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Concern Develops Over Caucus Project

House-to-house Red Cross War Fund Drive Opens

The opening gun in Highland Park's house-to-house Red Cross War Fund drive was fired at a kick-off rally Wednesday night in the Community center when scores of block workers, district chairmen and division chairmen assembled for last minute instructions and information.

The drive starts today (Thursday) and ends on Monday, March 5.

The time limit on the drive has been greatly shortened this year which places an additional responsibility on each worker to complete his canvass and turn in his cards before the deadline. At the meeting Wednesday night workers were urged to complete their calls as much in advance of the deadline as possible in order to give the headquarters group time to assemble all returns and compile the results.

Address by Dr. Sherwin

In his address to the workers, Rev. Louis W. Sherwin, campaign chairman, outlined the work for which this money is needed.

Dr. Sherwin said in part: "In view of the terrible suffering among our own armed forces and those of our allies, our people will want to be generous, more generous than ever before. In fact, it must be that way if we are to keep the Red Cross at their side. Our increased quota and the needs of Red Cross demand generosity."

Attending last night's meeting were Miss Margot Atkin, director of Community service of the Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross and Dr. H. Carnahan, former field director in England for the American Red Cross. Mr. Carnahan gave an interesting account of the humanitarian efforts of the American Red Cross in devastated England. Mr. Carnahan is now the director of first aid, water safety and accident prevention of the Chicago chapter and presented plaques to two local citizens, George Scheuchensflug and Ray Sneed for their outstanding work on first aid.

Mrs. Shanahan of the American Red Cross also spoke. Both she and Miss Atkin covered many fields of Red Cross activities. An official Red Cross movie, "Seeing Them Through," was shown.

\$6 a Second

The Red Cross needs \$6 every second in order to continue its humanitarian efforts and workers were urged to ask prospective donors to measure their gift in terms of the number of seconds they were able to keep the Red Cross in action.

Concert Pianist at Woman's Club Mar. 6

Dorys Seelig, concert pianist, will present the musical program at 12:45, March 6, at the Highland Park Woman's club, according to the music chairman, Mrs. John Manning.

The artist is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music of Paris, where she studied under Isidore Philippe, and also of the Juilliard Foundation in New York City, where she was a pupil of Joseph Lhevinne and Olga Samaroff-Stokowski.

She has been a soloist with the New York Philharmonic society and with the Minneapolis and Illinois symphony orchestras.

Her interesting career includes radio work and teaching in New York City.

At present she lives in Highland Park.

Firemen's Annual Ball Will Be Held Mar. 17

The Highland Park firemen will hold their 30th annual ball in the Labor temple on Saturday, March 17. Music by Vic Lenzi and his orchestra.

SERVICE MOTHERS MEET FOR RED CROSS SEWING

The Red Cross sewing group of the Service Mothers' club held its weekly meeting today (Thursday) at 9:30 a.m. at the local USO. This group was recently organized, with Mrs. Oscar Schmidley as chairman and Mrs. J. E. McCaffrey as co-chairman.

Red Cross Asked To Maintain Blood Quota

Mrs. Herbert Smith, Highland Park Red Cross blood donor chairman, has stated that the blood donor service in 1944 procured 5,371,664 pints of blood for the armed forces, or 371,664 pints more than their estimated requirements. It is the fourth straight year that the Red Cross has exceeded its quota.

The 1944 record represents an average of ten pints of blood a minute day and night throughout the year and brings to 11,024,015 pints the total amount procured since the inception of the project in February, 1941. Mrs. Smith states. She said that the army and navy have requested the Red Cross to continue procurement in 1945 at the present rate of 5,000,000 a year.

Throughout the country, 31 centers and 43 mobile units are participating in the program and all citizens are asked to continue their support of the project.

Cpl. "Bud" Moon Is Wounded at Manila

"I'm certainly glad we received his letter ahead of a telegram," remarks Mrs. Fred R. Moon, 598 Homewood, speaking of her son, Cpl. Melvin "Bud" Moon, who was wounded in action at Manila on February 9. He is one of the four Moon brothers now in service.

His letter, written with a light touch, minimizes the seriousness of his wounds, which are located in the shoulder and left arm, and compares the removal of shrapnel to the sensation of having a tooth pulled. At present he is hospitalized at Leyte.

Lt. Robert Moon, transport pilot, and Pfc. Lloyd, of the Army medical corps, are both stationed in England. Pvt. Vernon is with the AAF at Keesler Field, Miss.

Inter-Faith Group To Meet March 6 at "Y"

The March meeting of the Highland Park Inter-Faith group will be held Tuesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. at the local "Y" on Laurel Ave. The program promises to be unusually interesting. Mrs. Oneida Cockrell, director of the nursery school for the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments in Chicago, will speak on "All the Children of All the People." Mrs. Cockrell is well-informed on matters of child development, knows the school situation in Chicago well, is intensely interested in the subject of racial tensions and the growing number of organizations being formed for better understanding among different racial and religious groups, and is helping to foster school courses for improvement in white-negro relationship. She will speak of the opportunities open to children of all racial groups, with emphasis on the negro point of view. As always, this meeting is open to the interested public. The program will be followed by informal discussion.

Nurse's Aide Class Starts March 1st

Evening training classes for Nurse's Aides who can give six or twelve hours a week of daytime service will start March 1. The classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock at the Evanston hospital.

The nursing situation is acute at the present time and more nurses must be made available to care for wounded men overseas. Nurse's aides are directly helping to save the lives of our wounded.

Aides in the Evanston hospital training class include: Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews, 234 Laurel; Mrs. Rose Rosenthal, 261 Vine; Mrs. Elsie Schaffner, 1139 Lincoln, and Mrs. Myrtle Todes, 2190 Pine Point drive.

Hold Annual Dinner Honoring Scout Leaders

The annual Scout Leaders' Appreciation Dinner of the North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America, was held last Thursday evening at the North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe. More than 350 Scout, Cub and Seascout leaders and their guests attended. M. H. Wright of Lake Bluff, newly-elected Scout commissioner of the North Shore Area council, principal speaker, paid glowing tribute to the late Henry Fowler, instrumental in the organization of the North Shore Area council and active in Scouting affairs from that time until his death in November of 1944. Mr. Wright challenged those present to carry on with greater devotion the work which meant so much in the life of Mr. Fowler.

Harold Peacock of Glenview, re-elected to serve as president of the North Shore Area council for 1945-1946, presiding, paid tribute to the leaders who have stepped in to make Scouting available to the boyhood of the North Shore, filling the vacancies left by men now in service. In spite of an almost complete turnover of leadership, the council has carried on and continued to show an increase in membership and to maintain its place of leadership among the councils of the nation.

A feature of the program was the presentation of Silver Beaver awards to John W. Davis of Highland Park and Kenneth L. Fox of Glencoe by William E. Webster of Libertyville, chairman of the Silver Beaver committee. Mr. Webster emphasized the work of those men giving leadership to boys in Scouting.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Rev. Willis Plapp of Deerfield. Charles Watson, accompanied by Bob Bridges at the piano, led in group singing. An orchestra from the Highland Park high school furnished music during the dinner. Lt. Commander Baker Hamilton, former scoutmaster of troop 324, and skipper of Ship 39 of Great Lakes, closed the meeting by leading in the Scout oath.

Large delegations were present from neighboring towns.

Orenda, the Magician, at Lincoln, March 16th

Orenda, nationally known magician, mentalist, and escape artist, will present his "Sparkling Magic" program on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln school under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association.

The magician, who has traveled the entire country with his mystifying show, will feature tricks for adults as well as children, and it will truly be a "show for the whole family."

Outstanding in the show will be a double escape from a strait-jacket and padlocked bag. Orenda has asked that children bring their own padlocks to lock him in the bag. Of interest to adults will be a "brainbuster" mindreading exhibition that has created great interest wherever performed.

Nutrition Cooking School

Notices go out this week to all YWCA Mothers club members of the nutrition cooking school they are putting on at the YWCA on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Mar. 13, their regular meeting night. Mrs. Holbrook and her assistant, sponsored by the Bowman dairy, will demonstrate new food for rationed living.

Due to difficulties and shortages it is important to estimate ahead of time the numbers to prepare for. Members are asked to report about tickets on or before Mar. 9, to Mrs. Anton Frauenhoffer or Mrs. George Weber.

TUXIS MEMBERS REPORT ON GIRLS' CONFERENCE

The Tuxis society will meet next Sunday, March 4, 7:15 p.m., at the home of Georgia Ann Glaser, 816 Ridgewood. A report on the Older Girls' conference, held at Willow Avenue Presbyterian church in Joliet, Feb. 16-18, will be given by Beverly Date, Barbara Lasier, Joan Oliver and Margaret Wolf, who attended as delegates.

Members and friends cordially invited.

Group Submits Questions Regarding Suggested Caucus Plan

New and significant developments in connection with the proposed move to impose a caucus plan on Highland Park, took place during this last week.

A group of prominent local citizens, representing every section of the city, held a meeting, the first of a series of similar public discussions which will be announced later, at which hitherto undisclosed aspects of the caucus party system were brought to light.

Among those present were Avery C. Jones, J. H. Lunding, Mrs. Virginia H. Lunding, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Appel, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Swazey, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sherwin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Creigh, Arthur Tresler, James A. C. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Aiston, William J. Curotto, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bromstedt, Miss Grace Gregori, Miss Thoretta Gregori, Mrs. William L. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Vale, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Jones, Ralph J. Galitz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pfister, Clinton Fritsch, Mrs. Pearl Fritsch, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parkin, Elmer W. Freytag, Mary Louise Freytag, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Lineberry, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Stodder, Mrs. Alice Brook, Mrs. Lloyd A. Tupper and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cleary.

The gathering, various speakers emphasized, was for the purpose of fact finding, in order that final judgment of the proposed caucus party system may be weighed on its merits, before being submitted for action at a meeting March 22, arranged under the auspices of caucus advocates.

A list of questions was formulated by the joint action of those in attendance, which will be submitted to those in charge of the caucus party promotion program. They are as follows:

1. It is stated that the caucus plan has the support of the Highland Park Coordinating Council. Of the eighty or more member organizations of that body, how many have officially endorsed the caucus program by formal approval of their membership?

2. In the light of the high character of Highland Park's elected municipal officials who in the past have been nominated by lawful and regularly established procedure open to every qualified voter, what is the emergency which calls for hasty and precipitous action at this time?

3. Is it reasonable and fair to bring about a radical change in our elective procedure while more than 2,000 of our voters are absent on military duty?

4. Would not the establishment of the caucus party system with its proposed precinct organization elected by post card ballots, be incompatible with Highland Park's present non-partisan commission form of government?

5. Would our voters be justified in surrendering their electoral rights and privileges for a post card ballot procedure?

Additional questions designed to throw more light on the caucus proposal will be formulated at meetings to be called between now and March 22, so that the answers and information requested can be made public by the caucus party proponents at that time.

The group named above, by formal action, constituted itself the Highland Park Committee for Free Elections, and elected a sub-committee to conduct a survey, which it was stated would develop all angles of caucus procedure, both favorable and unfavorable.

Rotary Club Hears Argentine Speaker

Carlos Macchi, from Argentine, South American student at Northwestern, who is here on a Rotary scholarship, spoke before the Highland Park Rotary club Monday, Feb. 26. His subject covered life and activities of his home country.

Visitors to the club included Judge J. Corcoran and Keith Foster of Evanston; H. Bowen of Winnetka; Tom Adams and Henry Bucher of Deerfield, and Howard Huber of Highland Park.

A coast guard cutter made the first naval capture of the war when the Northland captured the enemy ship Boskoe off Greenland.

Further Discussion Of City-wide Caucus System

By Mrs. Mason Smith

Before introducing the proposed plan for Highland Park, which will start in our next article, suppose we look in on some of the material studied, and see what other towns have done to establish citizen participation in civic and school board elections.

Investigators visited seven neighboring towns of comparable size and conditions, where they asked this question, "Why did you start a city-wide caucus system?" The answers included these reasons:

1. To overcome or prevent "machine" politics.
2. To give all residents an equal opportunity to take part in the selection of candidates.
3. To avoid needless and distasteful contests.
4. To seek the best available men and women for the offices.

Now for "how" other caucuses are set up:

Each town has its own system but they do fall into two general patterns:

1. Those that have representation by organization.
2. Those that have district or precinct representation.

One town has a combination of both.

The first method is like the representation on our Coordinating Council. The second is the one suggested in the proposed plan for a new civic organization.

One town has a caucus of representatives of organizations directly interested in the welfare of children, to select only school board candidates. Another is set up on the district plan to select civic, park and library board candidates, exclusive of the school board.

There are various ways of electing or selecting the members of the caucus committee in the district plan. One method provides that ballots be sent to all citizens on the water list asking them to submit names to the present caucus. These are voted on by that

caucus and a certain number receiving the highest number of votes are made the new members of the caucus. One town has a very intricate method, holding one member from each precinct over from each term to provide continuity, having another selected by the majority of those voting in the precinct, and a third appointed by these two members from that precinct.

Our committee has bettered these plans, devising one of their own which they hope will overcome the difficulties found in the others.

In some towns the caucus works so smoothly that many citizens have become indifferent to it, feeling that a few civic minded people will do a fine job in selecting candidates. Our committee will present a plan to hold citizen interest so that we will be less likely to shift our civic responsibility from the many to the few.

In one town one powerful organization is running things. Our committee doesn't intend that such a condition shall ever develop in Highland Park and has taken definite precautionary measures.

The plan of our committee will be unfolded in the next two weeks. Compare it with the ideas from other towns set forth in this article. If you think a good idea has been overlooked or that those that are included will not work, note them and turn them over to the committee with your suggestions, or present them at the town meeting on March 22. The committee know that the plan they will present must meet with your approval in order to be workable.

The following are the men and women who have worked to get the final plan ready and to present it to you: Mrs. Oliver S. Turner, chairman; Mrs. David Levinson, secretary; Mr. Arthur Howard, Mr. Philip McKenna, Mr. Mortimer Singer, Mrs. J. S. Baker, Mr. Henry Stein, Mr. Frank Nosek, Mrs. Mason Smith and Mr. Eugene Hotchkiss.

Public Health Officer To Address Ravinia PTA

Dr. Edward A. Piszczek, an outstanding public health doctor and authority on infantile paralysis, will talk to the Ravinia P.T.A. on Tuesday, Mar. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Village House, on "Polio and Public Health."

Dr. Piszczek is one of the finest examples of the high calibre of men in the public health service today. He has a fine educational background, including a master of public health degree from Harvard university, and years of intensive experience. Since 1940 he has been director of the Cook county public health unit, which covers the entire county exclusive of the city of Chicago. As Cook county public health director he handled the 1943 infantile paralysis epidemic in Chicago and he was honored by the National Foundation to direct the care and treatment of patients at the Emergency hospital during the infantile paralysis epidemic there in the summer of 1944—the second worst epidemic in the recorded history of the nation — and he has been a consultant in practically every major epidemic throughout the country.

Highland Park is especially fortunate to hear Dr. Piszczek at this time when interest in a health department for Lake county is county-wide. A Lake county health committee has been formed to further interest and knowledge in such a health department.

Because the Ravinia P.T.A. feels this talk on polio is of such great interest to all people in Highland Park, they and their friends are invited to be present.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor:

Where is all the paper?

A couple of weeks ago I happened to be passing along Green Bay road on the day before the regular paper pick-up. It was around 5:00 p.m. From Central avenue south to Roger Williams, I saw only four houses with papers out on the curb! Not a very good record, Green Bay Readers!

I have seen many other blocks with this same record.

Paper in the war effort has over 700,000 different uses. The more important ones are: camouflage coverings, maps, weatherproof boxes for field rations, sun helmets, parachutes for ammunition and supplies.

Did you know that over 500,000 tons of paper was used last year alone for shell cases?

In the ten-day siege on Aachen, our boys used up shells that were carried there, in over 900 tons of paper containers!

The paper pick-up schedule for March is as follows:

Monday, Mar. 5 — Central and north to city limits, east of tracks.

Tuesday, March 6 — Central to Beech, east of tracks.

Wednesday, March 7 — Beech to County Line road, east of tracks.

Thursday, March 8 — Central to County Line road, west of tracks.

Friday, March 9 — Central north to city limits, west of tracks.

This is no time for any of us to side step this most important obligation, until "Old Glory" floats over Tokyo and Berlin. So let's get our paper out on the above dates!

(Signed) (H) x (A).

Bring Current Magazines To R. Cross Headquarters

Magazines are still greatly needed for the patients in McIntyre hospital/Great Lakes, according to Red Cross officials in Highland Park.

Current magazines for men in the hospital may be taken to the Red Cross headquarters in the Public Service company store at 521 Central. The magazines are collected and distributed by Red Cross workers.

To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed. —Coleridge.