton is one of the South's most colorful personalities," President McLain stated. "While his formally announced subject will be Reconversion of America for Peace, he will tell why he and his fellow industrialists south of the Mason and Dixon line, will support Dewey for president."

Telephone calls to the officers of the Men's Republican club indicated city-wide interest in Mr. Rushton's forthcoming appearance, and steps have been taken to care for an overflow crowd. While in the Chicago area he will participate in an economic conference to be held under the auspices of Northwestern university.

## Community Center Closes Temporarily

The Highland Park Community Center, a part of the Playground and Recreation board program of activities, will close for three weeks until the Tuesday after Labor Day. This is to allow for necessary repairs and vacations.

During the past summer the Community Center has been open for teen-age open houses, game rooms for children, model airplane club, Highland Park camera club, individual use of shop and dark room. The summer playground office is located at the Center.

Playgrounds Close August 11. Summer playgrounds operated by the Playground and Recreation board of Highland Park will come to a close for the summer on the evening of August 11.

Playground activities have been conducted during the summer at Branside, Ravinia, Elm Place, Lincoln, West Ridge and Sunset Park grounds.

The final city-wide activity for the playgrounds was the day camp field day and picnic. Results of the various activities will be published in next week's issue of the Press.

## College Official to Address Rotary Club

William D. Copeland, assistant to the president of Lake Forest college, will address the Highland Park Rotary club on Monday noon, August 14, at their regular luncheon hour. The subject of his talk will be "Some Things Not Found in Books."

The speaker will be addressed by R. L. Sandwick.

## NOTICE TO VICTORY GARDENERS

If you wish information or advice regarding canning of garden produce, contact Mrs. Edson K. Rice, chairman of Canning Division of the Food and Garden committee, O.C.D. Phone H.P. 4532, address 1724 S. Ridge Road, Highland Park, Ill.

## COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND GARDENS.

## Little Business Hit

Approximately 70,000 retail stores have closed since Pearl Harbor, mostly among family-operated firms and those employing only a few people. The principal reasons for closing are: shortage of help, lack of supplies, difficulties due to rationing, and the many Government reports that must be filed.