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We Can't Afford NOT To Afford It

School District 108 is planning to look into the problem of teachers' salaries. It's time — not only for District 108, but for District 107 and the high school, speaking locally, and the entire nation, speaking generally.

There is no more important charge in the entire system of American life than that placed upon its school teachers. And, generally speaking, there is no other profession of equal importance that is as ill-paid in proportion to its importance.

Parents — and non-parents, too — are, naturally enough, particular and critical when it comes to prescribing the qualifications — both educational and personal — of those to whom they are to entrust the education of the community's youngsters.

They have not been equally critical in their evaluation of the worth of the services they demand.

There are other important disadvantages in the teaching profession in addition to the generally inadequate salaries. Salary adjustments will not entirely correct the conditions which have resulted in an alarmingly general exodus of the best teaching material from the schoolrooms to industry. Salary adjustments will, however, help.

In justice to our children, who, in less time than we like to contemplate, will be taking over the direction of the affairs we now control, we should see to it that short-sighted penny-pinching does not deprive them of the opportunity of studying under those who know not only WHAT they are teaching, but also, HOW to teach it.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Emergencies attended	17	101
Babies delivered	10	65
Operations performed	20	124
X-Ray examinations	93	570
Laboratory examinations	310	1684

World Day of Prayer Friday, February 21

The women of Bethany Evangelical and Reformed church will unite in an observance of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 21, at St. John's church. The service will begin at 3 p.m. Mrs. Karl Roth of Lake Forest will review Frank Laubach's book, "Prayer."

"Make level in the desert a highway for our God" is the theme of the World Day Prayer services that are being held on this first Friday in Lent by groups of Christian women in all parts of the world. These interdenominational meetings are sponsored by the United Church Council of Church Women. All women are invited to attend.

Warned Against Fraud

Chicagoans were warned today against a confidence man who recently collected \$50 from employees of a loop establishment for sheet music allegedly made by patients at Hines veterans hospital.

The Veterans administration branded his activities "fraudulent" and cautioned against a possible repetition of the ruse.

Unshaven, shabbily dressed and wearing parts of an army uniform the man posed as a representative of a fictitious "Major O'Brien" of the VA hospital. Proceeds from the music, he claimed, were to be distributed among the hospitalized veterans.

American Legion Plans Bingo Party and Dance

The Highland Park post of the American Legion announces a bingo party and dance to be held on Saturday night, Feb. 22, at the Legion headquarters in the Masonic temple building at 21 N. Sheridan road, at 8 o'clock.

Prizes for the bingo players and interesting door prizes also will be given out during the evening to the winners.

Louis Garino's orchestra will furnish music for those desiring to dance after the bingo party has finished. There will be refreshments for all.

Legion Members Guests Of Legion Auxiliary

The Highland Park Legion auxiliary will hold its regular meeting the evening of March 5, in the Legion hall, with members of the Legion as guests.

Music will be furnished by Mary Santi, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Schur, and Mr. Carl Paradiso, who will accompany himself on the guitar. Ladies of the auxiliary will present a surprise playlet, and refreshments will be served.

Community Meetings On Dist. 108 Tax Referendum Next Week

Community meetings at the Ravinia and Lincoln schools will be held during the next week to explain to the voters of school district 108 (West Ridge, Lincoln, Braeside and Ravinia schools) the proposed referendum to remove existing restrictions on the taxing powers of the board of education. This referendum will remove the present restrictions brought about by the Butler bills which limit the board to not more than a 5% increase in its levy for the coming school term. This restriction would make it impossible for the board to meet the rising market of teachers' salaries and would therefore jeopardize the ability of the district to hold its competent teachers and to attract new teachers who are professionally well trained and experienced.

The meeting at the Ravinia school will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 8, and the meeting at Lincoln school will be held Wednesday, February 26, at 8. These meetings will give the residents of the district an opportunity to hear the report of the board of education and to ask any questions that might be necessary. These meetings are open to the public.

In order that the community may be completely informed, the board of education this week is mailing to all residents of the district a small booklet explaining the nature of the referendum and giving to the residents the full story of the proposal of the board of education.

Highwood Mayor Calls Meeting of Highwood Citizens February 28

Mayor Mussatto and City Atty. J. E. Barstow of Highwood have appeared before R. C. Ashton, division engineer of the Federal Work agency, in regard to obtaining the USO building in Highwood for a community house. Chances appear to be very good. A financial representation for the city is necessary before business can be done.

Mayor Mussatto has called a meeting of Highwood citizens for February 28, at 8 p.m. at the USO building, at which every citizen may express his or her viewpoint on the matter.

Kiwanians to Hear Talk on Plastics

At the February 24 meeting of the Kiwanis club at Sunset Valley, the speaker will be Charles C. Livingston, president of Livingston Plastics corporation, Northbrook. His topic will be "Plastics from the layman's standpoint." He is sponsored by Fred Richmond.

Republican Women to Hear Woman Legislator Friday, February 28

Mrs. Horace S. Vaile will open her home on Maple avenue on Friday, February 28, for the annual meeting and tea of the Deerfield Township Republican Women's club.

As a special guest and speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. William L. Winters, president of the organization, has secured Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, representative to the Illinois General Assembly from the 41st Senatorial district. Mrs. O'Neill was the first woman in the history of Illinois to hold a place in the state legislature. She was first elected in 1922 and is now serving her 11th term, which means that she has devoted 20 years to the business of the state. She has sponsored bills seeking to improve our election laws, bills for public education, and labor, with special reference to working women. From her vivid background, Mrs. O'Neill will bring a timely message of interest to all Highland Park Republican women. At the conclusion of the meeting, those present will have an opportunity to meet Mrs. O'Neill informally.

Membership in this organization is open to all Republican women in Deerfield township who are in sympathy with its policy and purpose. Anyone interested may contact the membership chairman, Mrs. Frank Randolph, phone H. P. 3180.

March of Dimes 33% Over 1946 Contributions

Daniel Cobb, chairman of the local 1947 March of Dimes campaign, announces that total funds collected this year run well over \$850.00, or 33 per cent in excess of last year's collections, even without movie theater audience collections, which have been quite a factor in past years.

Local schools contributed \$400 of the sum doubling last year's effort, with Braeside school leading the march. Local stores contributed over \$300, from coin containers left in the buildings, and the remainder was contributed by individuals and business organizations.

The March of Dimes is the most widely participated-in movement of all our community, charity and welfare drives, and deep appreciation to all is expressed by the Lake county chapter of the National Foundation, but especially to the school children, for their interest and effort in making the March of Dimes a success.

VFW Holds Initiation In New Hall

Highland Park Memorial post, VFW, held its first regular meeting in its new location on Central avenue in Witten hall. The large crowd was most gratifying.

The degree team under the direction of Ray Mann initiated the following: William C. Henricks, Toni Biagi, Fred Bertucci, Lloyd Moon, Cecil Nestrick, David Pasquesi and William Cortesi.

Commander Gordon Clavey explained to the members that according to the VFW national by-laws, it would be necessary for the post to hold nominations for new officers on two successive meetings. Since the post has its first meeting of the month, a business meeting and the second meeting of the month a social meeting, it was decided that a special meeting should be held in order to take nominations, on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the fire station on Green Bay road. Then at the (Continued on page 5)

Lions See Colored Movies of Mexico

At their luncheon meeting this noon (Thursday) at Highland House, members of the Lions club will be shown colored movies of Mexico by Robert Slayback.

An attendance contest which started last week will last for 10 weeks. Members are divided into two teams, captained by Fred Schweiger and George Keller. The losing team stands treats at the end of the contest.

Open House for Ten Agers February 28

Teen Age club will hold open house at the Community center on Friday, Feb. 28, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Dancing to the music of Roger Morrison's band and refreshments will highlight the program. All teen agers living in the Highland Park high school district are invited.

ELECTION TUESDAY; BE SURE TO VOTE

PLAYGROUND NEEDS

By GEO. SCHEUCHENFLUG
Director of Recreation, Playground and Recreation Board
Wanted: A Community building with a large gymnasium, planned and equipped to serve the leisure time needs of your community and designed for multiple use to meet varied recreational interests; having economical maintenance and supervision, and operating on an all year round community recreation program.

Your local playground and recreation board has indicated a definite need for the above civic improvement for Highland Park. This request can be fulfilled by having the voters of our community go to the polls on Feb. 25 and vote favorably on the \$200,000 bond issue for a new community center.

If this community center bond issue is approved, there should be no increase in municipal taxes. Next year the city is retiring a \$540,000 bond issue and the new bond issue payments for a community center would continue on where the other one left off.

In addition, should the bond issue pass, it is planned that the present recreational holdings (the old city hall, old fire station, and partially burned USO) be sold. This money added to the bond issue should give Highland Park a community center to be proud of.

The city of Highland Park is having "growing pains" and the business district needs more space. Moving the center to tax-free park property enables the city to sell its present community center and helps provide this needed space.

Junior Stamp Club to Meet Next Saturday

Junior Stamp club will hold its regular meeting Saturday at the Community center, at 2 p.m. Chas. Sanborn, adult leader, will be in charge of the afternoon's program, which will include stamp trading. All boys and girls interested in this hobby are invited to attend. Meetings are held the second and fourth Saturday afternoons of each month.

Model Plane Club At Community Center

Highland Park boys of Scout age are invited to attend meetings of the Model Plane club at Community center every Thursday evening at 7. Gervase Brown Jr. is adult leader of the club, which is sponsored by the playground and recreation board.

Recapitulation of Police Activities for 1946

During the year 1946 the police department investigated a total of 2,295 cases necessitating police action. Classification of cases ranged from attempted rape to neighborhood arguments over dogs running at large.

The more serious crimes departed very little from previous norms during the past period, with a slight increase in the number of burglaries reported, counteracted by a slight decrease in the number of reported larcenies. Sex offenses dropped about 66 per cent while arrests for disorderly conduct increased. An interesting fact is that the department recovered a greater amount of property value than was reported lost or stolen during the year.

Greater emphasis upon traffic violations during the past year accounts for an increase of road and driving violations from 111 in (Continued on page 5)

Women Voters Workshop To Meet on Wednesday

The social welfare workshop of the League of Women Voters will meet at the Community center on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. "The first half of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the qualifications for police officers in Highland Park, led by Mrs. Carroll Baker Summers," Mrs. Harry Pier, chairman of the group, said this week. "Mrs. Maurice Pollak, vice president of the State League and a former member of the national board, will talk on housing, giving the same talk she gave at the state office last month. Plans will also be made for a visit to the regular meeting of the Lake county board of supervisors on March 11 or April 15," Mrs. Pier added.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Statement Of City Council Regarding Bond Issues

COMMUNICATION

For the Community Center Bond Issue

To the Editor:

Progressive cities throughout the nation have long considered a recreation program, adequate playgrounds and community center facilities a vital part of their municipal function. Next to police protection, education and sanitation, recreation has come to be recognized as a governmental responsibility which should be available to and supported by all citizens.

In 1942 the citizens of Highland Park overwhelmingly accepted this responsibility by voting for a recreation commission, the coordination of playgrounds and Community center and approving a tax for their maintenance. An unusually capable and representative commission was appointed by Mayor Garnett, consisting of the following members: Arthur W. Olson, president; Mrs. David Levinson, George A. Hartman, Elmer T. Skidmore, Mrs. Carroll Binder (replaced in 1945 by W. J. Hodge).

This commission has now been in office four years, and after a careful study the members have unanimously recommended enlarged facilities to meet current needs and provide for growth.

There is therefore no question either as to accepted municipal practice in general, or as to the intent of the citizens of Highland Park, that an adequate recreational program is a part of the service of our city government.

The question is rather the need of our community for added recreational facilities and whether the bond issue is a prudent expenditure.

I for one am glad to trust the considered judgment of our recreation commission as to the need and the appropriate solution. The Community center, as all can see, is becoming increasingly the hub of community activities. The facilities are far short of current requirements. Those who doubt this should drop in and judge for themselves. Those who admire Winnetka's community projects should realize that their splendid building is the chief reason for the success of their program. One individual gave \$63,500 for its gymnasium years ago, but we all recognize that such windfalls can no longer be counted upon and that tax support is the fairest way to distribute a load which all enjoy. That is the reason why today over 85% of community recreation costs in the United States are tax supported.

When the Community center was being organized, the committee in charge received its greatest backing and inspiration from Chief Moroney and the superintendent of the high school and grammar schools. They knew best the need of constructive uses for the leisure time of our youth. They now testify as to its value and thousands of adults can also testify as to its value to our community.

The cost of the proposed building to each individual home owner in Highland Park can be easily computed and will amount to \$1.30 per \$1000 of assessors valuation, per year, less than 2 per cent of his total tax.

Against this modest cost I would urge all citizens to judge the record, recognize the responsibility of those who are making the recommendation, take into consideration the growth of our community and realize the value to our youth in providing an adequate building.

RENSLOW P. SHERER,
Feb. 17, 1947.

Round The World Festival at "Y"

The YWCA Round-the-World festival is open to people of all ages, afternoon and evening, today (Thursday) and tomorrow, with its colorful booths representing different countries, games and stunts, tea from 3 to 5 each day, spaghetti dinner Thursday evening and a dance on Friday. Profits from the festival will go to the reconstruction fund to help rebuild YWCA's overseas.

At the election to be held on Feb. 25 the Highland Park city council is presenting five bond issues for the approval of voters. The council's decision to place these bond issues before the people of Highland Park was unanimous and was made after careful consideration had been given to the purpose and amount of each of the proposed bond issues.

The total amount involved in the five issues is \$547,000. The amount and purpose of each of the five issues is summarized as follows:

(1) For Bridge Funds, \$250,000.

Proceeds of this bond issue will be used for the construction of four new bridges to be built (a) across the East Skokie drainage canal on Park avenue which has been closed to traffic for approximately two years; (b) across the East Skokie drainage canal at Clavey road to replace the present bridge which is still open but which is in bad condition and should be rebuilt immediately; (c) across the ravine on Linden avenue north of Elm place, to take the place of the present bridge which is beyond further repair and neither safe nor adequate for the traffic requirements; and (d) across the ravine on St. Johns avenue north of Vine to replace the present bridge which is not in good condition and which is placed at such an angle in relation to approaches as to make it hazardous for use. The proposed St. Johns bridge will be a wider structure properly aligned with the approaches and designed to eliminate existing hazards. This bond issue also provides for necessary repairs to other bridges in Highland Park.

(2) For Recreation Center Land and Building Bonds, \$200,000.

The purpose of this issue has been explained at length in articles appearing recently in The Press. Members of the city council, recognizing the inadequacy and unsuitability of the present facilities, are unanimous in their endorsement of the bond issue proposed by the playground and recreation board, a political subdivision of the city council. The building now used as the Community center is located at one of the most active intersections in the central business district of Highland Park. Traffic conditions at that intersection subject children — and adults — using the facilities to hazardous conditions which would be eliminated under the proposed program of building a larger and more suitably planned building in the southeast corner of Sunset park with access from Green Bay road. The cost to the city of the development planned is reasonable in relation to the importance of the work of this board.

(3) For Municipal Building Bonds, \$50,000

Proceeds of this issue will provide for (a) an addition to the municipal garage where more space is needed for the care and storage of city equipment, and (b) for the completion of a squad room for the police department and the development of storage space for municipal records in the city hall. (The provision of the additional area needed for storage of city records and for the requirements of the police department can be accomplished at substantially less expense to the city by excavating and improving basement space than would be the case if an addition to the present structure were built.)

(4) For Equipment Bonds, \$25,000

Proceeds will provide additional equipment for the street department and the sewer department. The city has been unable to replace equipment during the war years and has had difficulty in providing necessary services on the limited revenue available. Tax income, due to decreases in assessed valuations during these years, has failed to keep abreast of higher operating expenses. The city council has approved the submission of this bond issue to the public for the purpose of financing the purchase of equipment now available and essential for the improvement of services rendered (Continued on page 5)