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## Additional Improvements Will Not Increase Taxes

The two propositions being presented to the voters in next Wednesday's Park District referendum, sound almost like an illustration of "How to have your cake and eat it."

For if they are approved, they will give to Highland Park a number of greatly needed and long delayed new recreational facilities—and yet, according to Park District officials, they will not in any way increase the taxes now paid by Highland Park citizens.

The explanation of this seeming paradox is very simple. The present tax rate includes funds for the retirement of indebtedness incurred when present park lands and property were acquired many years ago. All of these outstanding bonds will be completely paid up next year. That is why it will be possible for the Park District, with the approval of the citizens, to issue new bonds for improvements that will make life better for Highland Parkers, without increasing the present tax rate.

Plan New Public Beach  
One of the propositions in the referendum will make possible a fine new public beach and park that will serve the south half of the city as Central Park now serves the north half.

For the past few years, the Park District has operated a beach at the foot of Roger Williams avenue on the riparian rights of the Rosenwald estates with their permission. The Rosenwald estate is about to be subdivided and sold—and unless the Park District can buy this property, Highland Park will lose about its last opportunity to acquire suitably located lake front land.

The bonds provided for in the first referendum proposition will not only make possible the purchase of this 12-acre tract, but will also make possible the building of a suitable bath house, a pier, a ramp for the bathers, parking space, barbecue pits and all other necessary facilities to enable Highland Park families to bathe, picnic and relax, enjoying the beauty of the lake and the ravines. These facilities are now lacking for families living in the southern and western parts of our city.

A detailed drawing, illustrating this proposed new beach is on display in the window of the store at 373 Roger Williams avenue.

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## Veterans Return To Post Office

The first returning veterans to report back to the Highland Park post office for duty are James S. (Slim) Sommerville and Fred (Babe) Meierhoff—both carriers before they enlisted in the armed forces. Sommerville was radio officer in the Merchant Marine and Meierhoff was chief petty officer in the navy.

In line with the government's announced policy to not only give back to returning veterans their old jobs with credit for the time served in military duty, but also to give veterans preference in new jobs wherever possible, the post office is hiring for temporary substitute work two men recently honorably discharged from the armed services: LeRoy Peschman of the merchant marine and one of our loyal, local Americans of Japanese ancestry—Sgt. Tommy Homma, who saw three years of service with the American army in Europe, a veteran of four campaigns there, a wearer of the Purple Heart and bronze star.

As more veterans return to their former post office positions, the mail service will benefit from their experience and from the fact that a number held responsible positions in army or navy postal units.

## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY WILL MEET OCT. 10

A meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will be held October 10 at the parish house of the Episcopal church at 10 a.m. There will be election of officers and an interesting resume of all work accomplished during the year. Worthwhile for all members to attend. Luncheon at 12:30.

## Other Park Improvements

The second proposition in the

## Bright Year Ahead For Highland Park Woman's Club

Mrs. Leonard Keaster, the new president of the Highland Park Woman's club, had much cause for gratification when she held her first fall board meeting on Sept. 10th.

Though the personnel of the Victory committee has varied somewhat during the war years, at no time has its zeal or efficacy flagged in service to the country's defenders. Throughout the summer, this committee has continued to provide one or two dinners a month at the USO for groups of battle-fatigued service men from Great Lakes hospital. This means that the entire club membership has remained "on call" whenever needed to help with this extremely worthwhile service. Veterans in USO work assure us that the value to the men of these friendly, homey dinners can never be properly estimated. The Victory committee will continue to function throughout the coming club year, and will carry on this and all other needed forms of service.

Mrs. Benedict K. Goodman, program, has prepared an outstanding calendar of programs for the year ahead. The first will be a 4-star attraction, The Redgate Players, whose artists present historical Chinese shadow plays. Other highlights on the program calendar are:

Clarence Sorenson, Geographer and foreign correspondent, whose subject will be "We Re-map the World."

Dudley Crafts Watson, lately returned from South America, who will share his "Brazilian Adventure."

Dr. Louis Aepbacher, who will lecture on "Our Heritage of Liberty."

John Scott, editor and foreign correspondent of "Time," who will bring to the March evening meeting most up to date news of conditions in Europe.

Sybil Shaver, in a program of creative dances.

The several departments of the club are well organized, and promise many hours of fascinating study and entertainment.

Mrs. Sidney Frisch, chairman of the Fine Arts department, feels that the end of the war, with its increased leisure, peace of mind and availability of richer material, will enable her to offer a fuller and more varied program. She and her assistants, Mrs. F. Toof, Mrs. John Mannings, Mrs. James Moore and Mrs. E. F. Reinking are ready with book reviews, fine music, interesting art exhibits and dramatic sketches.

Mrs. Theodore L. Osborne, has arranged for six lectures for the Collectors Study group, with such intriguing subjects as "The Romance of Fans," "Life on a Button," "The Art of the Potter," and "Messages from Old Inkstands."

The Kensington Tea has become a club institution and will be held again February under the direction of Mrs. Ray Meddaugh and her Home and Education committee.

New members will be entertained at tea in the newly decorated lounge on Oct. 9, welcomed by the Membership committee, headed by Mrs. George O. Strecker and her co-chairman, Mrs. Robert O. Farrell. Members of the board will assist.

On Oct. 20, the young people of the community will again wend their way to Swing club. The chairman is Mrs. Harold A. Bridges.

## Phil Cole Will Be Rotary Club Speaker

The October 8th meeting of the Highland Park Rotary club is to hear Phil Cole. His subject will be "The Highland Park Plan."

Last week Miss June Stockwell spoke to the club about her experiences overseas with the American Red Cross. Her work took her to England, Scotland and France.

Visitors included: Lt. Ward E. Jones, from Minnesota; Cpl. R. M. Walters, Highland Park; Vic Killian, Winnetka, and A. H. Atzenhoffer, Roy B. Moore, Frank Spannraft, all of the Deerfield, Northbrook club.

## Lester B. Ball To Address Women Voters

Fortunate is the Highland Park League of Women Voters in being able to obtain an outstandingly qualified speaker in the field of education from the community itself, Lester B. Ball, who will be the featured speaker at the opening fall meeting at 1:15 on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Community Center.

Mr. Ball is superintendent of schools in District 108, having come to Highland Park from Deerfield a little over two years ago. Connected with the field of education ever since he received his degree from De Kalb Teachers' college, Mr. Ball is a recognized leader in his field. At Northwestern university he worked for his Master's degree, and afterwards became a member of its summer faculty, having taught educational supervision and administration and allied subjects for the past four summers. In the National Education association Mr. Ball serves as director of the department of supervisors and directors of instruction, and he is also a member of the board of the American Education fellowship.

On October 17, Mr. Ball will present a summary of the findings of a year's national study conducted by educators for the U. S. Department of Education, covering the wide range of opportunities for children in the nation's elementary schools. The American theory of all men being equal certainly has not applied so far as equal educational opportunity is concerned; and it appears to many thoughtful and well-informed persons that there is a great need for federal assistance in certain parts of this country.

Following Mr. Ball's talk the social committee of the League, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Baker Summers, will serve tea.

## Highland Park High Victorious Over Traditional Foe

Revenge is sweet, and Highland Park high is savoring its flavor after soundly trouncing a strong New Trier team, last Saturday, at Highland Park, with a score of 13 to 0. New Trier is a notably strong opponent, and has usually carried away the laurels in similar contests.

After a scoreless first half, Remo Vai, of Highland Park, ran 35 yards to score, and Tom Martin kicked the point. Then Art Eisenbrand ran 20 yards for a second touchdown. With New Trier holding the ball on Highland Park's 10 yard line, the game ended.

## Movies For Children Start Saturday

The Playground and Recreation board announces that the serial, "Treasure Island," which was shown at the various schools this summer, will be resumed Saturday, Oct. 6, at the local USO. Movies will not start until 10:30 and children are asked not to come before that time. Plans for boys and girls activities at the Community Center this fall will be announced at the show.

## The Congressional Observer

(Excerpts from letters written by Congressman Carl Mundt to Harold O. McLain, president of the Highland Park Men's Republican club.)

Warsaw—Ghost City of Europe  
Throughout the whole flight of some 260 miles from Berlin we saw fields scarred by slit trenches and fox holes, towns and cities showing the battering of bombs and artillery, vast stretches of farm land where not a living human being or a single head of livestock was visible.

It was not until we got our first glimpse of Warsaw as we flew over it that the full savagery and utter completeness of war's destructive forces were entirely evident. Circling the city to land, our pilot could not find a single run way on which to set down the plane, so with his tongue in his cheek he grounded the plane on a grassy plot and taxied it to the air strips. Every section of every run way on every airport around Warsaw is demolished and none has yet been repaired. In fact, our plane was one of the first civilian planes to land in Warsaw since its liberation and aside from

## H. P. Social Service Pays Tribute to Mrs. Flinn

On Monday afternoon, October 1, at the Community Center, the directors of the Highland Park Social Service Committee, Inc., held a special meeting. Mrs. Charles Mason, president, called upon Mrs. Nellie Flinn to give her final report to the board, after her resignation as executive secretary effective Sept. 1.

Since its organization in Nov., 1930, Mrs. Flinn has served continuously as executive secretary of the committee.

The following is from Mrs. Flinn's report: "The activities of the Highland Park Social Service are not the spectacular type they were during the depression days. What the next few years will bring is as yet unknown. Those watching the trends of the times feel that there will be great need for welfare services in communities due to unemployment, readjustment in family life and need for rehabilitation in many cases. We doubt that Highland Park will escape these post war problems any more than we did those of the depression. Our new executive secretary, Mrs. Marian G. Fisher, is well equipped in education, experience and personality to advise and steer into proper channels any applicant who asks for aid."

Mrs. Wilson Kline presented the following resolution:

Be it and it is hereby resolved that the members of the Highland Park Social Service do hereby express to Mrs. Nellie Flinn and place on record on behalf of the governing board and the directors at large of the Highland Park Social Service, their deep appreciation of the services she has rendered during the fifteen years she so ably served as executive secretary of the organization.

During that period she gave unsparingly of her time and energy in meeting the emergencies which were brought about by the changing times. She did much for the cause of social welfare in this territory as well as cooperating with other state agencies in followup work.

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## Plans Under Way For Ravinia Book Fair

Plans for the Ravinia school Book Fair to be held Nov. 13, 14 and 15; in the Village House were discussed Monday at the home of Mrs. Alvin H. Baum, chairman of the Book Fair, where she was hostess at a tea for her committee chairmen.

Those assisting Mrs. Baum include Mrs. J. F. Bickmore, co-chairman; Mrs. W. Burgert, post-ers; Mrs. John Wineman, magazines; Mrs. Herbert Angster, resale books; Mrs. J. Redlich, treasurer-cashier; Mrs. D. V. Pinkerton, assistant treasurer-cashier; Mrs. Robert Brown, personnel; Mrs. E. D. Dickerman, exhibit arrangement; Mrs. Paul Smith, packing chairman, and Mrs. George Harrison, publicity.

By calling Mrs. John Wineman, H. P. 386, subscription orders for magazines will be taken in advance of the Book Fair.

## Special Gifts Greatly Aid Community Fund Drive

### Cong. Short to Discuss Current Problems at Lincoln School, Oct 12

On Friday evening, Oct. 12, in the Lincoln school auditorium, at 8:15, Congressman Dewey Short, a top-flight star of the lecture platform and one of Washington's most astute analysts of current affairs, will speak on "Some Critical Problems Now Before Congress."

This is the first of a series of talks planned by the Men's Republican club of Highland Park for the coming season. Admission is free.

### "Tea for Toys" To Be Held October 22

That lovely doll, good as new, that was bought for Susie just as she decided she had outgrown dolls, will have a complete new fall outfit and go to tea on Oct. 22 when the three/auxiliary groups of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago have their "Tea for Toys."

Members of the groups have found such dolls in their attics and have turned them over to a committee headed by Mrs. John Stevens, to be dressed preparatory to being put on sale at the Thrift shop.

The price of admission to the tea will be a toy from each member who attends. These toys, along with the dolls, will be displayed at the tea, which will be in the home of Mrs. Philip Watson, 252 Laurel avenue. Later on they will be added to the shop's Christmas stock.

The tea will be attended by members of the three Infant Welfare groups in Highland Park, the senior and junior groups and the Wing, and by members of the Thrift shop board and their guests.

Mrs. Royal Place is general chairman of the "Tea for Toys," and announces the following heads of committees: Mrs. E. J. Johnson and Mrs. Lindell Peterson, food chairmen; Mrs. Ralph Trieschmann, table decoration; Mrs. John Stevens, dolls; Mrs. Robert Block, toys; Mrs. J. F. Bickmore, raffle; Mrs. Burton Smalley, name tags.

### Pi Delta Club to Hold Supper Meeting Oct. 10

The first meeting of the Pi Delta club of the Highland Park "Y" will take place Wednesday, Oct. 10, with a supper at 6:30, prepared by the committee consisting of Rose Opitz, Ione Barz, Bea Fell, and Dorothy Simpson.

A short business meeting and a program will follow. The Pi Delta group is starting its 16th year, so a short resume of the club's past will be given by Alice Marks, the present by Miss Cross, and the future by Betty Kapalka. An original skit will be presented by Sally Roeger, Ethel Larson, Mary E. Krueger and Dora Krueger.

Officers for this year are as follows: Betty Kapalka, president; Rose Opitz, vice-president; Dora Krueger, secretary; Emily Marks, treasurer; Alice Meris, program chairman; Dorothy Simpson, supper chairman.

An invitation is extended to any business or professional woman interested in becoming a member. Reservations for the supper must be made at the YWCA, H. P. 675, by Monday, Oct. 8.

### Ravinians To Hear Talk On Chrysanthemums

The October meeting of the Ravinia Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Stone, 1200 Lincoln avenue, Oct. 12, at 2 o'clock.

Adolph Ryber of Elmhurst, who combines his hobby of gardening with a successful real estate business, will talk on "Chrysanthemums." His lecture will be illustrated by colored slides.

Mrs. John Wilbor and Mrs. Judson Cross will do arrangements of chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Frederick Midge will give a short talk on "October Garden Cadres."

The board will meet at 12:55, preceding the afternoon meeting.

The co-hostesses are Mrs. Herbert Small, Mrs. V. S. Leonard, Mrs. J. D. Dickinson, Mrs. John S. VanBergen.

An enthusiastic crowd of about 350 volunteer workers gave a running "kick-off" to Highland Park's Community and War fund drive at the rally held last Monday evening at the USO.

There was applause for James M. Carry when he announced that the Special Gifts-committee, which he heads, has already collected pledges totalling \$25,000.

There was applause for General Campaign Chairman James M. Murphy and his committee who have been working for several weeks to organize the drive. Mr. Murphy could not be present at the rally because business needs called him out of the city, but he was represented by Lee W. Ostrander, assistant general chairman, who explained to the assembled workers the collection procedure which this year has as its slogan "One call... that's all!"

Hotchkiss Opens Drive  
The drive was officially inaugurated by Eugene Hotchkiss, president of the Community Chest, who presided at the meeting, and who introduced the speakers. Among these were Herbert M. Lautmann, chairman; Mayor Joseph B. Garnett, James M. Carry, Lee Ostrander, and the featured speaker of the evening, Capt. Donald Rossiter.

Mayor Garnett lauded the fine work being done by Chest officials and expressed the hope that, as in the past, Highland Park would go over the top this year. Mr. E. C. George, chairman of the budget committee, then explained how the committee arrived at the quota set in the drive.

Herbert Lautmann then explained in considerable detail how the National War Fund distributes the money collected to alleviate the suffering of the needy and to provide our armed forces with the needed morale-building relaxation and entertainment. He said that the national quota for the USO is six million dollars greater this year than before.

Rossiter Lauds USO  
Captain Donald Rossiter, freshly returned from overseas, told in picturesque detail about how the USO helps to make the soldiers' lot happier in foreign lands. And then he treated his listeners to a most interesting account of the Normandy invasion in which he took part.

At the conclusion of the talks, the various district heads met with their block workers and distributed working kits with final instructions for the drive. Coffee and doughnuts were then served by the Girl Scouts.

### Highland Parkers Injured In Head-on Collision

Four young people, all living on Pleasant avenue, Highland Park, were injured Saturday evening when driving home from the Drive-In theater on Waukegan road. Their car was struck, head-on, by the second of two cars driving west near Golf road and Ridge avenue.

Stanley Bennett was the least injured, with torn ligaments in the leg. Ruth Rogan suffered cuts over the eye and on the knee. Don Lambert was injured about the head, with reported skull fracture. Sally Wennberg, the most seriously injured, was not cut or bruised, but suffered injuries to the spine. All but Sally will shortly be dismissed from the Evanston hospital where the four were taken.

### Community Center Open For Play and Games

The fall program of informal play and games is under way at the Community Center. Children are invited to come after school from 3:30 to 5:30; on Saturday from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Table tennis, checkers, card games and many other interesting games are available. Community center is part of the playground activity for Highland Park.

### Commerce Chamber Postpones Dinner

Because of unavoidable circumstances, the monthly dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for Oct. 9, has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 16.

A most unusual program is planned for the occasion.