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Legion Initiates Big Class At February 14 Meeting

At a Valentine party held on regular meeting night last Thursday, Feb. 14, the Highland Park post No. 145, American Legion, accepted into membership the largest class of new members in the history of the post. Those initiated are as follows:

New Initiates

Geo. Abernathy Jr., Edward R. Anderson, Ralph G. Anspach, Athol E. Bell, Leonard H. Bergdahl, Carl L. Bonn, Eugene D. Buchanan, Harry W. Chambers Jr., Nick Christopher, Richard E. Cole, Joseph O. Cortesi, Ralph H. Cromwell, James F. Dennis, Arthur H. Flint Jr., John H. Fowler, Frank E. Freberg, Clarence C. Fuhrman, Louis D. Gerner, Robert J. Golden, Raymond F. Grossman, Margaret E. Haback, Delroy W. Haggie, Edward W. Haines, Glenn W. Harvey, Richard G. Golden, Emmy Lou Jackson, James W. Jennings, Christian N. Juul, Edward N. Juul, Owen Stanley King, Harold E. Krueger, Robert W. Laird, Michele Maddalozzo, Ernest D. Manasse, Fred D. Marinello, Clarence H. Mathe, Dominic Matteoni, Dean J. Milani, Michael Miotti, William P. McArthur, James D. McCaffrey, Harold W. McVay, Agnes A. McVay, Clifford G. Nall, Elliott Norrien, Kenneth L. Olson, Lawrence W. O'Neill, Henry H. Parker, Floyd Franklin Patrick, Louis D. Picchetti, Alexander N. Pirie, William J. Reetenwald Jr., Edward A. Rogan, John W. Rogan, Harold F. Rudolph, Gino P. Santi, Louis Santi Jr., Rev. Edmund J. Skoner, Chase M. Smith Jr., Wilfred W. Smothers, John D. Stodder, Raymond T. Stymacs, Joseph E. B. Swan, Edgar L. Vinyard Jr., Emil S. Wiberg, Col. Robert H. Wienecke, Raymond E. Werhane Jr., Lorenz Werhane, Ralph H. Woolsey Jr., Earling W. Zaeske, Norman R. Christman, Raymond M. Hayes Jr., Margaret M. Decker, Richard F. Van Arsdale, Mario Goffo, and Thomas H. Cameron.

Various civic leaders and honored guests were present, as well as mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts of initiates who filled the third floor hall to capacity. The initiation ceremony was performed by the Highland Park post degree team made up of Bert Green, commander; Miller Schreiner, vice-commander; William Acker, junior vice-commander; Henry Eitner, past commander; Chris Mathiesen, chaplain and Harry Mrzak, sergeant-at-arms. The work of the team was performed in an impressive and solemn manner and much credit is deserving the degree team for the work in portraying the concepts of the American Legion ideals in justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty. The color guard of the Commonwealth Edison post of Chicago opened and closed the meeting. After the initiation ceremony a program of entertainment was furnished, followed by refreshments and dancing.

Lions To Wind Up Defamation Trial; Attendance Contest

After a luncheon at the Open House tea room today, the Lions club will continue the current trial for defamation of character begun last week. Last Thursday evidence on both sides was presented, and barring unforeseen delays, a verdict will be reached today, with the judge handing down his decision.

A 10-week membership attendance contest was started last week, with the members divided into two bodies, headed by J. G. Dinkaloo and Vernon Mortimer. All members are urged to cooperate in this contest, as it is the custom for the losing side to act as host to the winners at a steak dinner.

Ravinia Attorney to Talk to Kiwanis on Income Tax Law

On Monday, Feb. 25, Mr. A. Gordon Humphrey, attorney, living in Ravinia, will address members of the Kiwanis club on "The Income Tax Law," as he has done in previous years, preceding the March 15th returns. He will answer any questions put to him on this topic.

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

Mr. Hugh Riddle Republican Candidate For Congressman

Mr. Hugh Riddle is Highland Park's contribution to the Republican ticket as candidate from the 10th congressional district of Illinois. He will compete in the coming election with Ralph E. Church, present congressman, and Florence Hoban Griesel.

A former lieutenant-commander of the navy, he was returned to inactive duty in January, and is now stationed at Glenview, with the status of reserve officer.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Riddle has been a resident of Highland Park for the past nine years. He is a graduate of University of Illinois. His wife, the former Katherine Madison, of Chicago, and their three sons, live at 1514 Dean.

Training at Pensacola, Fla., in 1942, he was instructor at Glenview Naval Air base before transferring to the naval air force transport service, piloting transport planes in the States and in the west and southwest Pacific, carrying blood plasma to the wounded at Guadalcanal.

Prior to 1942, Riddle was a partner of Riddle & Riddle, a mortgage banking firm in Chicago. He was also a member of the Republican Business Men's committee, a North Shore group working at the polls at election time.

Mrs. Riddle, a prominent club woman, is active in Infant Welfare society, the Ravinia Woman's club, and the Ravinia Parent-Teachers association.

Highland Park Boxers Take Lake Forest With Odds 8:7

In the conference bouts held last Friday at the Highland Park Labor temple between Lake Forest and Highland Park, the local boxers emerged the victors, 8 to 7. Winners of the bouts are as follows:

1. Herb Gary, Lake Forest.
2. Geno Pizzato, Highland Park.
3. Dan Whalen, Lake Forest.
4. Bob Winkler, Highland Park.
5. Ed Green, Lake Forest.
6. Egan Sorensen, Lake Forest.
7. Buddy Bock, Highland Park.
8. John Mooney, Lake Forest.
9. Dominick Turki, Highland Park.
10. Chuck Schramm, Highland Park.
11. Chuck Thurm, Lake Forest.
12. Harold Swanson, Highland Park.
13. Frank Humphries, Highland Park.
14. Don Riddle, Highland Park.
15. Craig Stoetzel, Lake Forest.

The exhibition bout between John Riston and Bill Gerkin of Highland Park was called off, Gerkin substituting for Pat Nugent in the 15th. Earl May and Ronald Grostad substituted for the cancelled bout, with Grostad the winner. In the second exhibition bout, Don Carlson of Highwood was the winner. In the second exhibition bout, Don Carlson of Highwood was the winner, and in the third, Ray Vai, of Highwood.

A meeting of the Lake county league officials is being held today (Thursday) at the Community Center, to arrange for a tournament of the Lake County conference boxers at the Illinois Athletic club in April.

Hospital Auxiliary Holds Regular Meeting And Luncheon

Last Wednesday, the Woman's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital held its regular monthly luncheon meeting in the parish house of Trinity church. Mrs. Maurice Graves, who is in charge of surgical dressings, announced that due to a delay in the delivery of material, the need for workers at the surgical dressing group which meets at the hospital every Wednesday morning is even more imperative for the next few weeks. The annual Thrift shop tea to be given next Monday at the home of Mrs. Roswell B. Swazey was announced and all friends of the hospital and members of the auxiliary are invited to attend and bringing their white elephants which will be the entrance fee.

A CALL FOR ACTION

The American voter, once aroused, bears no small resemblance to the famed grizzly bear of the western mountains — so far as temper is concerned. There, the resemblance ends. The grizzly needs much less prodding before he is aroused, and once aroused he knows precisely what he intends to do about the situation that confronts him.

One thing in particular has been a source of occasional disheartening reflection to those of us who through many years of adversity have pinned our hopes, our loyalty and our efforts on the Republican Party.

Too large a percentage of the loyal voters, even though they may go to the polls on election day and cast their ballots in accordance with their convictions, take too little an active and supporting interest in their party.

This is not meant to depreciate either the leadership or the rank and file of the party in this area. It has been a source of good and wise leadership and has worked consistently and effectively for the good of the people as a whole. Nevertheless, more is needed.

We believe that the Highland Park Men's Republican Club, presently under the leadership of Harold O. McLain, and the Deerfield Township Republican Woman's club, now headed by Mrs. W. L. Winters, offer the Republican voters of this area a means of implementing their beliefs for effective action.

Both of these organizations, though avowedly partisan in character, have gone far beyond mere partisanship in their policies of providing information—dependable, accurate, unbiased information, for voters of every shade of belief and affiliation.

Many of us, for reasons of personal commitments or business activity, are unable to devote as much time as we would wish to the active work of the party we nominally support.

These clubs offer an opportunity to support the party of our choice and to devote whatever time we can spare to its laudable undertakings.

Republican voters should not neglect this real opportunity to participate in works as well as faith.

Lay Health Committee Stresses Maternal Health Service at Feb. Meeting

At a second meeting of the Lay Health committee, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, 23 professional and lay people were present. It was held at the home of Mrs. Louis P. Haller, 290 Marshman, on Monday, February 18. Mrs. Louise Moody, public health nutritionist, from the State Department of Public Health at Springfield, was a guest.

Mrs. Evelyn Bils, a public health nurse from the State Department of Public Health, whose special work is with the Emergency Maternal and Infant Care service of the federal government, explained that service of this sort during the war was maintained by the federal government, but administered by the State Department of Health.

The service is designed for the wives of service men in the first four ranks. Wives can go to the local hospital and choose their own doctors, but added financial assistance is given when necessary. Visits are made to the expectant mother before and after the arrival of the baby, and all help that is needed is given. General educational classes on maternal care are given not only for service wives, but for civilians as well. Where needed, complete maternal service is furnished.

Mrs. Bils stressed the fact that maternal welfare work is a most important function of any public health program, as evidenced by the fact that there were one-third more infant deaths than soldier deaths in the time between Pearl Harbor and V-J day. This county (Continued on page 6)

District 108 Receives Financial Advance

School District 108 was notified this week by the Federal Works agency that an advance has been made to the district for preliminary plans for possible school additions and remodeling. The application was granted in the amount of \$15,000 for the preliminary work.

The money will be used by the district for the preparation of studies of needed school facilities and if building is done in the future the advance by the F.W.A. will be repaid from the bond issue approved by the voters of the district. School District 108 has no immediate building program but has felt with the growth in population and the expected future growth that it was necessary to make studies of proposed additional school facilities and trends in population. At the present time the schools in the district are being used near capacity and additional growth in the district will therefore require additional school facilities. The district has not however drawn up any specific proposal and the purpose of the advance received from the F.W.A. is to permit thorough investigation and study. Any proposal resulting from these studies will, under law, be submitted to the residents

Donald Farmer, Overseas Veteran, Is Laid to Rest

Last Sunday Donald Farmer, 23-year-old ex-marine, was found unconscious by his mother, Mrs. Mary Farmer, in his room at 6156 N. Oakley, Chicago. Rushed to the Swedish Covenant hospital, he passed away without regaining consciousness. The cause was found to be an overdose of sleeping tablets.

During his high school years, Donald lived with his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Driscoll, 16 Hickory, Highland Park. He had many friends here, and was one of those husky lads of Mr. Harold Finch's 4-year-advisee group who humorously termed themselves "Finch's Fairies." He was graduated from Highland Park high school in June, 1941; and the following December enlisted in the marine corps. The following Jan. 5, he left for San Diego, Calif., where he received his basic training.

Some months were spent in the States, training for hand-to-hand conflict with a strange and treacherous enemy — as crafty and cruel as any wild beast. But he weathered landings at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa as a member of the crack 2nd Marine division, without a scratch. His unit was awarded the Presidential citation for work during the Gilberts invasion.

But an enemy as deadly and more insidious than humans had marked him — the enemy that lurks in the swamps and jungles of the beautiful but disease-infested South Sea isles.

After separation from service, Don did his best to take up life where he had left off four years before. He enrolled at Notre Dame as a GI student, and later, at De Paul. But the story was the same. He found himself unable to concentrate. Something in that fine young body was gone . . . he had given it to his country. Shaken by attacks of the dread dengue fever and unable to sleep, it is little wonder that the young ex-marine, in his craving for rest, miscalculated the border-line between restful slumber . . . and oblivion.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, final rites were held for Donald at Immaculate Conception church in Highland Park, and he was laid in his final resting place.

Besides his mother he is survived by a twin sister, Dorothy.

of the district for their approval or disapproval.

The Board of Education is attempting in its postwar study to prepare as complete a study as possible. The work of the investigation is being carried on by the Board, school staff, and an advisory committee from the department of education of the University of Chicago. It is planned that within the next year a series of community meetings will be held to obtain suggestions and recommendations from the residents about the nature of any development that might be undertaken.

Gt. Lakes Naval Academy Is Proposed By Church

RECREATION BOARD ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR STAMP CLUB MEETING THIS SATURDAY

The Highland Park Junior Stamp club will meet this Saturday afternoon, Feb. 23, starting at 2 p.m. Boys and girls who are stamp collectors are invited to attend this community-sponsored activity. C. A. Sanborn is the club instructor and the club meets regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays. There is no charge for this activity which meets at the Community Center.

BOYS CRAFT CLUB MEETS ON SATURDAYS

One of the interesting recreation activities is the Saturday morning craft club under the leadership of Paul McLaughlin, at the Community Center shop. This club, which meets at 9 a.m., is for boys aged 9 and up. At the present, the club is featuring projects made of metal and plastics. A 25 cent registration fee and a 25 cent craft card is all that is needed to become a member of this club.

BADMINTON CLUB FOR ADULTS AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

A short term badminton club for men and women is now being organized by Vincent, Vierzbecke, which is to meet on Thursday evenings at Lincoln school. The club is for both men and women and instruction is offered for beginners. The registration fee for this class is \$1. If you are interested why not come to the club next Thursday, Feb. 28, for an evening of fun?

BASKETBALL CLINICS CONDUCT TOURNAMENT

The Recreation board is sponsoring five school neighborhood basketball and sports clinics for children in cooperation with Highland Park grammar schools and school instructors. These clinics meet once weekly either on Friday evening or Saturday mornings. Instructors and days of meeting are as follows:

- Elm Place school — Leonard Johnson, Saturday mornings.
- Ridge school — Raymond Naegle, Saturday mornings.
- Lincoln school — Vincent Vierzbecke, Saturday mornings.
- Ravinia school — Dudley Dewey, Friday evenings.
- Braeside school — Harry Kubalek, Saturday mornings.

Each of these groups is about to conduct a free throw tournament to determine the best free throwers in the schools. Each competitor is to have 25 tries at the basket. During the Easter vacation winners of the school tournament will represent their school in a city-wide contest. Boys and girls are urged to join the contest.

TABLE TENNIS EVENT PLANNED AT CENTER

A table tennis tournament for grade school and high school boys is being planned to be conducted during March at the Community Center. Interested boys are instructed to register with one of the Community Center directors for more details. Medals will be offered to the winners in the following classes: 1. Grammar age boys; 2. high school age boys.

Tumble Inn Dance Friday Evening at Community Center

There will be a Tumble Inn party Friday night, Feb. 22, from 8 to 11:30, at the Community Center. The program will include dancing, floor-show and refreshments.

Rotary Club to Hear Talk on Safety, Monday

At the meeting of the Rotary club, Monday, Feb. 25, at 12:15, at the Sunset Valley club, Mr. James Hill, of the National Safety council, will speak on his work, its origin, and its relation to the local safety group.

Soldier suitor: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Father (sitting in a nearby room listening to the proposal): "There goes his barracks bag and fountain pen."

Congressman Ralph E. Church, (R.), 10th district of Illinois, on Tuesday introduced a bill in the U. S. House of Representatives to establish an additional United States naval academy in the vicinity of the Great Lakes Naval Training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

"The United States Naval academy at Annapolis, even though greatly expanded during the war, cannot possibly furnish the necessary officer personnel for the proposed post-war navy," said Congressman Church. "An additional naval academy should be established and the vicinity of Gt. Lakes is the logical location."

Congressman Church pointed out that "the present plans for the post-war navy call for 500,000 enlisted men and 58,000 officers (not including the marine corps), and expanded facilities at Annapolis have a capacity of only 3,423. During the period July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1945, the navy trained a total of 2,273,812 recruits, of which 806,457 were trained at Gt. Lakes, or 35.46 per cent. It is axiomatic," he said, "that a strong navy requires the constant inflow of young men, highly trained in the use of complex equipment and in leadership."

In advancing "the vicinity of Great Lakes, Illinois," Congressman Church said that "the Middle West has always furnished a larger percentage of navy personnel than any other section of the country, as well as the best material. But aside from such considerations, the last war has clearly demonstrated the vulnerability of coastlines and the importance of locating important defense plants and military installations inland. The facilities for the training of naval officers are certainly the type of defense installation which should be located in the interior of the country, where geography itself provides protection from enemy bombers."

Safety Speaker Compares Home Accidents With World War II Casualties

The Civic Groups Safety committee attended on Feb. 12 the meeting of the West Ridge Community club at Ridge school at which Tom A. Burke, director of programs for Community Safety councils, a department of the National Safety council, spoke authoritatively on "Accidents — Today and Tomorrow." Recently released figures on home-incurred accidents as compared to World War II wounded casualties were most astonishing.

Members of the Civic Groups Safety committee will be notified of the date of the March meeting after members of the executive committee correlate the list of specific safety problems suggested at the January meeting.

RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS MARCH 1; BALL CHAIRMAN

The American Red Cross drive begins March 1 and many Highland Parkers who work in Chicago may make their contributions through their place of business in the city.

It has been explained by Fund Chairman Lester Ball that those who make contributions in the city, may specify that a certain percentage be created towards the Highland Park fund . . . when the Red Cross workers call on you, inform them whether or not you have made a donation through your office in Chicago and the proper arrangements will be made.

Be sure you do contribute every penny counts.

Legion Auxiliary Units Combine to Sponsor Dance at Downey

The Highland Park and Highwood units of the American Legion auxiliary are sponsoring the monthly dance at the Veterans hospital at Downey, at 7:30 this evening. The party is put on for the entertainment of the patients at Downey.

Rehabilitation chairman for Highland Park is Mrs. Philip Cole, and Mrs. Eggert Carlsen is chairman for Highwood.

The Highland Park public library will be closed all day, Friday, Washington's birthday.