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Register Mon., January 7 For Adult Educa. Classes

The second term of Adult Education classes offered by Highland Park high school will open Monday, Jan. 7. Registrations will be accepted at that time in the main office from 7 to 9 p.m.

A complete listing of classes may be found in this issue. The commercial department is offering beginning and advanced typing, review shorthand, and business English. This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn to type for personal or vocational use.

Additional members are invited to join the new mixed chorus class which has already attracted an enthusiastic group.

The new sports program will include badminton, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, and other sports of interest to both men and women. This program offers a good chance for physical recreation during the winter months.

The class in interior decorating will continue to meet Monday evenings in the English club room. Bob Robinson has outlined a course to include many new decorating schemes for homes.

A complete list of courses available includes: art, astronomy, badminton, basketball, business English, chorus (mixed), interior decorating, public speaking, sewing, shorthand (review), Spanish, typing (beginning and advanced), upholstery, volleyball and woodwork.

Robert Patterson, ETO Veteran, Tells Of His Experiences

"What I can't understand," says ex-Cpl. Robert Patterson, just back from the European Theater of Operations, "is the difference between the Germans we know in this country and those of Nazi Germany. Here they are solid and respected citizens—the best sort of people. Over there they are an arrogant, cold-blooded race, always with a sneer—either open or lurking just below the surface." Those sneers, he remarks, are hard to take, when one recalls, as he does, the vivid memory of a buddy dying in his arms. The difference in American Germans and the Nazis, he attributes to the influence of the Hitler regime.

Especially arrogant and cruel are the German youth—boys from 10 to 14—who are just young hoodlums, much like wild animals, with no morals and no respect for anything except German militarism.

German Women
As for the German women: Under the Hitler regime, he states, the woman's role is to act as beast of burden and to bear children. There is no love in the German family—and without family love no nation can be great. The money we spend for labor-saving household devices has been spent by the Germans on implements of war.

Farm Life
In towns, more modern appliances are found, he goes on, but in the country livestock and family often live under one roof. Farming is done on a small scale—plowing by ox or horse and harvesting by hand, with rake and scythe.

Engagement at Ardennes
Of all the campaigns in which Robert took part—Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and central Germany—he considers the one at Ardennes the most rugged. "It was hard in the snow," he says, in profound understatement.

The engagement took place in the dead of winter. He was in a tank destroyer division, supported by one regiment, which was sent to crack the Siegfried line. "The idea was to concentrate in the U. S. 9th army sector and force a crossing over the Ruhr before the enemy could destroy the Schamannal dams. The move was a gamble. We wanted them to attack, but we were unaware of their full strength. We had given them their choice—surrender or be destroyed—and now orders were to destroy them.

German Strength Superior
"But they surprised us with their superior strength, and we were forced to withdraw—with heavy losses on both sides.

"Then Gen. Patton did the impossible—again. He got infantry and armored divisions through

PUBLIC LIBRARY

For untold centuries men have employed some method of measuring time, and since time has always been considered an important element in the lives of people the Calendar appeared.

The word Calendar comes from the Roman word kalends, which means the first of the month, but calendars were in use long before the Roman empire.

The ancient Egyptians had a solar year according to the shadows cast by the pyramids; in the far north the ancient calendar was a stick, notched each day, and sometimes it appeared as "a buffalo skin burned with Indian signs; beneath that it was an Aztec wheel of blood-darkened porphyry, and again it was four tablets in the Roman Forum."

Down through the ages various reforms changed the calendar. During the time of Julius Caesar, the Julian calendar went into effect. A slight inaccuracy however, threw it off, and after several hundred years, it was ten days after the solar year. In 1582 Rome adopted the Gregorian calendar with its 365 1/4 days, and other countries gradually followed.

The Julian calendar, and other ancient calendars, however, are still observed in several countries in connection with church festivals and other holidays. One of the oldest calendars still in use in many parts of India, is the Hindu calendar, which was in existence about five centuries before the birth of Christ. The ancient Hebrew calendar of Biblical times is the same one used by Orthodox Jews of today.

In recent years several calendar changes have been proposed. The most generally favored one, is the Cotsworth calendar with 13 months of 28 days each, with the leap year day perhaps added to June. All holidays would fall on Mondays and Easter would be a fixed date. But so far no changes have been accepted.

The library will be closed all day New Year's day.

Ravinia School Adopts Jan Rokus Van Wijk

Ravinia school, with Miss M. Evelyn Pearsons, principal, acting as foster parent group secretary, has "adopted" Jan Rokus Van Wijk, 12-year-old Dutch boy in England, through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Edna Blue, Plan executive chairman. American headquarters of the Plan are at 55 West 42nd St., New York.

At the present time the Plan is operating fifty-six children's projects in Italy, England, Malta, Belgium and France and is caring for Maltese, Czech, Polish, Dutch, French, Italian, British, Spanish, Norwegian, Danish, German, Austrian, Hungarian and Belgian children.

The child is in one of the projects operated by the organization.

Lions Club Celebrates With Christmas Party

Thursday evening the Lions club made merry with their annual Christmas party. The event took place at Elks hall and a bountiful dinner was served to about 120 guests.

Strolling musicians furnished entertainment during the serving of appetizers and dinner, and later entertainment was provided by a girl vocalist, a mimic and acrobatic dancers. Door prizes were also awarded.

The health and welfare committee, headed by Frank Keller, cooperated with the Social Service club in providing a Christmas for needy children. 10 pairs of stockings, 19 pairs of mittens, and 14 sets of underwear were given, and a secretarial bed table was presented to a young woman who has been confined to her bed since being stricken by polio.

to Bastonne to relieve the besieged airborne division defending there."

After Von Rundstedt was stopped, Robert continues, this became the most heavily defended sector on the Western front. It was touch and go until the thaw came. (Continued on page 2)

H. P. Woman's Club Remembers Holland at Christmas Meeting

Distressed peoples of the land of tulips, dikes and romantic legends were remembered at the Christmas meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club last week. Members brought warm clothing, dehydrated soups, shoes and even needles and pins, to aid in the resuscitation and survival of the "courageous people of Holland—that wee morsel of land pulled from the floor of the sea—which was so ravaged during the Nazi occupation.

While the high school chorus sang the ever beautiful Christmas music, and the drama department told the significant story of the nativity in tableaux, members of the woman's club realistically expressed the Christmas spirit by depositing in the foyer their donations for shivering and hungry friends across the sea. Before the program was over, contributions were stowed into a waiting truck and taken to the YWCA, where Mrs. Theodore Osborn, who has charge of local activities of the YWCA national emergency and war victim committee, has already sent them to New York. They will be sent to Holland immediately.

In addition to the "Dutch treat for Holland," the thirty members of the woman's club victory committee unanimously approved several other Christmas projects. Sixty dollars was allowed for purchasing 12 bed racks for holding the personal belongings of patients at Vaughan hospital. Money was appropriated for purchasing six cases of canned goods for overseas relief. Fifteen dollars was sent to the Red Cross to be used for Christmas wrappings or gifts for hospitalized servicemen and \$25 was allowed for supplies for Holland. Tuesday night dinners for battle fatigue veterans from Great Lakes have been temporarily abandoned because of the USO fire. Five such dinners have been prepared and served in the current year.

The victory committee was organized at the onset of the war to aid the war effort in as many ways as possible. Funds from rummage sales and dessert bridges were allocated to an emergency war fund. At the invitation of the club, the Red Cross blood bank came to the clubhouse over a dozen times to receive blood donations. All incidental costs, appointments and publicity were handled by club members. The lounge was converted to the use of the Red Cross surgical dressing unit and the USO work was begun at once. Although the war is now over the victory committee is still functioning actively under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry G. Pertz with the enthusiastic cooperation of Mrs. Leonard Keaster, club president, and the membership.

YWCA Christmas Club Meets Thursday

The monthly meeting of the Friendship club on Thursday, Jan. 3, will celebrate with a sleigh ride followed by their regular dinner at the YWCA, 374 Laurel.

Miss Hellen Faller, program chairman, is in charge of the sleigh ride and Miss Fay Beyers, with her group from Winnetka, are in charge of the dinner. All members and guests should contact the Y before Dec. 29 about reservations for the sleigh ride.

Major Paul Olson To Receive Discharge March 25th

Major Paul Olson, formerly with the firm, Art Olson & Company, is now home on terminal leave and will be released from service on

Civic Groups Safety Committee Meets Dec. 15

The Civic Groups Safety committee met at the Community center on Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock, called to order by Chairman Avery Jones. After a brief summary of past endeavors to coordinate and ease traffic problems by various committees, the chairman explained that the present Highland Park traffic commission is an outgrowth of such endeavor and has been functioning since 1935.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the Nov. 15th meeting, roll call of representatives of coordinating council members was answered by 35.

The railroad committee report, presented by Stanley McKee, summarized the North Western R. R.'s proposal regarding the Elm Place crossing, namely:

1. Raise the gatehouse to improve vision.
2. Install power-operated gates.
3. Install flash-panel to indicate approaching scheduled and non-scheduled trains.
4. Place skirts on gates to prevent pedestrians from crawling under lowered gates.
5. Erect a fence 10 feet to the north of gates.

The above tentative proposition is subject to acceptance by the city council. Upon acceptance, the railroad representatives will then endeavor to secure acceptance of the plan. Mr. McKee also recommended a survey of all railroad crossings in Highland Park.

The streets and crossings committee, Ken Kraft, chairman, reported approval of the objectives committee proposal to effect a comprehensive survey of all our vehicular traffic.

The contacting of all civic organizations and request that each send an official representative to this meeting has been the action to date of the methods committee, Darrell Beam, chairman, for whom Lester Ball, reported.

Verne Peterson, chairman of the objectives committee, stated that the primary purpose of his committee was four-fold:

1. To cooperate with the city council, the police department, and the traffic commission on safety problems in Highland Park.
2. To consolidate the safety efforts of all local groups.
3. To effect a comprehensive survey on vehicular and railroad traffic in Highland Park.
4. To promote a greater safety consciousness among residents.

In realizing the need of expert advice, Mr. Peterson explained that his committee contacted the National Safety Council.

Chairman Jones then introduced Howard W. Oxley, head of field organization of the National Safety Council who outlined safety educational and accident prevention programs offered by the council.

Mr. Oxley's revealing talk stimulated an active discussion of many local problems.

The C. G. S. C. will give each co-ordinating council member another opportunity to become a member of the fulfil committee. This action was recommended after several requests were made to acquaint more citizens with plans and objectives.

Decision was made to apply for membership in the National Safety Council. This action is to be a first step towards having a preliminary traffic, streets, crossings, etc., survey made.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 24.

March 25.

Four years in the army and 42 months overseas, he served with the quartermaster corps in England, France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Italy.

Hold City-wide Ice Meet At Sunset Park Sunday

Trail Blazers In Citizenship

(This is the title of an article in the Sept. 1945 issue of the Survey Graphic, written by Mrs. Avis D. Carlson, free lance writer, who is a roving reporter of social experiment and progress.)

Lasting Patterns

"One of the patterns which were set during the early years of the League," says Mrs. Carlson, "was respect for fact. During their suffragist days the leaders had learned that they had to be absolutely armed in facts if they hoped to get anywhere in a world of office-holding males delighted at any chance to laugh the little woman out of court. Very well then, they would equip themselves and the new women voters with the facts—the kind of facts that are hard to dodge.

"The study group idea seemed the answer to that need. But what would it study? The average sort of printed material on government would not do." It was too bulky and too erudite for the newly emancipated housewife or saleswoman coming timidly or without background to her first League meeting.

"So along with all its other activities the young organization had to go into the business of writing and publishing its own materials. By the time it was ten years old it had 150 publications on its list, all but a handful of which had been prepared by its own members or staff. League pamphlets have become standard materials in the great adult education movement which has developed in the second quarter of the twentieth century.

Another lasting characteristic which started in those early years was concern with local government. Perhaps it was because the early leaders soon discovered that the easiest way to interest women in government was through their own local board of education, sanitation department or juvenile court. At any rate, by 1923 they were launched upon a study of local conditions. One of the state leagues had prepared a questionnaire called 'Know Your Town,' which was being used around the country—and with some revision is still being used.

"Another sort of questionnaire experimented with by 1924 was one sent out to candidates for public office, asking for statements of their training, experience, and stand on issues in which the league was interested. This information was then tabulated and made available to the public through whatever means were locally feasible. Over the years, communities have learned to look upon their local leagues as a source of pre-election information which can be trusted—non-partisan and factual.

"The word non-partisan brings up another point. The principle had been stated unequivocally at the birthday convention; as individuals they would be members of a party, as a league they would be non-partisan. At first the organization met much skepticism on this point. The oldest league joke is that in Republican circles they are considered 'a bunch of Democrats,' in Democratic circles 'a bunch of Republicans,' while occasionally both groups have dubbed them 'a bunch of socialists.'

"The early league also hit on another tactic which speedily became a league now. 'We support principles, but never a candidate. We take stands on issues, not on individuals.'

"There are more ways than one of affecting an election, the league has demonstrated. A parallel chart of records and qualifications will sometimes make a point quite as well as endorsement. Also it is perfectly possible to set up a yardstick of training, experience and personality which a certain official ought to have, and that, too, will make quite a good point."

Thus early patterns were formed which are adhered to today as strongly as they were 20 to 25 years ago, because they have proven their worth.

Social Meeting of American Legion Thursday, Dec. 27

At the Thursday meeting, Dec. 27, of the American Legion, mem-

Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. is the date for the Annual City-wide Ice Meet for boys and girls. The event will be held at Sunset park.

This annual meet is jointly sponsored and conducted by the Highland Park Park board, school ice rinks and the Playground and Recreation board.

For the past ten days neighborhood school ice ponds have been holding qualifying races; the plan is that each ice pond send three contestants from each age classification.

Entries will close with Roy Millen, Park board, City Hall, on Friday, Dec. 28. School ice pond instructors have the entry blanks. Events for the meet are as follows:

7 years old—75 yd. straightaway race.

8 years old—75 yd. straightaway race.

9 years old—100 yd. straightaway race.

10 years old—One lap of pond.

11 years old—One lap of pond.

12 years old—Two laps of pond.

13 years old—Two laps of pond.

14 and over—Two laps of pond.

Above grade school events are the same for boys and girls.

High school freshmen-sophomore class—two laps of pond.

High school junior - senior class—two laps of pond.

Above high school events are the same for boys and girls.

In addition to the above races there will be grammar school relay races. Each school will race one team of boys and one team of girls. Race will consist of four contestants each skating one lap of pond. Awards will be offered to the winners as follows: medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Ribbons for 4th and 5th places. Contestants must live in Highland Park.

Officials for the meet include: Bert S. Leech, referee; Art Olson, head judge; George Hartman, starter; Dudley Dewey, Stanley McKee, Leonard Johnson, Paul McLaughlin, Vincent Vizebick, Harry Kubalek, William Behrens, Ray Naegle, judges; Roy Millen, scorekeeper; Ed J. Brown, Joe Kelly and George Scheuchenflug, arrangements and awards.

Parents and all others interested are urged to come and enjoy the races. There is no entry fee or charge for spectators.

Surplus Goods Offered By RFC Regional Office

One of Uncle Sam's surplus bargains is now being offered civilians through disposition of nearly 900,000 black navy raincoats thru the 11 regional offices maintained by the Consumer Goods division of the RFC.

The coats, which were designed to be worn by enlisted personnel, are being offered to retailers and wholesalers at a sale which ends on Jan. 3. The raincoats come in all standard sizes and are new.

The 11 regional consumer goods offices are maintained in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, Atlanta, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle.

Several Young Men From Highland Park Inducted in Army

Among the local men inducted into the army from Highland Park last week, and leaving for their respective posts a few days before Christmas were the following: Mike Accello, Wm. Gallagher, Roy Crossman Jr., Ferdinand Humer Jr., James Greenbaum, Alexander Greco and Peter Mustrie, Highland Park; Leo F. Bernardi, Highwood. David Trute of Deerfield was inducted into the navy.

bers were given the opportunity to hear Rev. Christoph Keller, pastor of Trinity church. A choral group from the high school sang Christmas carols.

Among the guests of honor were the local clergy, the mayor and all city officials, and Mr. Telfer MacArthur, president of the Pioneer Publishing Co., an organization which publishes a chain of community newspapers, including the Highland Park News and two Lake Forest papers.

U. S. VICTORY BONDS
BUY THEM . . . KEEP THEM!



FROM EACH OF US
TO ALL OF YOU