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Dist. 108 Plans Bond Issue And School Site Selection

The Board of Education of Dist. 108 has announced plans for a referendum of the voters in Dist. 108 on propositions for the selection of a new school site and for the issuance of bonds for the purchase of the site and for additional property at the Braeside and West Ridge schools. These propositions will be submitted to the voters at a special election to be held on Saturday, May 25. The Board of Education has issued a special series of bulletins in explanation of the proposed program, and a series of open public forums have been held at the schools this month for explanation of the program.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Briefly, the Board of Education, after its study, and the advice of the University of Chicago Survey staff, has decided on the following general program for the next years:

1. Land should be purchased for a centrally located intermediate school for grades six through eight, this building to be planned for later construction, and the proposal to be submitted to the voters at a later date. This building, modern, completely equipped and with proper bus transportation, would serve the needs of all children in the 6, 7 and 8 grades of the district.

2. Three acres should be added to the present West Ridge school site, to take care of needs in the expected addition to be made to this school.

4. At a later date, in connection with the proposal for the construction of a new intermediate school, a proposition would be submitted to the voters for the modernization of all four present school buildings, and an addition to the West Ridge school. This proposal would contemplate complete decoration, relighting, and organization of the buildings for use by children of kindergarten through 6th grade.

5. At present, Ravinia, Braeside, and West Ridge schools are short of classroom space, and Lincoln is fast being used to capacity. At present, desired educational programs cannot be offered due to limitations in building space.

PURPOSE OF NEW SITE

During past years, Dist. 108 has added new sections to its old buildings as a means of accommodating additional school enrollment. While this has adequately served growth problems in the past, it appears from an architectural point of view, and from an educational point of view, that this procedure is no longer desirable. New additions to old buildings become expensive, and cannot adequately be integrated into the existing school plant.

Further, all study has indicated the educational advantages of a separate building for children of the 6, 7, 8 grades. With such a building, adequate libraries, shops, gymnasiums, home economics rooms, visual education rooms, and the like can be available for all the children of the district. Under the present organization, it is necessary to duplicate these facilities and the equipment necessary at each of the schools. Further, present educational thinking stresses the importance of a transitional unit between the grade school and the high school.

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Kiwanians to Stage Baseball Game Monday

There will be no guest speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club next Monday. Instead, a baseball game will be staged by teams picked from the ranks of the organization.

In case of rain, it is rumored that there is a tentative substitute program lurking up somebody's sleeve.

DUNBAR CLUB PRESENTS PROGRAM ON JUNE 4

On Tuesday evening, June 4th, the Paul Laurence Dunbar club of the YWCA will present a program of Negro poetry, old and new, with a guest speaker. A sketch of the life of Mr. Dunbar as well as a group of his poems, will be presented by members of the group. Guests will be welcome at this program.

Young Boxers Are Honored at Banquet

"Boxing is one activity which teaches sportsmanship — you learn to fight fair not only in the ring, but all through life," Jack Elder, secretary of the Illinois Athletic commission, and former football star, told members of Highland Park Boys' Boxing club when he appeared as guest speaker at the banquet given in honor of the boy boxers at Highland Park Community center Saturday night.

Elder went on to say that "boxing is one sport in which you must prove yourself for your individuality. When you are in the ring you must stand in your own shoes, no one is there to help you. A football player has 10 men behind him, a baseball pitcher has eight men behind him. A boxer stands alone."

Following Elder's talk, the following boxers who qualified for lettered jackets were presented with certificates to obtain jackets when they are available:

Laurence Berube, Herbert Davis, William Gerken, "Bunny" Bonamarte, Richard Nugent, Robert Pizzato, Don Riddle, "Buddy" Robinson, Jimmy Weber, Frank Humphries, Frank Salbego, Harold Swanson, John Klingler, Loy Mullins Jr., Charles Schramm, Joe Sidari, Teddy Talano, Dominic Turki, George Bock III, Arthur Bock Jr., George Davis, Tommy Mann, Geno Pizzato, Dick Riddle, Bob Winkler, Kenneth Evans, Ronnie Peddle, Herbert Pollak, Dick Roberts, James Carlsen, Earl May, Jack Schaal, Domenick Sidari, Tony Boynton, Tommy Brown, David Wendell, Larry Pagenkopf, Bob Weber, Ronald Grostad and Bill Dodson.

The presentation ceremony, in charge of Mel Mullins, athletic director of the club, and Coaches Eb Inman, Charles Zahnle and Joe Joe Tazioli, was witnessed by parents of the young boxers.

The after-dinner program consisted of magic tricks by E. V. Clarke, vice-president of the Highland Park Boys' Boxing club, and movies of the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer fight, followed by a short comedy.

The golf clubs, on which the club sold chances during the past month, were won by Guy Grinnell of Libertyville, it has been announced by Mel Mullins.

Series of Burglaries Committed by Youths

Six or seven burglaries have been committed recently by local youths ranging in age from 12 to 17 years of age. Among the places burglarized are the North Shore Yacht club, the Lake Shore Golf club, the Green Bay school, the Moraine hotel and a series of others.

The group committing these depredations seems to be unusually well organized, instructions even being given on the proper way in which to enter a place, etc. A systematized record of proceedings was found in a book — which was of great assistance to the police in rounding up the culprits. A truck-load of loot has been recovered.

The boys apprehended in the case probably will be handed over to the juvenile court in Waukegan.

Lions Hear Talk On Ghandi and Peace

The guest speaker at the Lions club luncheon today, Thursday, at Sunset club, was Mr. Herbert M. Johnson, attorney for the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee railway, whose subject was "Ghandi and the Road to Peace."

Two members of the Lions are at present in attendance at the conference of the Lions International, at Rock Island, Ill. They are Fred Moon and Raymond J. Sheahan.

ELM PLACE PICNIC PLANNED FOR FRIDAY

Elm Place will hold its annual picnic tomorrow (Friday), weather permitting. Otherwise the festivities will be postponed until Monday.

Games, contests, shows and concessions will be the order of the day.

Police Chief Reports On Traffic Check

During the first week of the traffic safety check program being conducted by the Highland Park police, 29 cars have been checked, of which 8 failed to meet requirements, Police Chief Andrews reports. Motorists whose cars barely met requirements were urged to have adjustments of repairs made at once.

Results of the program are very encouraging. People have begun to realize that their cars must last for a long time yet and are cooperating with the police in these spot inspections.

For this program to be completely successful, motorists should voluntarily take their cars to repair shops and have lights, brakes, horn, windshield-wipers and tires tested, and other repairs made when necessary. In this way hazards of traffic are greatly reduced.

This traffic safety check program being conducted by the Highland Park police is a part of a national program in progress in all the states. Throughout the nation drivers involved in traffic accidents and violations are being checked for driver's license and registration tags, and cars given spot check safety checks.

Last year a nation-wide brake check program produced remarkable results. The traffic safety check program is on a much wider scale, and the reduction in number and severity of accidents should be correspondingly greater.

Motor vehicle accidents in 1945 resulted in deaths to 28,500 Americans, and injury to 1,000,000 others. The traffic safety check is a means to prevent rapid increase in traffic accidents.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

MEN'S 16 INCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

There will be an organization meeting for a men's 16 inch twilight softball league at the Community center on Monday evening, June 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The league for men 25 years of age and older will be a twilight one and most of the games will be played at Sunset park.

The league is for town teams only and players in the league must either live or work in Highland Park.

Managers of teams interested are urged to be at the meeting on June 3. Mr. Al Danakas of the Playground and Recreation board summer staff will conduct the meeting.

12 INCH TEEN AGE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

High school boys who have softball teams and who wish to play in the Playground and Recreation board sponsored league are urged to have their managers present at a meeting this coming Monday evening, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Community center. The meeting will be conducted by Al Danakas.

Women of the Moose Plan Box Social

A box social will be held by the Women of the Moose on Monday evening, May 27. Women are invited to bring box lunches.

Last Wednesday evening the lodge celebrated its 18th birthday, at Witten hall, with George Scheuchlenflug, director of recreation at the Community center, as guest speaker. A birthday cake was presented by Thos. Stillwell, governor of Lodge 446, and the lodge made a donation of \$5 for the Highland Park food collection for foreign relief.

Girl Scout Picnic

The Spring festival and picnic of the Highland Park Girl Scouts, postponed last Sunday because of rain, will be held in Sunset Park on Sunday afternoon, May 26, starting at 2:30 p.m. The original schedule of events will be followed, it was announced today by Co-chairmen Mrs. Hamilton R. Winton and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs. Five hundred girls, from the Elm Place, Braeside, Immaculate Conception, Lincoln, Green Bay, Ravinia and West Ridge schools will participate.

In case of rain, the event will be moved from Sunset Park to the auditorium of Elm Place school.

Old Classmates Among Throng To Welcome General Wainwright

Warmed by the enthusiastic welcome from friends and admirers at last Sunday's rally in his honor, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright discarded his prepared address and spoke to the gathering informally and from the heart.

The auditorium of Elm Place school from which the general was graduated in 1897, was filled to overflowing with those who had braved the threatening weather to see and hear the hero of Bataan. The general was delighted with the atmosphere of rest and quiet. He liked the town, he liked the people — and the people loved him.

With the simplicity and sincerity of the truly great, General Wainwright spoke of personal matters. He praised the beauty of our town. "I was always crazy about it — and still am," he said, and expressed his pleasure at returning after years of absence. He spoke of his sister, now deceased, who was the wife of the late Dr. Daniel Rogers of Highland Park; of his mother who made their home here, and of her association with the Highland Park branch of the Legion auxiliary until her death.

Then, with dramatic understatement, he spoke of his experiences in the Philippines.

Placed in charge of four Filipino divisions, poorly equipped and under trained, he fought off enemy troops, veterans of Manchurian warfare, and twice the number of his own forces, for a week, until ordered by Gen. MacArthur to withdraw to Bataan.

Then Gen. MacArthur, ordered to Australia to organize a counter attack, in turn ordered Gen. Wainwright to withdraw to Corregidor, where presently he was cut off from the rest of the island and subjected to murderous artillery fire. Lacking food, ill and wounded, his men were obliged to slaughter water buffalo, horses and pack mules in order to survive. The worst came on the birthday of the Japanese emperor, April 29, 1942, when 500-pound shells were rained upon the Americans for 5 hours, at the rate of one every 5 seconds. Finally, to prevent further useless slaughter of his men, the general surrendered his forces.

All through the three years, three months and 18 days of his incarceration, the general said, he was tortured by the thought that the American people, not realizing the conditions, might condemn him for giving up. His welcome all over America, since, must have dispelled all such misgivings.

Conditions in the prison camps, the general stated simply, were pretty bad. "In fact," he added, "we almost starved." No news of the war was permitted the prisoners. Finally, through the medium of a besotted Jap soldier, the news of Japan's surrender seeped through. From that time the arrogance of the enemy began to fade.

The great moment of his life, the general declared, came that day of September 2, aboard the historic USS Missouri, when he stood behind General MacArthur, at his right hand, and witnessed his signature of the peace terms. The pen then handed him by Gen. MacArthur, will always be cherished by the Wainwright family, he declares. But the peak of the thrill came when "those little men" put their signature to the dotted line.

All through his address there was a noticeable lack of bitterness or vindictiveness in the general's manner. Contempt, yes.

A second thrill arrived when he witnessed the surrender of the "Tiger of Bataan." Turning to a companion at that time, the general remarked, chuckling: "Well, he may have been the Tiger of Bataan, but right now he looks to me like the Pussycat of the Philippines."

As a climax to the rally, the guest of honor was presented with a silver platter, with appropriate inscription, by the present Elm Place pupils. A group headed by Harold McLain, Jr., presented the token. A diamond studded pin also was presented by Comdr. Zippo, in behalf of the Highland Park post No. 145, American Legion, signifying a life membership in that organization.

Among former schoolmates present to greet the general were: Raymond Flinn, Mrs. Flinn (Nellie Palmer), Mrs. Ann Getzoff (Annie Goldberg), Mrs. Mary Fancett (Mamie Cox), Miss Olive Haebele, Edward J. Moroney, Albert Me-

Poppy Symbol of Hope; Flower of Remembrance

Boy Scouts To Hold Annual Camporal

Boy Scouts of the North Shore Area council will hold their annual camporal at the Henry Fowler reservation near Wheeling on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26. Patrols representing most of the scout troops on the North Shore will participate. The program will once again be in charge of Harold Spinney Jr. and M. Warner Turriff, two veteran scout leaders.

Patrols will report at Camp Dan Beard for registration on Saturday morning between 9 and 1 p.m. They will stand inspection as they are equipped for carrying on the camporal program. They will then be assigned to campsites on Henry Fowler reservation and will proceed with setting up camp.

Saturday afternoon patrols will compete in scoutcraft events such as fire-laying, string burning, water boiling, flapjack cooking and several mystery games. After the evening meal a mass campfire will be held at 8:30 p.m.

The next morning following breakfast and Sunday services additional games including nature, signaling and judging will be held. Awarding of certificates will be made just before the camporal closes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Over 400 scouts are expected to take part.

The next camping event will be the opening for the summer season at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan at Pearson, Wis., on July 9. It will operate for two two-week periods through August 5. Any scout planning to attend Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan this summer should mail in his application to Scout Headquarters as soon as possible as registrations are coming in rapidly.

John B. Jackson, Thirty-five Years with Commonwealth Edison

John B. Jackson, 1516 Westview road, Highland Park, is celebrating his 35th anniversary with Commonwealth Edison company. He entered the Chicago utility's employ as a mechanic after graduation from the University of Nebraska and has risen through the ranks to the post of staff engineer in the office of the vice-president in charge of engineering and operating.

For four years Mr. Jackson was chairman of the committee of engineers which coordinated planning and construction activities of the various utility companies involved in the building of the Chicago subway. A paper he prepared on this subject for a meeting of the Western Society of Engineers won him that organization's Chanute medal in 1943.

The Edison veteran was a member of District 108 school board from 1935 to 1942, serving as its president the last two years. A major in the army corps of engineers during World War I, he was attached to the staff of the division of construction in France for 25 months. He holds the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Jackson had two sons in World War II. John B. Jr., who was a captain in the army, is now identified with Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. Robert, who was a chief boatswain's mate in the coast guard, is currently attending the University of Texas. Their sister, Mrs. Marguerite Book, whose husband is a captain in the army medical corps, is a registered nurse.

cham, William Steele, George Jones, James and Thomas Trozell and Frank Golden.

During his four-hour stay in Highland Park, Gen. Wainwright was the guest of the Harold O. McLains, who entertained for him at dinner. Among those present were the general and his aide, Col. John Pugh; Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Frank Parker, with the general's aide, Capt. Etcheson, and some twenty civilian guests from Chicago and the North Shore.

Highland Parkers are truly grateful to those citizens through whose efforts they were able to see and hear one of our greatest and most gracious American generals.

Poppy day will be observed in Highland Park and Highwood on Monday, May 27, when the little red flowers, made by disabled veterans at Downey hospital, will be distributed on the streets. The distribution will be conducted by unpaid volunteers from the American Legion auxiliary and all contributions will go into the welfare and rehabilitation funds of the auxiliary.

The corps is composed of members of the auxiliary, both senior and junior, and young women from Highwood unit No. 501 and Highland Park unit No. 145. Carrying poppies made by veterans of both world wars at veterans hospitals, including Downey hospital at North Chicago, they will be on the streets early in the morning of Poppy day and will continue to offer flowers, to be worn in honor of the war dead, throughout the day.

"Poppy funds always have been an important source of support for Legion and Auxiliary work for disabled veterans and for families of veterans in need of aid," according to the officers of the auxiliaries. "We have seen them bring new hope into homes on the verge of despair and give a new chance to men struggling against the handicap of war disabilities. That is why the memorial poppy is to us not only a flower of remembrance for the dead but also a symbol of hope for the wars' living victims."

"The government provides compensation and hospital care for disabled veterans and assistance for families of the dead, but many times difficulties and delays are encountered in securing official help. When a veteran is sick and discouraged, he needs immediate aid. When children are hungry they cannot wait for cases to be processed and claims to be proved. That is when the Legion and Auxiliary step in with emergency aid. That is when the dimes, quarters and dollars contributed for the memorial poppies prove a Godsend to those suffering from the results of war."

Highwood City Council Faces Further Difficulties

With four of the eight aldermen of the Highwood city council absent from the last six scheduled meetings, it has been impossible to provide a quorum at the meetings even with Mayor Mussatto voting on every roll call. It is believed that the question of raising the license fee for sale of liquor is at the bottom of the difficulty.

Those regularly failing to appear are Fidel Ghini, Guido Serafini, John Castellari and Bernard Murphy. Edward Cowgill is irregular in attendance, but for the reason that he holds a night job.

The regular attending aldermen, who are Carl Pasquesi, Russel E. Carlson and Americo Ladurini, have requested City Attorney J. E. Bairstow to report on the legal aspects of the case. Some way is being sought to enforce attendance or remove persistent offenders from office.

Week's Activities Of Legion Members

This evening (Thursday) Legion members will be addressed by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph P. Morrison of Immaculate Conception church, who will speak on "Some Phases of Interracial Justice."

Legionnaires are invited by Rev. Keller to attend Trinity Episcopal church on Sunday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. As part of the service a wreath will be placed on the window dedicated to Dumaresq Spencer.

Legion members will form at Green Bay school at 10:15 a.m. on May 30, to form in line and march to the Monument on Laurel avenue.

Dr. Koons to Address Rotary Club Monday

At the luncheon meeting of the Rotary club, Monday, May 27, the speaker will be Dr. Leonard Koon, of the University of Chicago, who will discuss the junior college movement in Illinois. Dr. Koon is a widely known authority on recent educational development.