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Mayor's Proclamation

Because of the critical shortage of coal resulting from the nationwide strike of bituminous coal miners, I, Joseph B. Garnett, Mayor, hereby proclaim a state of emergency to exist in the City of Highland Park and call upon all citizens to comply with the Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission dated May 11, 1946, requiring curtailment in the use of electricity.

The restrictions, necessary to protect electric service for essential public health and safety uses and protection of property, are effective immediately and call for curtailment of electricity:

"(a) For all such purposes as decorative or ornamental and flood lighting, sign lighting, window and show case lighting, comfort air conditioning, car heating, and interior lighting in excess of minimum requirements.

"(b) For industrial use except for an aggregate of 24 hours during the period Monday to Friday inclusive . . .

"(c) For commercial use except for the four-hour period between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday inclusive . . ."

The Commission order exempts insofar as practical minimum electricity requirements of public health and safety and protection of property such as water pumping, sewage disposal, fire and police protection, hospitals, churches, schools, disseminators of public information, transportation, and establishments required by law to be kept open for specified hours such as banks and trading exchanges.

Compliance with these regulations is vital during the emergency and I urge all citizens to cooperate fully.

Signed: JOSEPH B. GARNETT,
Mayor, City of Highland Park.



GENERAL JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT

Honor General Jonathan Wainwright Here Sunday, May 19, at Elm Place

New Dealers Destroy The Purposes of Surplus Property Act

In a speech on the floor of the House today (April 30), Congressman Ralph E. Church (R), 10th district, Ill., stressed the need for a thorough investigation of the disposal of surplus property, but opposed the establishment of a special committee for this purpose.

"The policies, procedures and regulations being followed in connection with the disposal of surplus property are scandalous," said Congressman Church. He argued that the "bureaucratic Frankenstein that the War Assets Administration represents, with its maze of red tape . . ." is actually destroying the purpose of the Surplus Property Act.

Church presented a War Assets Administration directive which showed that no less than 23 different types of releases are used by that administration in governing the agency. He claimed "the regulations that had been issued fill volumes and would require seven hours of every employee's time to read them."

Church argued that while an investigation should be authorized, it should be handled by the committee on expenditures in the Executive departments, rather than by a special committee. He called attention to the recommendation of the joint committee on the organization of Congress for discontinuance of the "practice of creating special committees of investigation." Church pointed out that the committee on expenditures in Executive departments has already begun an investigation of surplus property and to create a special committee would represent a duplication of that work. Church said, "We talk long, loud and often about the duplications in the Executive branch of the government and . . . it seems to me that we who constitute the legislative branch should ourselves avoid duplication."

Co-ordinating Council To Hold Election Tuesday, May 28

Highland Park Co-ordinating council will hold its annual business meeting and election of officers and board members at the Community center Tuesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. Lester Ball, chairman of the council, will preside.

Following the business session, there will be a panel discussion on the topic, "Summer Recreation for Highland Park." Taking part in the panel will be Edward J. Brown of the Highland Park Park board; Mrs. Mary Ann Macfadden, YWCA; Mrs. Inger Boye, Highland Park library; Robert Kendig, Highland Park high school; Mrs. Helen Ault, Girl Scouts; and George Scheuchpflug, Highland Park Playground and Recreation board.

The business meeting and program, as usual, will be open to the general public.

District 108 to Combine Postwar Plan Meetings

The Board of Education of District 108 will hold a combined meeting on its postwar plans at the high school auditorium on Monday evening, May 13, at 8:00. Originally it had been planned to have separate meetings at Braeside, West Ridge, and Lincoln on the first three nights of this week, but due to the power shortage, arrangements have been made with the high school to hold the meeting in their auditorium. The high school has its own generating plant, and thus this arrangement is possible.

It is the purpose of this meeting to have the board and the superintendent explain to all residents of District 108 the general outlines of the postwar plans and specifically the purpose of the election to be held on Saturday, May 25.

All residents of District 108, whether or not they have children in the schools are urged to attend this important meeting on this coming Saturday, May 13, at 8, in the high school auditorium.

The Story Behind the Poppy

There is a story behind every one of the little red poppies which the citizens of Highland Park and Highwood will wear in honor of the war dead on Monday, May 27.

Each poppy is different and has its own story, explained Mrs. Mat Maiman and Mrs. Donald Bernardi, presidents of the Highwood and Highland Park units of the American Legion auxiliary.

The poppies have been received at American Legion headquarters from the veterans hospital where they were made by disabled veterans of both world wars.

As they are made by hand, no two of the flowers are exactly alike. Some come from the hands of men who were hurt 28 years ago in the battles of the first world war. Others have been shaped by young veterans, injured in Europe or in the Pacific in the second conflict, who made poppies this year for the first time. If we could know the stories of all those veterans, old and young, they would make an epic of service and suffering for the security of America.

Making the poppies has two important benefits, according to the auxiliary chairmen. First, it enables them to earn money. The American Legion auxiliary pays them for every poppy they make. To actually earn some money again is an encouraging experience for these men, after long months of helplessness. Most of them send the money home to their families.

Second, the work is valuable as occupational therapy. It occupies their hands and minds and helps them get well.

It is the hope of the units that everyone who puts on a poppy on Poppy day will look closely at the little flower and think of the men who make the poppies, what they have been through and what they still are enduring because of their war service. Then it will be understood that the poppy is not just a machine-made tag, but a carefully shaped symbol of remembrance made by the disabled in honor of their departed comrades.

Business Leader Talks to Chamber of Commerce

The monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley club, with A. W. Conover, president and general manager of the North Shore Gas company, as the speaker, on the subject, "Business and the Outlook for the Future." His message was presented in a forceful, dynamic and humorous manner.

Mr. Conover had an excellent business background before coming to the North Shore Gas company and since then his progressiveness and achievements have been well recognized. Having served on the War Production board and War Labor board during the war, he is now president of the Waukegan-North Chicago Chamber of Commerce and a director of Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.

Ralph Ettlinger Jr. Heads North Shore A. V. C. Unit

Ralph Ettlinger Jr., 625 Lincoln, is the newly-elected chairman of the North Shore chapter of the American Veterans' committee. Other officers are: John A. Howard of Wilmette, vice-chairman; Harold Graham of Glencoe, secretary; and Donald Bloom, Winnetka, treasurer. Other committee chairmen are Harry DeMuth, Charles Helm, James Moses, Arthur Richland, Jack Venning, Robert F. Walker Jr., and Hurlbert Wampler.

Mr. Ettlinger is an early AVC member, and the founder of its North Shore chapter.

Cancel Mother Daughter Banquet of B.E. Church

The Mother-Daughter banquet planned by Bethany Evangelical church has been cancelled for the year.

General Jonathan M. Wainwright, one of Highland Park's most illustrious sons, will be honored at a public meeting to be held in the Elm Place school auditorium Sunday evening, May 19.

Leader of the courageous band who held Bataan and Corregidor so long against overwhelming Japanese forces, General Wainwright is remembered here in Highland Park by many who knew him as a student at Elm Place and at the Highland Park high school. He graduated from Elm Place in 1897. The nickname of those days, "Skinny," has clung to Wainwright since, and was a term of affection as used by the men he refused to leave in the Philippines.

Long known as a brilliant military tactician, Wainwright was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as assistant chief of staff during the first world war. In 1942, General MacArthur personally pinned on him the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary bravery during early phases of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines.

After three years, three months and eighteen days in Jap prison camps, where he was beaten and subjected to indignities by the arrogant enemy, Wainwright was rescued by paratroopers and flown dramatically to be present on the USS Missouri on the historic Sunday morning of Sept. 2, 1945, for the signing of the Japanese surrender.

Now a full general, Wainwright has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

He will come to Highland Park following the I AM AN AMERICAN DAY extravaganza in Soldier Field, at which he will be Chicago's guest of honor.

The general will fly here for the big, free patriotic spectacle from his headquarters in Houston, Tex., where he is commanding general of the Fourth Army.

Tickets in reserved sections of Soldier Field for I Am An American Day may be obtained free by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with request to the I Am An American Day Editor, 326 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Admission to the rally in the evening here in Highland Park at Elm Place school will be free. The Elm Place Board of Education, which is sponsoring the mass meeting, invites everyone to attend.

Eagle Plume To Entertain Kiwanians And Families Monday

Next Monday evening will be Family Night for the Kiwanis club, and members will meet at Sunset Valley club for dinner, after which they will be entertained by Eagle Plume, Blackfoot Indian, who will present authentic Indian dances, songs and the sign language of his tribe.

Eagle Plume, who appeared four weeks ago at the Father-Daughter banquet, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church, is a professional lecturer. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado and has done postgraduate work in anthropology at Columbia university. He will appear in costume, and will intersperse his entertainment with fascinating bits of educational lecture on Indian anthropology.

Green Bay Road School To Hold Annual Business Meeting Thursday, May 16

The Green Bay road school will hold its annual business meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 3:15 p.m. in the school building.

A film on tuberculosis will be presented by Miss Orpha White, of the Lake County Tuberculosis association, with explanations.

The winning room mothers will be honored at this time, and the second grade mothers will act as hostesses.

Rotary Club To Hear Magr. Joseph Morrison

At the Monday meeting of the Rotary club, the speaker will be Magr. Joseph Morrison, pastor of Immaculate Conception church. His subject will be: "What The Community Owes The Growing Boy."

Comedy "George and Margaret" To Be Given May 10 and 11

An eleventh hour postponement of the Community Players comedy, "George and Margaret," now has a happy ending. The board of directors has announced that the play will be given this Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, at Elm Place school at 8:15. Both performances will financially benefit the food collection of UNRRA.

At noon last Thursday, the last hope faded that the ban imposed by the brownout would be lifted and the weary work of postponing the performance was begun. The newspapers and ticket purchasers were notified as far as possible. As the stage would be needed for school programs the set was completely dismantled. After innumerable conferences over the weekend it was found that the play would have to be given this week or not at all as it would be impossible to use either Elm Place or the high school until mid-June. At that time business trips by members of the cast would make so late a date impossible. As this goes to press the Players are attempting to secure a portable power unit, if this is not procurable, lanterns and carbide lamps will be used under the supervision of the fire department. As lighting will be confined to the exterior of the building and the stage, patrons are asked to bring flash lights for their own use in the auditorium.

Inasmuch as all plays since 1941 have been given for the benefit of the USO and the American Red Cross it was hoped that the proceeds of this play could be used for the purchase of needed equipment, but in face of the present emergency the Community Players are grateful for the opportunity to help in the nationwide drive for famine relief.

With other amusement centers closed and with the opportunity to aid in a worthy cause it is hoped that every ticket will be sold. Tickets are available from members of the cast, Gsell's drug stores, and the box office.

SPELLMAN WINS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Playground board sponsored city wide table tennis tournament for high school boys and Bill Spellman won in a very closely contested match with Herb Burridge. Coming from behind after losing the first two games, Bill won the match by winning three of the five games played. Third place was won by Eugene Tagliapietra who defeated George Weil for that position. Medals from the Playground and Recreation board will be awarded the three high place winners.

Oil Lamps Will Light Mother-Daughter Fellowship

Oil lamps will be used to illuminate the annual Mother-Daughter Fellowship in the First United Evangelical church, Friday evening, May 10. This will provide a unique setting for this gathering when all women and daughters of the congregation and Sunday school gather in a fellowship service in preparation for Mother's day. This novel feature is necessitated to conform with the brown-out restrictions now in effect in the community.

The service is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. and will include special music and readings, with a message by Miss Harriet Pollard, who recently returned from a Japanese concentration camp in Korea. She has served several years as a teacher in a mission school in Korea and will have an interesting message for the girls and women of the congregation. A period of fellowship will follow in the basement, which will give the teachers of the Sunday school an opportunity to get acquainted with mothers of the Sunday school girls and boys.

It had been announced last Sunday that the service would be postponed if the brown out continued, but as oil lamps have been offered by older members of the church, the service will be held as originally planned.

Junior Stamp Club To Hold Exhibit

Saturday afternoon, May 11, from 2 to 4, is the time set for Highland Park's first Junior Stamp exhibit. The place is the large hall at the Community center. The sponsor of the show is the Community Center Junior Stamp club. Mr. C. A. Sanborn, the leader of the club, is in charge of the exhibit.

Boys and girls of school age who wish to enter the exhibit and show their stamp collection or parts of collection are urged to register with Mr. Sanborn, or with Mr. X at the Community center. Everything is free. Awards will be presented to worthy exhibits. Parents are urged to come and see the exhibits.

Christian Science Lecture

"Christian Science: Practical Religion," is the title of a lecture to be given by George Channing, C.S.B., of San Francisco, in the edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Highland Park, Thursday evening, May 16th, at eight o'clock. The lecture is open to the public.

Inter-Faith Group To Hold Interesting Meeting, May 21

The last meeting of this club year of the local Inter-Faith group will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at the local YWCA at 10 a.m. A short business meeting will precede one of the most interesting programs of the year. High school students were invited to participate in a prize winning contest on the general subject of interfaith and interracial understanding and harmonious relationships, with most gratifying results. From the large number of entries, the judges chose the following, which will be read by their respective authors: first prize, Ned Greenberg, "Tolerance Will Mean a Lasting America," an essay; second prize, Henry Date, "My God, Thy God," an essay; third prize, Charles Pope, "Mankind Reflects," a poem. Honorable mention was awarded to Vivian Mertz and Lewis Goldberg. These thoughtful expressions on a problem vital to the continuance of a democratic America by citizens of the near future should draw an enthusiastic audience. Non-members, as always, are welcome to attend.

Plan Co-ordination of City Health Agencies

Dr. Douglas Boyd, president of the Board of Health, and successor to Dr. Donald Rossiter, is perfecting plans to co-ordinate the city health department with the schools, the social service and the water and milk control. A program of immunization for all Highland Park children is being studied.

A graduate of Harvard medical school, and medical practitioner in Highland Park for 14 years, Dr. Boyd served in both World Wars. He is also a member of the Highland Park and Lake Forest hospital staffs.

Initiate 41 New Members In American Legion

With some of the prospective "joiners" absent at the last Legion meeting, there were still 41 new members initiated. Others will be taken into the Legion later in the month.

At the close of the meeting, announcement was made that a little boy was lost, and those present promptly joined in the search for him. The child was found next morning, little the worse for his experience.