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Expect Red Cross Drive to Go Over Top This Week

On the basis of latest information compiled Wednesday afternoon, it appears that Highland Park could be expected to go over the top in the Red Cross war fund drive before the end of this week.

Although Highland Park's quota this year has been increased to \$42,500, a projection of the results achieved so far in the campaign indicated that the goal will ultimately be surpassed.

The campaign will run throughout the month of March or until every adult in Highland Park has been contacted and given an opportunity to contribute to this year's drive.

"The team-work displayed by everyone working on the campaign has been remarkable," said Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, campaign chairman. "A fine spirit has prevailed from the vice-chairman throughout the entire organization. Indications are that every district will exceed its quota."

Menke's Aid
"The success of this year's drive can be attributed in a very large degree to the perseverance of E. A. Menke, general chairman of the Red Cross for Highland Park," Rev. Sherwin added.

"Mr. Menke's constant care and interest at the heart of the Red Cross activities in his office have contributed more than anyone knows to the ultimate success of this year's drive. He deserves the commendation of the entire community and Red Cross organization."

The slogan for the concluding weeks of the campaign will be "Be Able to Say, I gave All I Could." Any person who has not yet given to the war fund may do so by getting in touch with his neighborhood worker or by dropping in at Red Cross headquarters located in the Public Service office at 521 Central avenue.

Although everyone is urged to give more than ever before because the need is greater than ever before, any gift of any size is most acceptable. Many gifts of small denomination can develop into sizeable amounts.

Grateful for Response To Appeal for Knitters

Bundles for America is grateful to many knitters who responded to the appeal for warm articles of clothing for boys on land and sea. They wish to thank, also, knitters who have cooperated for the past three years, and hope to have all outstanding work completed soon.

Word has been received from headquarters that there is great need for gloves and sweaters. Directions have been received for sleeveless sweaters, and there is now need for knitters to complete gloves, sleeveless sweaters and turtle neck sweaters. Anyone wishing to knit may secure yarn free by calling Mrs. Thomas Creigh, H. P. 189, Mrs. Raymond Herman, H. P. 2, or Mrs. William T. Jones, H. P. 25.

BLOOD DONORS

- 12 Henry Hansen
- 9 Merritt Robson
2417 Valley road
- 6 Harry Duffield
1228 Briar lane
- 3 Bernard J. Plunkett
244 N. Green Bay
- 2 Donn D. Moseley
710 N. St. Johns
- 5 Walter Lilienfeld
840 S. Sheridan
- 5 Hortense Lilienfeld
840 S. Sheridan
- 4 Marie Louise Rosenthal
222 Bronson

Fish! Tush! . . .

In order to classify the new pupil, the teacher was asking him a few key questions.

"Who gave us this beautiful school?"

"President Roosevelt," was the matter-of-fact reply.

"Who gave us our wonderful cross-country highways?"

"President Roosevelt."

"Who makes the trees grow and the flowers bloom?"

This time the lad answered "God."

Immediately a voice piped up from the rear, "Throw that Republican out!"

Township Electors To Vote on Pension Plan

At the Deerfield township election to be held on Tuesday, April 3, voters will be given an opportunity to express their wish on a separate ballot of placing the township employees under the "Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund" as created by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois in 1939.

A petition signed by the required number of legal voters has been submitted to Albert Larson, town clerk, who is now preparing separate ballots for a referendum vote to be taken at the time town officials are elected on Tuesday, April 3. Already this plan has been approved by the voters of Lake county for all county employees and at the last municipal election held in Highland Park in 1943, was approved by the voters for the benefit of all city employees.

If approved by the voters of the township the plan becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1946. The system is legally known and designated as the "Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund." The purpose of this fund is to provide a sound and efficient system for the payment of annuities and other benefits to employees, and to beneficiaries of employees, of municipal and local governmental units in the state, thereby (a) enabling such employees to provide for themselves and their dependents in case of old age, disability and death and (b) affecting economy and efficiency in the public service by furnishing an orderly means whereby such employees who have become aged or otherwise incapacitated may, without hardship or prejudice, be retired from active service.

At present no employees within any governmental unit of the state derive any benefit from the federal social security law now in effect, hence the approval of this plan by the voters of the township will enable all township employees as well as elected officials, if they so elect, to derive the same benefits as under federal legislation.

Great Lakes Branch Of Philatelic Club Gains In Interest

The North Suburban Philatelic society will hold its regular meeting at the Community Center on March 20, at 8 p.m. An auction will be held at this time, at which many desirable lots will change hands.

The club is still active in procuring stamps for the wounded at Great Lakes. Several members visit the hospitals there weekly to distribute stamps, stamp books, etc., to the convalescents, who derive much enjoyment from the pastime. Offerings have been received from 10 different states. Those interested in contributing stamps for these wounded veterans may forward them to The Highland Park Press, where they will be passed on promptly to a member of the Philatelic society for distribution at Great Lakes.

Mr. Paul Phelps Addresses Rotary Club

At the March 12 meeting of the Highland Park Rotary club Paul Phelps, club member, gave a most interesting talk on the subject of "Highland Park Real Estate." The meeting next week will be devoted to a panel discussion on the topic, "World Post-War Organization." Paul Behanna will serve as moderator and the members of the panel are to be R. L. Sandwick, E. C. Reichert, E. T. Skidmore, Ed Knox and W. D. Copeland.

Visitors to the club included Lt. Everett Mills, U. S. navy; R. Ferris and Bob Everly of Glencoe, and Carl Gieser of Tecumseh, Nebr.

A high ranking German official was asked what he would do after the war is over. He replied that he was going to make a walking tour of the Reich. "But what," came the question, "are you planning to do after lunch?"

One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour.—Emerson.

COMMUNICATIONS

(The opinions expressed by the writers of these "open letters" are not necessarily those of THE PRESS. The proposal that a "caucus" system for the selection of candidates for city offices has evoked much controversy. Therefore we feel that a full discussion of the proposal is of vital interest to all and we are glad to open our columns as much as space will permit to those who have ideas on this matter and wish to express them.)

By OLIVER S. TURNER
Chairman of Caucus Committee

Here are some things which you should know before you decide whether or not Highland Park should have a Citizens' Association. This will be the subject of discussion at the town meeting to be held at the Elm Place auditorium at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, March 22.

What is a Citizens' Association?

It is a voluntary, non-political association open to every voter in Highland Park. Its purpose is twofold. As an association it would give us a place for public consideration of questions affecting the welfare of the town as a whole, such as the protection of grade crossings, and a place to which matters of common interest could be referred. As a caucus it would act as a nominating committee in the selection of candidates for local offices.

What is a Caucus?

It is a group of 36 citizens, selected by the registered voters, to present to the voters a slate of qualified candidates to run for local office. Suggestions for candidates would be received directly from the voters by the caucus which would have to consider all names submitted.

The preparation of such a slate by the caucus neither changes nor interferes in any way with the legal right of any other citizen to also become a candidate for these offices. The caucus is not concerned with, nor can it in any way affect, the established process of elections which is provided for by our election laws. It does not take away from any citizen any legal right nor could it possibly interfere with participation at the polls. It does give every citizen a chance (Continued on page 4)

TUXIS TO ENJOY BOWLING PARTY

An afternoon of fun is anticipated by members of the Tuxis society on Saturday, when they will hold a St. Patrick's bowling party. They will meet at the Highland Park Ten Pins, at 2:30 p.m.

City-wide Hearings on Caucus Plans Suggested

As the result of last Thursday's meeting in the Community Center, under the auspices of those who propose the immediate adoption of one of several possible caucus plans, public sentiment has crystallized in favor of a more comprehensive examination of all projects designed to develop wider participation in local politics.

Elsewhere in this newspaper will be found an advertisement sponsored by the Highland Park Committee for Free Elections in behalf of all groups which unambiguously endorse a caucus procedure for our city, but who feel that more than one specific plan should be examined before final action is taken.

As the advertisement points out, it will require time to give all Highland Park voters an opportunity to study and compare the merits of several of more than one caucus plan, and to give every voter a voice in making the final choice. It is for this reason those in charge of the public meeting scheduled for next Thursday evening will be requested to defer the setting up of an organization committed to the adoption of a single plan without further public consideration. The reasonableness of such a request was pointed out this last week by Elmer W. Freytag, permanent chairman of the group advocating an opportunity for city-wide discussion and participation.

"The very essence of caucus procedure such as we are all seeking," Chairman Freytag stated,

By LEO J. SHERIDAN
City Commissioner

My attention has been called to articles appearing in recent issues of the Highland Park Press released by the Highland Park Committee for Free Elections relating to the meeting held on Sunday afternoon, March 4, at which a resolution was adopted opposing the proposed caucus.

References made to the fact that I was a speaker at that meeting and that I proposed to call "for a Council resolution to the effect that the city government had not sponsored or approved any caucus program" are correct, but as written carry an inference which is not correct and should not be permitted to stand without clarification.

Unfortunately, rumors had spread concerning sponsorship, motives, and purposes behind the proposed caucus program. Many close friends of mine, including Philip J. McKenna, Oliver S. Turner, Eugene Hotchkiss and others, had devoted much time over a period of almost two years to the development of that program, as members of the Caucus Committee of the Highland Park Coordinating Council.

My statement at the meeting of March 4 condemned these rumors; emphasized that no one present at that meeting could claim a higher sense of public interest and civic welfare than those men and women whose names had been identified with the caucus proposal; that they had developed a caucus program which would, in their judgment, prove beneficial to the city; and that it was an obligation of opposition to review the program on its merits, free from emotional or prejudicial bias.

I recommended (1) that the caucus committee be requested to withhold adoption of the plan un-

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Pvt. Joseph Colo, 18, Lost in European Area

Pvt. Joseph Colo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Colo, 134 Highwood Ave., Highwood, previously reported missing, has been officially declared lost in action, last Dec. 25, in the European area. The only definite clue to his whereabouts since leaving this country, is a letter, written Dec. 6 from England.

Entering the service in his junior year at high school, May, 1944, he left for overseas the following November.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Pfc. Domenic, now serving with the army infantry in the Asiatic-Pacific area, a brother James and a sister Helen.

Ask Caucus Vote Delay Until Service Men Return

Mrs. Babette Mandel Pioneer Resident, Dies at 96

Mrs. Babette Mandel, widow of the late Emanuel Mandel, founder of Mandel Bros. store of Chicago, passed away at her home on 130 Roger Williams, Monday, at the age of 96.

Born in Aushausen, Germany, Mrs. Mandel came to Chicago at the age of four, and is one of the pioneer residents of Highland Park. Her strong personality as well as her good memory made her an interesting personage. She loved to tell of Abraham Lincoln, with his high boots and flowing hair, whom she met during her grammar school days. Keenly interested in world affairs, it was her wish to live to see an allied victory. Her longevity is attributed to her temperate habits of life.

Mrs. Mandel was honorary vice president of the Chicago chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women and was the oldest living member of the Sinai congregation.

Her late husband, Emanuel, died while traveling in Switzerland in 1908, and in his honor she founded the Emanuel and Babette clinic at Michael Reese hospital. Her chief protegee, Dr. Joseph De Lee, noted obstetrician, is the founder of the Chicago Maternity center.

Mrs. Mandel is survived by a son, Edwin F., of Highland Park, who is president of Mandel Bros. store in Chicago; three grandsons, Capt. Richard H. Mandel of New York, now stationed at a base in Texas, Frank E. and Albert E. M. Louer, both residents of this town and directors of Mandel Bros. store; and five great grandchildren.

Pvt. John L. Duchane Gives Life on Leyte

Pvt. John L. Duchane, of the army infantry, was lost in action on Leyte, October 25, according to belated information received from the War Department by his wife, Helen, 322 McDaniels, recently.

Born at Ft. Sheridan, and a local high school alumnus, Pvt. Duchane was employed by the North Shore Gas company prior to entering the service two years ago. Transferred overseas shortly after induction, he took part in the invasions of the Aleutians and the Marshalls.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son John, 14, a brother George, of the Seabees, and a sister, Mrs. Marie Wierzba of Wyandotte, Mich.

Rotary Sets Date for City-wide Hobby Show

At a meeting on March 13, Dr. C. V. Nichols, chairman of the Youth Service committee, Rotary club of Highland Park, set the date for the annual city-wide hobby show. This city-wide event is to be held at the Community Center Saturday, April 14.

As in the past, Rotary club is offering ribbon awards for the better hobbies that are entered. This year, as a special inducement, a plaque will be offered to the school with the most entries on a per capita basis.

The purpose of the city-wide hobby show is to give boys and girls who have entered into the various school hobby shows a chance to compete with other schools. The Rotary club Youth Service committee consists of Dr. C. V. Nichols, chairman; E. Menke, R. Denzel, H. L. Nelson, C. Speer, D. Husenetter and Nafe Larson.

People's Party Meets Thursday in Highwood

A mass meeting is planned for tonight, Thursday, at Oak Terrace school, to which all Highwood citizens, voters and non-voters, are invited. Thomas F. Musatto, candidate of the People's Party for mayor, and other candidates for office will be introduced. The party platform will be outlined, and the need of Highwood for recreational facilities for the young folks will be emphasized.

A social hour will follow the meeting.

At a regular meeting of Highland Park Post No. 145, American Legion, held March 8, 1945, the following resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously carried:

COPY OF RESOLUTION
by Highland Park Post No. 145, American Legion

Resolved that the Adjutant transmit to the Caucus Committee, assembled in public meeting March 22, a motion that final consideration and vote on any proposed caucus plan or system be postponed and deferred until six months after the complete cessation of hostilities involving the United States of America.

This motion is made by ex-service men in behalf of the more than 2,100 of our fellow townsmen who are entitled to a voice in approval or disapproval of any proposal in which they might have as great an interest as those who remain at home.

Be it further resolved that action with reference to this motion be made a matter of public record and recorded in the minutes of our Post.

By WILLIAM HEINRICHS, Adjutant.

At a meeting March 8 of the Highland Park post of the American Legion, the above resolution was unanimously passed, asking the Co-ordinating Council Caucus Committee that final decision on any Caucus plan be delayed until such time as the men from our community now away in service, return home and are able to take part in any decision to be made.

Leslie McCaffery, a past commander of the post, who presented the resolution to the post, advises that the action was taken impartially and solely in what the Legion considers to be the best interest of the more than 2,100 men from Highland Park now away from home and in the armed forces.

Commander DeWitt Manasse states that as several organizations have requested copies of the resolution, the Legion is mailing copies to all organizations in Highland Park, accompanied by a letter further stating that although the Legion by-laws forbid participation in any matters which may be political and although for that reason the Legion has not and can not officially approve or disapprove any proposed Caucus plan, the American Legion does feel that any definite action one way or the other at this time would not afford the great number of men away in service an opportunity to express their voice in any decision that might be made. He further states that this action is consistent with the obligation and established policy of the Legion to serve the Service Man and safeguard his interests while he is in service.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES IN THE UNITED CHURCH

A week of pre-Easter services is announced for the United Evangelical church, March 18-25, with Rev. Paul D. Gordon, evangelist and missionary worker as the special speaker. Services will be held for one week, including both Sundays beginning Sunday morning, March 18, at 10:45, with week-night services at 8, and Sunday night meetings at 7:45. The speaker comes to Highland Park after several months of meetings in Pennsylvania.

He led the Highland Park church in a series of meetings about 1932 when he was pastor in Dixon, Ill. His keen sense of humor makes his presentation of Biblical truths unique and appealing. The theme of the services is "Victory Thru Loyalty to Christ." They are open to the general public.

Kiwanis Club To Hear Maj. Ray C. Armstrong

Major Ray C. Armstrong, medical corps, USA, will address the Kiwanis club next Monday evening. His subject will be "Operation of a Separation Center," treating of the details involved in returning a soldier to civil life. The speaker last week was Dr. Stanley Niles, who met with an enthusiastic reception on Ladies' night.

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings.—Mary Baker Eddy.