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A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HIGHWOOD

Discussions are under way concerning the conversion of a USO building in Highwood to a community center. Such a project is entirely worthy, especially in that it is needed to supply the recreational needs of the large majority of Highwood citizens whose worthy activities too often go unpublicized.

It is unfortunately and undeniably true that, generally speaking, Highwood gets a bad press, particularly from Chicago papers which, news values being what they are, can devote columns to accounts of such things as a gambling house (patronized by non-Highwood people) or a saloon (again largely patronized by non-Highwoodians) being located too close to a church. However, such activities as the city's Boy Scout organization, its church and school societies, seldom get any publicity at all.

This was particularly true in past years when wrangling in the city council got the headlines while stories on city improvements pretty well buried in the back of the paper.

People who know Highwood know that it is a good town. They wish its citizens' success in establishing a community center.

WHY HAVE A FIRE?

Fire Chief William Hennig has offered the services of the Highland Park Fire Department in checking household and business premises to eliminate fire hazards. We are all prone to overlook things — even things like fire hazards — when we pass by them every day until they become commonplace and unnoticed. Bringing someone in who isn't used to seeing them is an excellent way to avoid having a needless fire.

However, human nature being what it is, it's a pretty safe bet that the next bad Highland Park fire will be on premises which have NOT been inspected.

DISTRICT 108 SAYS YES

By a majority of 800 to 20 voters of School District 108 approved a school board proposal to increase taxes for the purpose of increasing teacher salaries and providing improved educational facilities.

That majority should be heartening to those who realize how fully the future of America depends on truly adequate educational opportunities for the nation's youth.

FRANKLIN E. PARCELLS, JR.

Final rites have been held for Frank E. Parcels, Jr., former Lake Forester, who served as manager of the Highland Park USO during the war years. Civic leader, athlete, newspaperman, Frank Parcels filled many roles and filled them well. His going is a loss to his community as well as to his family.

COMMUNICATION

March 1, 1947

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that your valued publication should have been imposed upon by the writer of a scurrilous attack on "veterans' agencies and veterans' organizations," as published last week.

I can well understand the injunction he placed on you not to reveal his identity. As a veteran and a citizen I am glad to sign my name to this letter. As for "Disgusted Veteran" I challenge him to publicly prove that he has ever worn a uniform.

It is obvious that the writer had no other purpose than to develop dissension between "citizens" and "veterans." As every reasonable, thinking person knows, this is a distinction without a difference.

That veterans should join with their fellow citizens for better government, as they have done here in Highland Park, is a healthful and commendable demonstration of patriotism and civic consciousness.

This letter is written in behalf of the Citizens' and Veterans' committee which is exercising its rights and responsibilities in connection with our city's municipal election next April 15th. Our committee is a representative cross section of our community.

Of one thing I am very certain. Here in Highland Park the "divide and conquer" strategy cannot succeed. To say that citizen-veterans are not entitled to work together for good government, is a denial of every American tradition. To characterize such activities as "a machine" is a demonstration of complete political illiteracy.

Your correspondent's statements about the meeting held in Community center hall, were deliberately false and distorted. The purpose of the meeting was clearly stated in the invitation to attend. Fifty-four were present, not including the candidates. Fifty signed cards volunteering to work for the election of men who have demonstrated their qualifications for public office.

I know that you will be glad to publish this letter in the interests of truth, as well as to correct a disservice inadvertently rendered to the veterans' organizations which are contributing to the progress of our city.

Sincerely,

FRANKLYN W. CHAFFEE,

Chairman, Citizens' and Veterans' Committee.

FWC/rm

(Editor's Note: This letter refers to a letter published in another local paper last week.)

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Emergencies attended	12	132
Babies delivered	12	86
Operations performed	22	157
X-ray examinations	73	705
Laboratory examinations	370	2320

Friends of Library Form Committees

Committees for key duties in the newly formed Friends of the Highland Park Public Library were formed at a special meeting of the executive board held last Tuesday evening in the library.

These committees will be charged with the responsibility of telling citizens about their library, its needs and the opportunity each citizen has to make the library outstanding by being an active member of it. Children, too, will be welcomed into this group.

Mr. James T. MacMurchy, appointed chairman of the membership committee, stated the drive for library membership and improvement would begin around April 1.

During the intensive membership drive, each Highland Park home will be visited and citizens will be told how they may join the Friends of the Library and help to make this town's library among the best on the North Shore.

H. P. Boys Boxers Prepare for Bouts

Fresh from their victory over the Fox Lake Boys club Saturday night, members of the Highland Park Boys boxing club are now in the midst of a heavy training schedule at the Community center gym, according to Mel Mullins, their director, in preparation for their bouts with the Libertyville boy boxers in the Highland Park high school gym March 14 at 8 pm.

The Parkers defeated Fox Lake 10 to 5, including two bouts they won on default. Spectators acclaimed the show as one of the best ever to be staged in the high school gym.

With 10 years of boxing experience behind them, the Libertyville club now leads the American Legion 10th district conference and is considered one of the best teams in the county. As Highland Park has only one loss for the season and will wind up their schedule against Libertyville, the outcome of this meet may determine the

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Legionnaires to Attend Auxiliary Party Tonight

The 28th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion is being celebrated by the Legion auxiliary this evening, March 6, with the Legionnaires of Highland Park post 145 as guests.

Mrs. Matt R. Porter, 10th district director of the auxiliary, and her staff of officers, and George A. Bowen, 10th district commander, with his staff also will attend.

The party will be held following a brief business meeting conducted by Mrs. Edwin L. Gilroy, auxiliary president. Miss Maria Santi will present several songs, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Schur, and Carl Paroliso will sing to the music of his guitar.

Community singing also will be enjoyed by the crowd. Auxiliary members will entertain with a surprise playlet which has been under preparation for several weeks.

Police Department Reminds That Vehicle Tax Is Now Due

Chief Andrews of the city police department wishes to remind citizens that city vehicle license has been due since January 1, and failure to procure one calls for a fine as well as a ticket.

Dog Poisoning

With the cooperation of the Highland Park hospital and local veterinarians, effort is being made to discover the nature of the poison which caused the death of six dogs recently. It has been decided that the poison was not strychnine. Investigation is also being made at the Cook county hospital. It is believed that the poisoning was due to carelessness rather than malice, as no further cases have been reported.

Woman's Auxiliary of Hospital Meets March 12

The Woman's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will meet on Wednesday, March 12, at 10 am in the parish house of Trinity church. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 under the supervision of Mrs. Charles O. Husting, of the luncheon committee.

The work will be on surgical dressings, which are badly needed, and friends wishing to help in this work are cordially invited to attend.

TO IMPROVE ELM PLACE PLAYGROUND

Stress Need for Adequate Athletic Facilities During and After School

A group of 70 Elm Place parents met in the school auditorium on Monday evening, March 3, and officially opened a campaign to raise \$17,500 for the improvement of Morgan playground which is across Sheridan road from the school. Francis D. Weeks, chairman of the newly organized Morgan Playground improvement trust, presided and explained the need for the project. He urged that every effort be made to have the necessary funds available so that the work could start immediately after the completion of the underpass to be built under Sheridan road, this spring.

Other speakers supporting the project included Mrs. Julius Laegeler, Al Danakas, Miss Thelma Molgaard, Vernon Petersen, Edward Loewenthal and Ralph Trieschmann.

\$5,000 Raised to Date

Mr. Harry Temple, treasurer of the Morgan Playground Improvement trust, announced that \$5,000 has been raised to date. Names of all parents of Elm Place students were assigned to those present and solicitation will begin at once. It was pointed out that other communities, including Ravinia, have successfully financed similar projects by public subscription.

Present Facilities Inadequate

At present Morgan playground provides only one playfield and one baseball diamond, no separate fields for boys and girls, no wet weather play area.

The new plans prepared by Bert-ram A. Weber, architect, provide for two large playfields, one for boys and one for girls, which will be suitable for football, baseball, field hockey, and soccer. Also, there will be a large wet weather play area, three tennis courts, three volleyball courts, two basketball courts, a good sized skating rink with possible hockey area, an adequate brick shelter house, plus a jumping pit, horse shoe courts, and a cinder track.

Legal counsel has advised that contributions will be deductible for income tax purposes.

Commerce Chamber to Hear Labor Debate

Members of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will hear a debate program at their dinner-meeting this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley club at 6:30.

Northwestern university, defending champions of conference debate, will present an inter-squad debate on the proposition, "Resolved: That Labor Should be Given a Direct Share in the Management of Industry."

James McBeth and Warren Eggleston, who as a team have been undefeated in several debate tournaments this season, will handle the affirmative question. Marilyn Serr and Joyce Dix will present the negative arguments with more than enthusiastic efforts, for their skillful presentation recently earned them the first award in the Big Ten Women's discussion tournament.

As this debate subject has been used throughout the conference for the current year, the members are certain to have brought out the best thoughts and arguments from research on both sides of this quite controversial issue.

Easter Vacation Activities at Center

Easter vacation activities at Community center will include a checker and a ping pong tournament, according to Mr. "X," director of recreation for the recreation board. All boys and girls who are interested in taking part in the tournaments are urged to register with Mel Mullins, assistant director of the center. Medals will be given to winners in each of the various classes.

Highwood to Vote on U. S. O. Building

At the coming aldermanic elections on April 15, the people of Highwood will be given a special ballot on which they may vote "yes" or "no" on the following proposal:

Shall the city of Highwood establish and maintain a municipal coliseum? The building to be voted on was formerly the Highwood USO.

Caucus Committee Dist. 107 Makes Board Nominations

List of Workers in Red Cross Drive

We herewith publish the balance of the list of workers in the Red Cross fund drive campaign. The names of the workers in the first 10 districts appeared in our issue of last week.

District 11—Chairman, Halbert C. Crew, 1736 University avenue, phone 1750; co-chairman, Mrs. David Wilson, 638 Skokie avenue, phone 2393.

Workers, Mesdames William Heinrich, Grace Lindstrom, W. E. Hundley, Sture Johnson, Charles Dixon, Harry Renner, Fritz Andersen, Milo Larson, Irving Garling, Mario Ori, Lloyd Killian, George Wick, James Berube, Christian Roske, George Ricker, J. Maybré Kilpatrick, Paul Mathews and Messrs. William Guyot, Robert Manfredini, David Wilson, J. C. Frehner, Alfred W. Stern and Mrs. David Wilson.

Dist. 12 — Chairman, Mrs. E.

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Rites on Monday for Frank Parcels, Jr.

Friends in this locality were saddened this week by the news of the death of Frank "Whitey" Parcels, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, March 1, in a St. Louis hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Friends from Lake Forest and Highland Park attended his funeral on Monday, at Pittsfield, Ill., where he had made his home for nearly a year. He was 43 years of age.

A well known athlete at Lake Forest college, from which he was graduated, Mr. Parcels had for many years been engaged in newspaper work. During the war he served as recreation director of the Highland Park USO, but left this work to publish the Pike Co. Republican, a daily newspaper, which he purchased about 10 months previous to his death. Mrs. Parcels plans to carry on his work.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three-months-old son, Frank Parcels III.

Dr. Robert H. Black Opens Dental Office

Dr. Robert H. Black, who was released from service on February 15, is opening a dental office at 394 Central avenue, room 3, Highland Park.

Dr. Black, a Highland Park resident for 27 months as captain with the army dental corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Black of Bloom street. He and his wife, the former Jessie Montgomery, daughter of the J. M. Montgomerys of N. St. Johns avenue, are residing with his parents at present.

Dr. Black is a graduate of Elm Place school, Highland Park high school, DePauw university and Chicago college of dental surgery.

COMMUNICATION

The following communication to the Highland Park Press was received from William J. Hennig, chief of the city fire department: Feb. 28, 1947.

Highland Park Press, Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sirs: I wish to thank you and your staff for the wonderful help rendered the fire department in the past, especially the assistance given the bond issue for the new fire equipment.

It was your articles that let the people know the great need for new equipment.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM J. HENNIG,
Fire Marshal.

Directors of Lions Club to Meet Monday

The regular business meeting of the Lions club was held this noon (Thursday) at Highland House.

The board of directors will meet Monday evening at the home of Robert Slayback, president, on S. Sheridan road.

The Caucus committee, made up of four parents and two teachers from Elm Place district, four parents and two teachers from Green Bay district, two members of the school board and two Highland Park business men, have nominated the following candidates for the board of education in District 107:

Horace Vaile, president for one year. Mr. Vaile was elected to the school board three years ago, and his membership would normally terminate this year. Upon the passing of Mr. Swanson, former president of the board, Mr. Vaile was elected to complete his one-year term, expiring this year. Serving only part of a full year, Mr. Vaile, because of his excellent record, was nominated for president.

Walter Kurz, board member for three years. Elected two years ago, his excellent work makes him a logical candidate for re-election.

Jackson Smart, board member for one year. Mr. Smart was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Vaile when elected president of the board in July, 1946. Recommended by the PTA boards of Elm Place and Green Bay, he was in return appointed by the school board members.

Raymond Flinn, board member for three years. A resident of Highland Park for many years, and an architect, Mr. Flinn planned Green Bay school and the kindergarten building for Elm Place school.

Dr. Irene M. Josselyn, who has been a great help in her years of active membership, and we regret that her wise counsel and experience will not be our to call upon as in the past. Her many added activities prevent her from giving the time and energy which she has given to willingly during her terms as a board member.

Mrs. Laegeler, Mr. Lundung and Mr. Koretz are members of the board whose terms do not expire until a later date.

Petitions will be filed and the election will be held on Saturday, April 12.

Herschel P. Nunn, C.S.B., To Lecture on Christian Science on March 11

A free lecture on Christian Science will be delivered under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Highland Park, at the church edifice, Hazel avenue, on Tuesday evening, March 11, at 8 o'clock, by Herschel P. Nunn, C. S. B., of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Nunn is a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The subject of Mr. Nunn's lecture is "Christian Science: Healing Through Spiritual Correction."

The public is very cordially invited to hear this vital message.

AVC To Hold "Nevada Night" Mar. 12

Ex-GIs of the North Shore chapter of the American Veterans committee will enjoy an evening of relaxation at 8 o'clock Wednesday, March 12 at the River End in Wilmette. The occasion will be "Nevada Night," when the AVC members, their wives and dates, will sit down to some card antics of the Old West plus a few new ones by courtesy of Ely Culbertson.

There will be door prizes and refreshments. Follow Lake street one mile west of Skokie highway. Bill Steel, chairman of the local chapter, announced that the proceeds will go to further the more serious objectives of AVC.

Camera Club at Center March 12th

Highland Park Camera club will hold its regular meeting at Community center Wednesday, March 12, at 8 pm. The club is sponsored by the recreation board for all adults interested in photography. Meetings are held in Community center the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.