

The Highland Park Press

A Paper for Highland Parkers . . . Published by Highland Parkers

Vol. 37; No. 6

Highland Park, Illinois, Thursday, April 3, 1947

5c a copy; \$1.50 a year



"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." JOHN 1:25,26.

Tuesday's Election (unofficial report)

Township Supervisor
E. Moroney, 2031; H. Schneider, 1024.
Assistant Supervisors (unopposed)
Frank Peers and William Witten.
Park Board Commissioners
W. W. Steele, 918; Darwin Inman, 670; Marshall Johnson, 630.
Sale of Park Board Property
In favor, 989; opposed, 181.

The Township Election

The substantial vote cast Tuesday for Emmett Coroney, candidate for township supervisor, and for Frank B. Peers and William Witten, his running mates on the ticket, for assistant supervisors, constitutes a heartening vote of approval for Moroney, who has served long and efficiently on the County Board. The vote should have the effect of giving both Moroney and his running mates more weight on the board than would have been the case had a light vote been cast.

New Blood

A newcomer to local politics, at least so far as office holding is concerned, Darwin Inman, has been elected to the Park Board. Long active in local sports, and an advocate of additional recreational facilities and opportunities for Highland Parkers, Inman will bring new blood and a fresh viewpoint to the Board.

Unions and Shortighted Employers

The Centralia mine disaster is a tragic warning to private enterprise that if it would curb the powers of the unions and its leaders it must first clean its own house. It is still too early to fix blame with exactness, but all indications now are that the unions knew the mine was unsafe, tried to have the situation remedied, and were thwarted. Obviously its leaders can say to the rank and file of the workers, "No agency but your union was interested in saving your lives." Just as obviously, any attempt, for a long time to come, to turn Illinois miners against any union order is doomed to abject failure.

Stamps . . .

That unusual stamp on your letter . . . do you save it or do you flip it into the waste basket? Read "My Buddies Are In That Picture" on page 8 in DEEPS & SHALLOWS. This office will gladly forward unusual stamps to this worthy destination.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Emergencies attended	16	219
Babies delivered	10	124
Operations performed	20	232
X-ray examinations	86	1060
Laboratory examinations	308	3489

HIGHLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Week of March 22 to March 29, 1947	1947	1946	1947 Total
Non-injury accidents	4	2	63
Injury accidents	0	1	9
Fatal accidents	0	0	0

This week's column, LET'S TAKE A LOOK, will appear in next week's issue.

Library Aid Campaign For Funds in Progress

Over 300 hard-working Highland Parkers were calling on their neighbors this week showing them how they can help their library, reported James T. MacMurchy, membership chairman of the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library. Chairmen and vice-chairmen in the city-wide fund-raising campaign are: George Hadlock, Mrs. M. S. Dalin, Mrs. L. C. Felske, H. A. Selery, Mrs. W. W. Miller Jr., Mrs. L. E. Meyer, Mrs. H. J. Van Ornum, Mrs. C. B. Summers, Mrs. J. W. Newey, Mrs. R. J. Botker, R. F. Kuhns, Mrs. E. J. Ryan, Wm. Guyot, Mrs. Harold D'Ancona, Harrington Yost and C. W. Rose, all district chairmen.

Vice-chairmen are: Mrs. Fred Mudge, Mrs. V. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Wm. Stuppel, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. F. E. Simms, Mrs. A. J. Bushy, Mrs. Jos. Schonthal, Mrs. H. Porter, Mrs. Barton Smalley, Mrs. Mert Johnson, Mrs. Judson Cross, Mrs. Sigrid Johnson, Mrs. M. S. Dalin and Mrs. Irving Goldberg.

Chamber Plans Dual Program Tuesday

Members of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be presented a double feature program for their monthly meeting this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley club. Sgt. Harry Berlin, a member of the Illinois state police, will be the guest speaker on the subject, "Traffic Control, a Social Problem." Since joining the state police, and after special work at Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Sgt. Berlin has been appearing before organizations and schools promoting traffic safety through public education.

Chamber members will also have a brief musical entertainment by students of the Highland Park high school chorus, featuring John Sears, Don Piper, Don Coleman and Roger Shelton as a quartet, and Marian Clark as a soloist. Kathie Laing will play accompaniment.

As usual, a dinner is planned for 6:30.

Presbyterian Women Hold Group Meetings

The group meeting of the Woman's Association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will be held on Monday, April 7, at 1:15 pm, in the following homes: Mrs. Rex Andrews' group in her home, 220 Park lane. Mrs. Charles Brooks' group with Mrs. L. V. Francoeur, 910 Lincoln avenue.

Mrs. W. L. Buchanan's group with Mrs. Philip Bright Jr. of 255 Woodside.

Mrs. D. B. Carpenter's group with Mrs. W. S. Strong, 248 Bronson.

Mrs. Paul Matthews' group with Mrs. Raymond Best, 329 Oakland avenue.

Mrs. Eric Molke's group with Mrs. W. F. G. Ross, 1413 Wildwood lane.

Mrs. C. E. Thorney's group in her home, 308 Ravine drive.

The board will meet on Monday, April 14, at 10 am.

The Bible study class, conducted by Mrs. Arthur Tylee, will meet each Thursday morning at 10:30 during the month at the public library.

Legion Sponsors Boys' Boxing Tournament

Highland Park Boys' Boxing club will have 44 entries in the individual boys boxing championship tournament to be sponsored by the American Legion 10th district starting Monday, April 7, at the Lake Forest Young Men's club. The semi-finals will follow at the Lake Forest YMC on Wednesday, April 9, and the finals at Grant township high school, Fox Lake, on Saturday, April 12.

The boys will be divided into age and weight groups ranging from 9 to 15 years and from 58 to 135 pounds.

Officials have been selected from the Illinois State Athletic commission and the Central Amateur Athletic union. All are judges or referees for CYO and Golden Glove tournaments.

Referee and Official

Max Marek, "the man who beat Joe Louis," will act as guest referee Monday night. Marek will be remembered by sports fans as the CYO, Golden Glove and International AAU champion who later became contender for the world's heavyweight championship.

Other officials will be Joey White, Howard Walsh, Ed Creamer, Tom Campagna, Phil Collins and "Jabber" Young, all well known and boxing officials.

Highland Park Boys' Boxing club should again have its share of champions in this tournament, according to Mel Mullina, athletic director and coach, as it did last year at the Illinois Athletic club where they were crowned champions.

Easter Services at St. John's Church

A sunrise service at 7 am. will open the Easter observance of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed in the service. The pastor will preach on "The Meaning of Easter for Everyday Life." Easter anthems will be sung by the choir. The Lenten self-denial envelopes shall be brought as a special offering by the congregation.

The traditional Easter breakfast will be served in the church basement at 8:30 am.

Another Easter service at 9:30 am in which the children of the Sunday school will participate.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET APRIL 9

The regular meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital will be held on April 9 at 10 am in the Trinity parish house. Luncheon at 12:30. Later, members will inspect the two nurses' homes which have been redecorated and refurbished by the auxiliary.

Red Cross Goes Over the Top

As usual Highland Park has done a good job. The Red Cross goal has been reached — in fact the quota has been made 140 per cent. \$28,156.48 has been contributed to date with some pledges still outstanding. Practically every contribution has been turned in, and it is earnestly hoped that the entire drive will be finished this week. To quote Co-chairmen Richard Loewenthal and Lester Ball, "the committee greatly appreciates everyone who got in and pitched."

VACATION ACTIVITIES HELD AT CENTER

A city-wide free throw tournament at the various grade schools, and a checker and ping pong tournament at Community center will highlight the program planned by the Playground and Recreation board in cooperation with the schools for Easter vacation.

Free Throw Tournament

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls are eligible to participate in the free throw tournament. Preliminaries will be conducted at Elm Place, Lincoln, Braesile, Ravinia and Ridge schools under the direction of the school physical education instructors. Winners will represent their schools in the city-wide tournament to be held at Braesile school on Friday, April 11, starting at 2 pm. School winners will be awarded ribbons, and the city-wide winners, medals. Children interested in taking part in this tournament are asked to see their school physical education instructors.

Ping Pong, Checkers

Entry blanks for the ping pong and checker tournaments have been distributed at the schools this week. They should be turned in at the Community center before the deadline Saturday afternoon.

Grade school boys and girls will compete for first and second places in the checker tourney on April 7 and 8 from 1:30 to 5 pm in Community center. The ping pong tourney is open to both grade and high school students and will be held on April 9 and 10 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded first and second place winners in each division of the checker and ping pong tournaments.

Other Activities

Next week's vacation program at the center will also include meetings of the Art club on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, and of the Craft club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Game rooms will be open daily from 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 5 for informal play for grade children, and from 7 to 9 for high school students.

If weather permits, softball and other games will be organized on the various school playgrounds Monday through Saturday from 9:30 to 12. Otherwise the gyms will be open for play.

New Members Welcome

New members were welcomed by the Art and Hobby workshop at its meeting yesterday morning at the center, the first of the new spring term. The term consists of 10 weekly lessons and any woman who wishes to attend the nine remaining lessons is asked to get in touch with the Community center, H. P. 2442. A moderate fee is charged.

Instructions in textile painting, sketching in oils and watercolors and working with clay and other craft materials will be offered during the term by Miss Ella Rasmussen, art director of the club.

A Community Center For Highwood

The citizens of Highwood are justifiably interested in the possibility of obtaining the USO property, at 428 Railway avenue, for a community center. Highwood is greatly in need of such a recreation center, and since the closing of the USO club concentrated effort has been made by Mayor Thomas Muscato, City Attorney Jack Baitstov, and Chief of Police Ted Benvenuti, and other citizens, to obtain the USO building and property for use as a community house.

Purchase Price \$30,000

After conferences with federal representatives, the Highwood city officials announced at a second public meeting, March 12, the final sale price of \$30,000 acceptable to the government for the entire USO property. \$30,000 for land and buildings worth well over \$100,000, and that cost the agency over \$90,000 six years ago! The original building, considerably smaller than the present structure, sold for \$29,600 as it then stood.

Valuable Furnishings

Included in the price are the furnishings of the USO building. Many huge tables, dozens of chairs, settees, couches, tennis tables, counters, electric refrigerator, cash register, soda fountain.

(Continued on page 2)

High Standard Of School Necessitates Increased Taxes

Name District Chairmen For Hospital Building Fund Campaign

Work is now proceeding to organize the team of 450 men and women who will call on every Highland Park home for contributions to the Highland Park Hospital \$525,000 Building Fund drive. The general campaign will open on May 1, under the chairmanship of Joseph B. Garnett.

The city has been divided into 16 major districts, each under the direction of a chairman and a co-chairman. Edward A. Menke, campaign coordinator, has just announced the names of the following district leaders who will direct the field work:

- Dist. 1 — Jack A. Schram and Eben W. Erickson.
- Dist. 2 — George Strecker and Milton J. Hardacre Jr.
- Dist. 3 — Harry Temple and Sidney Morris.
- Dist. 4 — Ernest G. Loeb and Alfred T. Sihler.
- Dist. 5 — Irving E. Meyerhoff and Charles F. Grimes.
- Dist. 6 — Kenneth H. Kraft and Willard Medway.
- Dist. 7 — Alan R. Kidd and C. Longford Felske.
- Dist. 8 — A. Burnham Converse, Mrs. Roland Maus, Harold F. Pfister Jr., and Charles Skidmore.
- Dist. 9 — W. J. Curotto and Cyrus Avery.
- Dist. 10 — Mrs. Charles B. Puestow and Mrs. E. W. Walters.
- Dist. 11 — Carl F. Cassidy and A. T. Capps.
- Dist. 12 — Sydney P. Graham and Jules Houghtaling.
- Dist. 13 — Robert B. Mahan and Edw. L. Keogh.
- Dist. 14 — Wm. B. Cunningham, R. S. Hamby and William Stanley Jacob.
- Dist. 15 — Henry L. Stein and Mrs. John Robinson.
- Dist. 16 — Dorsey D. Huseneter and Leonard Nieter.

High School Spring Concert April 18

Featuring Howard Caro as a clarinet soloist, the Highland Park high school band will collaborate with the chorus for the first of two Spring concerts, which will be held on Friday evening, April 18, at 8:15.

Howard will be accompanied by the band in Weber's "Concertino for Clarinet and Band." The band will also play three other numbers which they will play in the district contest the next day. Howard, who is a pupil of Mr. Lindemann, principal clarinetist of the Chicago Symphony orchestra, expects to study music as a career in college.

Mr. H. N. Finch, conductor of the band, says, "Howard is one of the finest clarinet players who has ever attended Highland Park high school."

COMMUNICATION

Highland Park, Ill.
March 31, 1947

Highland Park Press,
To the Editor

In behalf of myself and the other candidates for city commissioners of Highland Park I would like to point out several inaccuracies in a paid advertisement which appeared in your publication promoting one of the mayoralty candidates.

No doubt this advertisement was written by someone not familiar with our commission form of government and I am quite certain that the misstatements were not made with any thought of misleading our voters.

Quoting from this advertisement it was said: "He oversees the spending of public funds."

The truth of the matter is that the mayor of Highland Park is not a one man dictatorship. The mayor and four commissioners act jointly in all matters of public policy involving tax money expenditures. Each takes over a departmental activity for which he is solely responsible. This procedure is in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of the state of Illinois, setting forth the commis-

requested by the Deerfield-Shields township high school district is almost entirely the result of increases in salaries.

The present tax rate was authorized by the voters in 1941 to become effective for the school year 1942-43. It permitted a tax for educational, as distinguished from building, purposes of \$1.50 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Since property was then assessed at about 20 per cent of its true value, this meant an actual tax rate of 0.3 per cent or 3 cents on one dollar.

In that year salaries payable out of the educational fund amounted to \$285,930. For the current year, 1946-47, they will amount to \$378,070, an increase of \$92,140. In the same period of time the educational budget of the school grew from \$358,000 for the year 1942 to \$453,000 for the year 1946, an increase of only \$95,000. Thus the increase in salaries almost equals the total increase in the educational budget for the period.

Of this increase, \$18,490 was the result of a mid-year salary adjustment in January 1947 when the board amended its budget and reappropriated its reserves for contingencies and other balances which, largely because materials to be purchased were still unavailable, it appeared would be unexpended on June 30, 1947. These items should be restored to the budget for 1947-48. If this were done the budget, without further salary increases for 1947-48, would be \$471,490.

These increases in salaries seem large when measured in total dollar expenditures, but the board is of the opinion that the salaries have not kept pace with the increases in the cost of living in this community and that they are not sufficient to insure the retention of the best teachers. Some teachers have already been lost in industry. Increases granted them have not breached the gap, and it is not the board's intention necessarily to do so. This competition is a factor to be considered, but more so, are the salaries being paid by other schools of equal scholastic standing. Accordingly, the board has approved a salary program for the coming school year which will increase the charges against the educational fund for this purpose to \$418,130. The median salary for 1942-43 was \$2850, and for 1947-48 will be \$3850. This \$1000 increase will mean only \$166.66 average annual increase in the median during the six year period.

In 1942-43 the tax rate for educational purposes was \$1.22. For the year 1946, calculated on the same basis, it is estimated that the taxes which are now being billed will be at the rate of \$1.45. If the \$18,490 reappropriated for salaries in January, 1947, should be added to the budget, a tax rate in excess of \$1.50 would be required.

The actual budget for 1947-48 will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. This will exceed the amount which could be levied under the present tax rate and the amount which can be levied under the Butler bill limitations on the taxing power of the district, which were discussed in this paper last week.

The board of education is of the opinion that the taxpayers want to maintain the present high standards of education in the Highland Park and Lake Forest high schools. This is largely a problem of retaining the present educational staff. The salaries which the board of education has approved for 1947-48 are essential to accomplish this program.

Commission form of municipal government.

It is because of this fact that the election of competent and qualified commissioners is equally as important as the selection of a mayor who knows and understands the system of municipal administration which he is called upon to administer.

WILLIAM C. HEINRICHS.