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War II Vets on Legion Sponsored July 4 Events

Heroes of World War II will appear on the program of the 11th annual Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Cook County council of the American Legion, comprising 270 posts, which will be presented in Soldier Field in commemoration of the 169th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The army's "Here Is Your Infantry" show will be presented as one of the features of the entertainment, which will include a gigantic fireworks display featuring the bombing of Tokyo and other circus acts. Another feature of the evening will be the initiation of veterans of this war as new members of the American Legion. The ceremonies will be in charge of Post No. 372, the Naval post of Chicago.

Tickets are on sale at celebration headquarters in Room 341 in the Morrison hotel; room 410, 343 S. Dearborn St., and at the third floor theater bureau of Marshall Field & Co. Box seats are \$2.50, reserved seats \$1, and general admission 50 cents, tax included. Tickets not being used are donated to convalescent veterans of Gardner general and Vaughan hospitals in Chicago and to wounded sailors and marines at the Great Lakes hospital.

Proceeds of the celebration will be distributed among the American Red Cross, the U.S.O., the Soldier and Sailor councils, and a fund for the purchase of cigarettes and playing cards for veterans in army and navy hospitals and stations. Music will be furnished by outstanding drum and bugle corps of the Chicago area.

Miss Edell Hansen, R.N., Concludes Army Service

Miss Edell Hansen, R.N., who for 15 years has done private nursing in Highland Park, is back in town after having served at the Percy Jones general and convalescent hospital at Battle Creek, Mich. Miss Hansen was the first civilian nurse to arrive there nine months ago, when the need for nurses was imperative. With army nurses now returning from the European theater of war, there is no longer need for civilian nurses. Miss Hansen is staying at the Udell apartments for the summer.

In charge of the officers' surgical ward, Miss Hansen enjoyed her work. The patients are cheerful and well-cared for, and the food is excellent. The men feel at home the moment they arrive, and in company with others like themselves, are much less conscious of their handicaps.

They come from air corps, infantry and paratroopers' corps—fine fellows, who like to kid about their respective outfits. "The infantry will take care of this situation" . . . or to a member of the air corps, "Visibility poor today, brother — you won't be taking off."

Although there are single wards, most of them accommodate from two to fifteen patients. Joking, razzing, singing to the accompaniment of record or radio, there is still real consideration shown for the newly operated patient, who invariably insists upon having his own "sack" again, with the personal belongings and treasures that have been kept there for him.

Miss Hansen feels that the return of the handicapped veteran to civilian life will be the hardest trial. Rather sensitive, sometimes touchy about being helped, pity is the one thing he cannot endure. If relatives and friends can restrain their grief and anxiety and treat him just as they did when he went away, she feels that the way will be made easier for everyone.

A native of Denmark, Miss Hansen received last week a wire from her brother there, stating that her relatives are all well. This is the first word she has received from them since the German occupation.

MORE BOYS AND GIRLS NEEDED FOR AFTERNOON PLAY SCHOOLS

Looking for a play school to send your 5, 6, or 7 year old? School meets from 1:15 to 3:15 school days. There are two, one at Lincoln and another at Green Bay school. Qualified teachers are in charge. This is a fee activity. Call Community Center 2442 for more details.

Veterans Handled With Speed and Fairness At Separation Center

The Fort Sheridan separation center is working 24 hours a day, seven days a week to discharge the heavy volume of soldiers eligible for release under the point system of demobilization, according to Brig. Gen. John T. Pierce, Ft. Sheridan commanding general.

Since June 1, at least 450 men a day have been discharged, and at present the center has reached as high as 680 men daily.

Gen. Pierce pointed out that the bulk of the men being discharged at the present time have returned directly from overseas. In one case a man arrived at the separation center who had had breakfast the day before in North Africa. Less than 48 hours after he arrived at Fort Sheridan, he was on his way home as a civilian. In other instances, men have been discharged who less than three weeks previous were fighting in the front lines at Okinawa.

Preference has been given to men returning direct from overseas theaters of war, Gen. Pierce continued. Shipment of men eligible for discharge who are stationed at camps in this country will proceed as fast as possible, but because of the huge load now being handled by separation centers some men may be held at the camps to which they are assigned until room can be found for them at the separation center nearest their homes this being the customary place of discharge.

General Pierce also pointed out that there are many soldiers who have the required number of points for discharge, but cannot be released at the present time because there is a shortage of men who have their particular job qualifications. These essential men will be released as soon as the army determines that replacements are available for them. Men in the essential category who have returned from overseas will be assigned to domestic installations whenever possible.

Rotary Club to Induct New Officers June 25

The main event of the June 25 meeting of the Highland Park Rotary club will be the presenting of an annual report by the present officers of the club and the induction of the new officers.

President-elect Ed Menke will take over the affairs of the club and conduct them for one year.

Last week's meeting of the Highland Park club was filled with important activities. Lt. George Greene was a prisoner of the Germans and he told of some of his experiences. Other visitors included: Chief Meierhoff of the U. S. navy, Mrs. Walter E. Meierhoff, Karl Barfield of Tucson, Ariz., Bob Pierce and W. V. Merriman of Glencoe and Stanley McKee, Yeoman Mary Greene and Mr. and Mrs. George Greene, Sr.

Special Volunteer Service Class June 25-June 29

Starting Monday and on display for the entire week in the Public Service company window at 521 Central avenue will be the uniforms worn by American Red Cross volunteer special service workers.

Courses for special service volunteers will start within the next few weeks. A home service class will be held from June 25 through June 29, every day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. College graduates over 21 years of age are eligible. On June 18 a canteen course will open, and a staff assistants' class will be held July 9, 11 and 13 from 9 to 3 o'clock, with the final examination on July 16.

Further details regarding the class may be obtained at the Red Cross center in the Public Service store any day from 10 to 4.

City of Highwood Asks For Bids on City Job

The City of Highwood asks for sealed bids on the cleaning and painting of the elevated water storage tank. All bids must be in by July 6.

Tenth Annual Ravinia Music Festival Will Open Saturday, June 30

The musical spotlight of the Mid-West will be focused this week upon the gala opening of the tenth annual Ravinia Music Festival. In its beautiful woodland setting on Chicago's North Shore the six weeks' series of symphony music and one week of chamber music under the stars will have its premier performance of the season on Saturday evening June 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

Desire Defauw, the Chicago Symphony orchestra's permanent musical director and conductor, will lead the orchestra on the opening night when the program will be made up of music of Gretry, Mottl, Brahms, and Chausson. Oscar Chausson, Mus. 2/c, violin and piano, will be the soloist of the U. S. navy, will be the soloists. They will play Brahms' "Concerto for Violin and Cello." Chausson is on leave from the Chicago Symphony orchestra and Miller is on leave from the NBC symphony.

The first night audience, Saturday, June 30, will be welcomed to the fourth wartime Ravinia Festival by Percy B. Eckhart, president of the Ravinia Festival association.

The series of 24 concerts, which constitute the season of the Chicago Symphony orchestra under the direction of outstanding guest conductors will begin July 3. During these six weeks celebrated soloists will come to Ravinia Park to contribute their talents to the brilliant programs planned for the season. Their musical numbers are announced today.

Dorothy Maynor, noted Negro soprano will be heard during the second week on July 10 and 14. On Tuesday, July 10, she will sing two songs from the incidental music for Goethe's "Egmont" by Beethoven, and her program for Saturday, July 14, will include Mozart's "Et In Carnatus Est"; "Oh What Comfort" from "The Seasons," by Haydn; "Air De Lia" from Debussy's "Le Enfant Prodigue"; "Invitation Au Voyage" by Duparc; and "Depuis Le Jour" from the opera "Louise" by Charpentier.

Jakob Gimpel, gifted pianist, will be the soloist during the third week. He will play Beethoven's "Emporer Concerto in E Flat" on Tuesday, July 17. The following Saturday, July 21, he will play Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2."

During the fourth week, Erica (Continued on page 4)

Junior Infant Welfare Groups Meet June 25

Infant Welfare members of the Highland Park-Ravinia center's junior group will come early and stay late at the June meeting on Monday in order to meet the increased need for baby garments caused by the 1944 and 1945 bumper crop of babies.

Mrs. Ralph C. Archer, president, asks that everyone come as early as possible so that the maximum amount of sewing may be accomplished.

Mrs. George Ross Jr., of 468 Fairview, will be hostess, assisted by Mrs. Robert S. Cushman, Mrs. Robert S. Wilson, Mrs. Paul R. Trent and Mrs. E. U. Kesinger.

NINE JUNE GRADUATES INDUCTED INTO SERVICE

Nine men from this vicinity were inducted into the service last week. From Highland Park were Thomas S. Foster and William C. Gutmann for the navy, and John E. Cederberg, Christ Chagios, Glenn W. Harvey and Frederick Pomper for the army.

Joining the army from Highwood were Charles J. Fortunato, Richard A. Ruffolo, Nicholas C. Lucente and Marc Williams.

According to the draft board all the above except Fortunato are June graduates of the local high school.

ALL DAY HIKES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

A feature of summer playgrounds is the weekly all day hike program. There are two hikes planned for each week. They start at 9:30 a.m. and return about 3:30. They are either foot or bike hikes.

On Tuesday mornings the hikes start from Sunset park with Bert S. Leech as the hike master.

On Thursday mornings the hikes start from Ravinia playground with Stanley McKee as the hike master.

Register at either playground for the next hike.

Highland Park Post Of American Legion Plans Carnival July 2-4

Yes, there'll be a Legion carnival this year. This annual event has become a Highland Park institution. The carnival will be held in Sunset park July 2, 3, and 4—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

There will be rides, games, refreshments, entertainment, and prizes for young and old. There will be more war bonds, a thousand dollars worth, to reward sixteen winners.

This year the three hundred and fifteen members of the Highland Park post of the American Legion have for their carnival objective a substantial addition to their fund for a Legion veterans memorial building.

Many of the young veterans of Highland Park have been honorably discharged from military service have become members of the Legion post. Many more will become affiliated with this organization as time goes on. It is only fitting that some suitable, practical, living memorial should be provided in this community, dedicated to those who have fought that liberty might endure.

Some of the veterans of many carnivals who are assisting Commander De Witt Manasse in preliminary preparations are Miller Schreiner, George Abernathy, James Thompson, Edward Benson, Les McCaffrey, Ray Hayes and Harry Eichler. A list of all carnival committee workers will be ready for publication soon.

Famous Blackhawk Division Includes Some Local Boys

Included in the 86th Blackhawk division which arrived in the States this week, the first full division to arrive intact from Europe, were 700 from the Chicago area, including several from our immediate vicinity. They arrived to the blaring of bands, the welcoming shouts of thousands, whistling and cheering their favorite tune, "Don't Fence Me In," falling reverently silent at the sight of the Statue of Liberty. After a 30-day furlough they will be off to the Pacific conflict.

From Highland Park were the following: T/4 Charles F. Connolly, 594 Homewood; Pfc. Roland W. Hoermann, 835 Forest; Cpl. John H. Moran, 318 Oakwood; Pfc. Michael Wampler, 231 Cary. From Highwood, T/5 Edgar J. Bartolotti, 135 North; Pfc. John Brasa, 309 Oak Terrace. Deerfield, Pfc. Louis P. Alonzi, 360 Deerfield Rd.; S/Sgt. Gilbert Nichelsen, 938 Osterman.

These boys left the States last February and have been in combat since March. They swept across Germany and over the Danube. Now their cry is "On to Tokio." They will begin thinking of getting out of the service, they say, after the war is over.

Members of L.O.O.M. To Hold Bowling Party

Highland Park lodge No. 446, L.O.O.M., will hold a bowling party for the members and their friends on Saturday night, June 30, at the Highland Ten Pin. This party will be in the nature of a bogie mixed doubles, with drawing to be made after the bowling is started. Three prizes will be offered to the men and the same number to the women.

Refreshments and sandwiches will be served and the members and their friends can be assured of an enjoyable evening. The committee in charge consists of C. W. Kilelea, Joseph Koopman, Anthony Porco, Charles Winkler, Robert Bousson and John Myers.

HIGH SCHOOL RENDEZVOUS AT CENTER WEDNESDAYS

High school boys and girls — Wednesdays is your night at the Community center. Here from 8 to 11:30 is your "summer rendezvous."

Music for the open house and dance will be by Herbie Holt's band. A good time is assured.

For the June 27 meeting the specialty will be a Hawaiian dance number by a professional dancer. All high school age students are invited to attend.

FREE TENNIS INSTRUCTION AFTERNOONS AT SUNSET

Come to Sunset park afternoons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 2 to 5, if you want free lessons in tennis.

Mrs. "Tinker" Dewey will be on hand to help you.

7th War Loan Campaign Heads Into Final Effort

USO-SALVATION ARMY CLOSING ITS DOORS

The USO-Salvation Army at 346 Waukegan avenue, Highwood, has closed its doors. Sadly the manager, Maj. Ira Fitzpatrick, put up the sign "Closed." Sadly the many servicemen, who have found this center a cheerful, quiet, homelike place in which to spend their leisure hours, turn away.

One of the first centers to open its doors to military personnel, this unit has been in operation since last week in October, 1941. Major and Mrs. Fitzpatrick arrived September 15, 1941, from Milwaukee, where they had been in charge of the Salvation Army men's social center, to take charge. From the first, the unit was an active and a growing one.

One of the most helpful activities has been the housing and rooming service. Many a time has some staff or volunteer member made 25 or 30 calls, in the late evening, in order to find accommodation for a serviceman's wife and baby. Never has a deserving case been turned away.

Of late the patronage of the unit has increased steadily, due to the return of overseas veterans — men who need and seek a place to rest, relax, read, write letters, work in the fine hobby shop or renew their contact with civilian life as gradually as they desire.

Unfortunately it is that the decision to close these doors lies with those too far away to grasp the significance of the situation—the need of a special concession in the case of a town adjoining a large military post. Not that the authorities have not been informed. Hundreds of interested citizens of Highwood and Highland Park have written or wired explaining the set-up. A senator and a congressman have added their request that the unit be continued. A strong appeal from Fort Sheridan, itself, from both officers and men, has been ignored. These men have done everything within their power to bring about a reversal of orders. As one man put it, "My home lies 900 miles from here. But the minute I step inside these doors, that 900 miles melts away—I am at home."

It is with keen regret and expressions of gratitude to all who have assisted the staff in maintaining this center so ably, that the doors close. And it is no wonder that friends and patrons of the unit are of divided minds as to just why, in the face of existing conditions, this must be done.

Brig. Gen. John T. Pierce In Command at Fort

Brig. Gen. John T. Pierce, until June 5, 1945, assistant division commander of the 103rd infantry division in Austria, assumed command of Fort Sheridan Thursday afternoon, June 14.

A graduate of the University of Wyoming in 1915, General Pierce started his military career as a second lieutenant of cavalry on Nov. 30, 1916. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on June 20, 1942, when he was named the commanding general of the second cavalry brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas, and two months later assigned as assistant division commander of the 103rd infantry division, an organization with which he served until his present assignment.

Most of his military career has been spent in the cavalry. He is a graduate of the Cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kans., the special advanced equestrian course, Command and General Staff school, Air Corps Tactical school and Army War college. He served with the 26th cavalry in the Philippine Islands from September 1937, to December 1939.

The general was assigned to the 103rd during the Louisiana maneuvers of 1942 and its training period at Camp Howze, Texas, until the summer of 1944. He landed at Marseilles, France, on September 14, 1944, in the advance party to prepare for the landing of the division which took place on October 19. Early in November, the 103rd relieved the 3rd division in the Vosges mountains of France, and immediately went into action that took them as far as the Siegfried line.

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As Highland Park's 7th war loan heads into its final ten days, reports from bond headquarters indicate that the city will go well over the top in all its bond quota classifications. However, whether or not the city will again set a record by topping its bond sales in all previous drives depends on the purchases to be made in the final week of the campaign. For this reason, Highland Park's 7th war loan committee strongly urges the citizens of the community to get in their subscriptions and pink credit slips by midnight on Saturday, June 24. Why rush? Because this time if they are to be credited to Highland Park's 7th war loan campaign.

Highland Park's war loan committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank those people who by their fine cooperation have made the success of the city's bond drives possible. A man behind the scenes who has been most helpful in every bond drive is Niels Clausen, chairman of the southern Lake county area. He has given freely of his time, taking care of all the office details, and has not only lessened the work of the committee, but has turned an otherwise arduous task into a simple one for it.

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Old-Time Resident Is Laid to Rest

Mrs. Marietta Renning, old-time resident of Highland Park and Deerfield, passed away on Friday, June 15, at her home in Deerfield, after a long period of ill health, at the age of 76.

The Rennings came to Highland Park in 1908, and lived here until 15 years ago, when they moved to Deerfield. August 15, last, marked the 56th anniversary of their wedding.

Surviving are her husband, A. E. Renning, of Deerfield, and two children, Florence Brand of Highland Park, and Albert Renning of Chicago. Also three grandchildren, David Renning of Chicago, Jean Lewis of Detroit and Leslie G. Brand, Jr., now stationed in Pensacola, with the U. S. air corps, survive, and two great-grandchildren, Suzanne and Pamela Lewis of Detroit.

Last rites were conducted on Monday at the Kelly chapel, Dr. Sherwin and Rev. Laubenstein officiating. Interment was made at Northmoor Field cemetery.

Two Playgrounds Are Open for Summer Play

Go to Sunset park or to Ravinia for summer playground activity.

The Sunset playground is under the leadership of Bert S. Leech and Al Danakas, and is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 evenings.

The Ravinia play ground, under the leadership of Leonard Johnson, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 to 12 a.m. and 6:30 to dark evenings.

Games of all sorts — checkers, softball, volleyball, soccer, etc., await you.

BOYS AND GIRLS DAY CAMP ON WEDNESDAYS

Another summer of day camps on Wednesdays is ahead for boys and girls who enjoy camping activity at Sunset park.

Bert S. Leech, day camp director, assures all that a fine program of activities is planned for every Wednesday.

The day—Wednesday; the time—9:15 to 3:30. Bring lunch. Bring 5c for milk. Come prepared for a good time.

Tagged

The customer pointed to the Chinese characters on his laundry ticket and asked the Chinaman, "Is that my name?"

"No name; desclition," the Chinaman answered. "Means bald ol' man, closs eyed, no feet."—Wall Street Journal.