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## Ambitious Program For Playgrounds Under Way

### BOARD PLANS MANY INTERESTING PROJECTS

Summer playgrounds, sponsored by Highland Park Playground and Recreation board, got off to a fine start last Tuesday and from the heavy enrollment of the various activities the playground activities this summer promise to be the best ever. If you have not received your copy of this year's activities for boys and girls, call the Community center and a copy will be sent you.

The craft and art clubs will be full of many fine projects for the boys and girls — plastics, finger painting, shell jewelry, a new metal craftstrip bracelet, plastic jewelry, metal craft of all kinds — all really not to be missed.

The movie program featured at the various schools will feature some full length movies including Westerns, adventure, and lots of funny comedies. You will be missing a great program if you don't come, boys and girls.

Much interest is being shown in the tennis lessons and play at Sunset, Ravinia and Braeside. Do you want to learn to play this game? Then go to these playgrounds.

This year there will be specially featured bike trips for older children who qualify. Ask Mr. Leech or Mr. McKee about them.

Day camp will have many fine new activities. For regular day camp attendees, there are to be special trips — to the zoo and to a Cubs ball game. You have to come regularly to go along on these trips.

Your playground staff has been studying and looking for many new and fine activities for the playgrounds this summer and you ought to come and get better acquainted with the instructors.

### SOFTBALL AT SUNSET PARK

Interest in softball has become very keen in Highland Park the last two years, according to George Scheuchenflug, director of recreation for the city, who has been instrumental in providing opportunities for teen age boys to participate in this sport.

Last year, under the auspices of the Playground and Recreation board, Highland Park sponsored three teen age teams which played in a round robin series with other towns along the North Shore. The several night games played by the local high school group drew large throngs.

This year, due to the return of so many veterans, most of the night games will be played by crack teams representing Highland Park. However, in order to provide the teen agers with an opportunity to play in an organized league this year, the board will sponsor a twilight league. This league will play Monday and Wednesday nights. Games will start at 7, with a possibility of some games being played under the lights on Wednesday nights, starting at a later hour.

### ANOTHER TEAM NEEDED

So far, five teams have signed up to play in this twilight league. The deadline for entries is Saturday, and one more team is needed to complete the entries. Play will start next Monday. Any team wishing to enter may sign up with Al Danakas at Sunset park.

Among the crack teams representing Highland Park in the night games this year are Neild's Sport store, Suburban Waste Paper Co., Duffy Cleaners, and Seguin and Logan. These teams will play many of the leading softball teams of Illinois and Wisconsin. Seguin and Logan will represent Highland Park in the North Shore league — a league that was organized before the war, but was forced to disband two years ago due to the team members' being in the service.

### BOYS OUTING AND SPORTS CLUB

One of the new features of the recreation program this summer is the Boys Outing and Sports club under the leadership of Mel Mullins, assistant director at Community center.

The club, planned for boys 10 years and older, held its first meeting this (Thursday) afternoon, when officers were elected and plans made for the season.

## Highland Park Rose Garden Celebrates Fourth Anniversary

June 26 marks the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the Gardener's Memorial Garden as a living tribute to the memory of three important Highland Park horticulturists. Each of these men was renowned in his particular field, thus this garden is arranged in three sections (1) the W. C. Egan rose garden, (2) the Jesse Lowe Smith natural garden with the rocky ledge pool, and (3) the Jens Jensen naturalized garden and the players hill. The W. C. Egan section enjoys the splendor of a choice variety of roses and offers our community an opportunity to see and appreciate the unusual development of this colorful and fragrant flower. Also it should further encourage interest in our community for amateurs to grow their own roses.

A large group of members of the Men's Garden club of Highland Park dug and planted this exquisite garden and donated it to our city with the provision that they have the privilege of maintaining and further developing it. Under the guidance of their rose garden chairman, Phil Cole, and members of his committee, this memorial garden has grown up, so to speak, and now is the outstanding municipal garden on the North Shore.

At the dedication four years ago a new rose was named "Highland Park" in honor of our city. It was hybridized and donated by a famous nursery man and today enjoys a reputation throughout the country.

The public is invited to visit the Gardener's Memorial Garden, particularly during Highland Park Rose week, June 23 to June 30, when the Men's Garden club will act as host.

## Condition of Motor Vehicles Causes Alarm

One out of every three vehicles examined by the nation's traffic police during the first 10 days of the police traffic safety check program failed to meet minimum safety standards.

This report was issued by the International Association of Chiefs of Police which is directing the program in 48 states, nine Canadian provinces and in Honolulu. It is based upon reports from 23 states which have tabulated early results of their programs which began May 15.

"The traffic check clearly shows that motorists are exposing themselves to traffic accidents, death and serious injury because thousands of irresponsible drivers are using worn-out vehicles, which they do not, or cannot, keep in safe operating condition," according to Robert E. Raleigh, associate director of the safety division of the IACP and director of the police traffic safety check program.

"The national traffic death toll for April," he continued, "which was 47 per cent higher than a year ago, substantiates the traffic police contention that faulty equipment as well as careless driving, has turned our streets and highways into vast abattoirs where the innocent, as well as the foolish and ignorant, are needlessly slaughtered."

The neglect of basic equipment such as brakes and tires, upon which all safe operation depends, should cause every motorist considerable alarm, the police believe. The program has shown that the age of vehicles now being used upon streets and highways make it absolutely necessary for every driver to check constantly for needed repairs and, above all, to drive with added caution so long as aged vehicles are in use.

While The Press is in hearty agreement with any program to lessen the hazards of auto traffic, we feel that it might be well to bring up the matter of traffic violations which occur continually at the intersections of Deerfield road and Half Day road with route 41. An observer, who crosses these intersections from two to four times daily, sees cars dash through the red lights at sometimes terrific speed, endangering the lives of themselves and others. These acts occur daily and this observer has not seen a police officer at these points during this season of 1946.

If conditions such as this prevail at other heavily traveled intersections, some of the causes for the increasing number of auto accidents might be reduced by a closer patrol of these crossings.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park has been the recipient by gift of a beautiful Gardener's Memorial Garden from the MEN'S GARDEN CLUB, and

WHEREAS, said Gardener's Memorial Garden was developed and maintained by the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park to serve as a source of inspiration, pleasure, and education for all our people, and

WHEREAS, a more wide-spread interest and participation in the benefits of said Gardener's Memorial Garden by the citizens of our community is desirable.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. B. GARNETT, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, by authority of the City Council, hereby proclaim the week of June 23 to June 30 as HIGHLAND PARK ROSE WEEK and that such programs and ceremonies as may be appropriate be placed under the sponsorship and direction of the MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF HIGHLAND PARK, and be it further

PROCLAIMED that your Mayor and City Council extend a hearty and cordial invitation to all our people to visit the Gardener's Memorial Garden at least once during HIGHLAND PARK ROSE WEEK.

J. B. GARNETT, Mayor.

## Mr. Steele New Park Board President

Park Commissioner Edward M. Steele of the Park District of Highland Park, was elected board president for the coming year. Mr. Steele, who is treasurer of Steele-Wedeles Co., an old and established firm of wholesale grocers in Chicago since 1862, has been a member of the Park board for eleven years and its vice-president for the last two years.

Mr. Arthur Olson of the local Art Olson and Co., has been the board president for the last two years, as well as president of the city's Recreation board, and has served the city well in these capacities in coordinating the activities of the two boards. Other members of the Park board are Bert Weber, architect; Marshall Johnson, landscape architect; and J. Sigurd Johnson of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. Edward Brown continues to serve as park superintendent; Roy Millen as secretary, and Bowen Schumacher of Packard, Barnes, Schumacher and Gilmore as attorney for the board.

## Summer School Registration At High School

Approximately three hundred elementary and high school pupils are expected to register for swimming classes on June 14 and 15. The Highland Park high school office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 12 on Saturday. The swimming classes are graded according to ability into three sections, 1. Beginners; 2. intermediate; 3. advanced. The fee of seven dollars includes instruction for sixteen lessons, suits, and towels.

At 8 a.m. on Monday, June 17, registration will open for other summer school classes. Approximately another two hundred students are expected to register for typewriting, algebra, geometry, history, economics, Latin, English, mechanical drawing, and shop. The fee of ten dollars provides for instruction in one subject for the eight weeks from June 17 to August 9. No registrations will be accepted after June 30.

## Tuxis Society Elects Officers

At last Sunday's meeting of the Tuxis society, Edna Mae Wilner was chosen president, and Pat Peterson treasurer. Margie Wolf is the retiring president.

New directors are Bob Bushey, Dan Dennett, Dorothy Dickenson, Mary Jane Eriksen, Marilyn Eriksen, Barbara Floyd, Dave King, Barbara Lasier, Jo Anne Myer, Margie Wolf, Murray Wright and Theo Zaecke. Installation of officers will take place in the fall.

Beverly Date is the present councillor for the society. Next Sunday's meeting will take the form of a beach party to be held at the Central avenue beach.

## ROTARY DELEGATES REPORT

The Monday luncheon meeting of the Rotary club at Sunset will be given over to Ed Menke and A. E. Wolters, delegates to the International convention at Atlantic City, N. J., who will report that event.

## Reunion Marks Closing Of USO June 15 and 16

### Action Demanded by Women Voters' League At Recent Convention

The National League of Women Voters in convention last month, voted to give priority to the following item on the current agenda:

International control of atomic energy through the United Nations.

Domestic control under a civilian agency to insure full development in the public interest.

The present situation, both with respect to international and domestic policy is such that we, the people, must do some quick work now. —The United States has not yet adopted either a domestic or an international policy. Every day lost in adopting a strong international policy and in finally passing the McMahon bill increases the difficulties. Here are the facts:

### 1. INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

Five months have gone by since the United Nations established its atomic energy commission. Representatives to the commission have finally been appointed by the member nations. The United States member is Bernard M. Baruch.

The commission will probably go to Bikini for the atomic bomb tests before it starts to work. In the meantime the atomic armaments race is gaining momentum, and the time until other nations will have atomic bombs is diminishing.

The crucial question now is: will the United States as the key member of the commission and the present sole producer of atomic energy adopt a policy which is far-sighted enough to offer real hope of effective international control. The United States must not only clarify its own atomic energy policy, but must press for international negotiations now so the present period of suspicion and uncertainty may be replaced by agreement on a United Nations policy.

We have the outlines for a strong United States policy in the Acheson-Lilienthal report. The suggestion in that report for ownership of raw materials and operation of basic atomic energy plants by an international development authority offers a practicable basis for negotiation. By making an official proposal along these lines to the United Nations, the United States would be making a stride in world leadership. So far, the report has not been adopted as the official policy of this government, but has merely been offered to the public for purposes of discussion. If there is enough public pressure on the president and Mr. Baruch, it may be so adopted. On the other hand, further delay or the announcement of a weak policy will do irretrievable harm.

### 2. DOMESTIC CONTROL

On June 1, the Senate passed the revised McMahon Bill, S. 1717, providing for a civilian atomic energy commission in the United States. The bill now goes to the House. It is essential that it be passed before the members go home in mid-July.

### 3. WHAT CAN WE DO?

We must realize that time lost in facing this issue may never be regained. Letters to the president and Mr. Baruch from you should urge the early adoption of a strong and imaginative United States policy which calls for international ownership of raw materials and international operation of all dangerous production activities, along the lines of the Acheson report. Mr. Baruch should be urged to take leadership in speeding the work of the United Nations commission.

Members of the House of Representatives should be urged to see that the McMahon bill is brought up before adjournment, and to vote for it.

Addresses: President Harry Truman White House, Washington, D.C. Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, U. S. Representative on the U. N. Atomic Energy commission, 597 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

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

Although the Highland Park USO is closing the latter part of this month the spirit and work of that organization will continue to make itself felt in this community as long as the need for it exists.

As a climax to the activities of the USO in providing for the welfare of the service men in this area since Pearl Harbor days, a reunion has been scheduled for June 15 and 16 at the USO headquarters, 21 N. Green Bay road.

Men who have been discharged from the service are coming from all over the United States. Word already has been received of ex-service men coming to the event from St. Louis, Mo., Tulsa, Okla., Cleveland, Canton, Toledo and Sandusky, O.; Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, Wis.; Brooklyn, N. Y., Jersey City, N. J., Sandford, Me., and Beardstown, Ill.

The tentative program calls for refreshments to be served at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 15, under the able direction of "Mom" Truax, a buffet supper served by the Jewish Welfare board from 6 to 8, and a street dance in the evening with Mortinson's band providing the music.

Overnight sleeping will be available at the club for the men. The wives and out-of-town girls will be housed at the YWCA.

Sunday's schedule calls for breakfast at 10 a.m. served by the Service Mothers club of Highland Park. A beach party along with other outdoor activities will complete the program Sunday afternoon.

The closing of the Highland Park USO does not mean the end of USO activities in this area. The Girls Service organization under the supervision of the YWCA, is going to continue as a traveling unit, entertaining at Fort Sheridan and Great Lake dances and also at hospital parties.

The Highland Park USO goes back to pre-Pearl Harbor days. It was born at a meeting called by the then Mayor Ronan to discuss the possibility of the United States entering the war and the probable need to care for service men who would then be coming into the community. At this meeting, in addition to prominent Highland Parkers, were Commander Roger E. Nelson, his aide, Lt. George A. Rosso of Great Lakes, and Col. F. D. Doring, then commanding officer at Fort Sheridan.

This committee proposed to set aside a building for USO work and on April 1, 1941, Nick Young opened the Highland Park Service Men's club at 19 N. Sheridan road.

As time went on the need for a larger building became obvious and on Jan. 12, 1942, the new USO at 21 N. Green Bay road, was dedicated.

On Dec. 1, 1945, fire broke out and destroyed a major part of the structure housing the USO. While the fire curtailed the activities of USO for a time, those who had devoted so much effort towards its success in the past never lost heart. The Girls Service organization in particular provided the spark and drive to bring back the USO to its former status.

For the service men, themselves, the USO became a "home away from home" and they above all others are going to regret its closing. They feel that the "house they lived in" in this community is now being closed.

The activities of the USO were many and varied. That the service men appreciated the efforts in their behalf was evidenced by the fine attendance throughout the years the club was opened.

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## Methodist Women to Hold Bakery Sale

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Highland Park Methodist church will hold a bakery sale Saturday, June 15, at the electrical appliance shop next to Laegeler's drug store in Greenwood. The sale begins at 10:30. Pastries, etc., will be on sale.

## Philathea Class to Meet Tuesday, June 18

The Philathea class of Bethany Evangelical church will meet in the Dubbs room on Tuesday, June 18, at 8 p.m. The hostesses will be: Mesdames Jennie Christman, Sue Moran, Elsie Schlung, Anne Weesling and Gertrude Zenco.