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## Up To Now

### Education and Cash

● Taxpayers of the Deerfield-Shields township high school district are being asked to approve an increase in the district's taxing power to enable the board to meet sharply increased salary costs for its teaching personnel. To us, the issue seems clear cut. High calibre teachers mean good education, just as mediocre teachers mean mediocre education. Inadequate salary provisions mean that high calibre teachers leave for more lucrative fields. If we can't afford good teachers, we might as well close up shop.

### The Hospital Drive

● Organization work of the 450 citizens who will do the leg work in raising contributions for the \$525,000 building fund drive for the Highland Park hospital is now under way. One of these volunteer workers will be at your door some time on or after May 1. In the welter of appeals for funds that characterizes America today, it would be well to remember the old saying about the shoemaker's barefooted children, and make sure, that while not ignoring legitimate, worthwhile pleas for aid for those in distant lands, we remember the home front. The Highland Park hospital is Highland Park's front line defense against the toll of sickness and accident. It deserves our fullest support.

### Recruiting and the GI Bill of Rights

● We wonder if high army officials in charge of the recruiting program have ever heard the opinions frequently expressed by enlisted men in the Regular Army to the effect that while the GI Bill of Rights may not do all that it is supposed to do for the veteran who has returned to civilian life, apparently, it isn't supposed to do anything at all for a man who remains in the army.

### Uncle Sam Offers Highwood a Bargain

● Uncle Sam has offered Highwood the bargain of a lifetime in the form of the \$100,000 USO property on Railway avenue for less than one third of its value, to be used as a Community Center.

This is a most timely offer. Highwood needs a central place where young people (and older ones, too) may gather for a good time. This center was planned with just that thought in mind. It is an ideal spot for dances, basketball games, boxing bouts and all other kinds of healthful, wholesome activities.

It can house festivities of interest to those who, though they may have lost some of their youthful "bounce," nevertheless need a place to hold balls, bazaars, receptions, weddings. What finer setting could be found for such than this building, one of the most beautiful of its kind — bar none?

It is not likely that Highwood will miss an opportunity like this.

## HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

Report for the week of March 29 to April 4

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Emergencies attended	20	329
Babies delivered	7	131
Operations performed	25	257
X-ray examinations	54	1114
Laboratory examinations	325	3814

## HIGHLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Week of March 29 to April 5

	1947	1946	1947
Non-injury accidents	3	0	66
Injury accidents	0	0	9
Fatal accidents	0	0	0

### A. Gordon Humphrey, Candidate for Office of City Commissioner

A. Gordon Humphrey, candidate for the office of city commissioner in the April 15th election, and the candidate who received the greatest number of votes at the primary election, lives at 1321 Judson avenue in the home he built 18 years ago. An active and interested citizen, he is an active member of the Presbyterian church and of the Kiwanis club.

Born and raised on a farm near Palatine, Ill., he received his early education in the public schools there. He attended the University of Illinois for one year, receiving his degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Doctor of Law at the University of Chicago. For 24 years he has been a practicing attorney in Chicago with offices at the same address. He is a veteran of World War I.

His son, Art, now a freshman at De Pauw university, was graduated from Highland Park high school, where another son, Jim, is now a member of the freshman class.

Mr. Humphrey is familiar with the municipal form of government through serving six years as village attorney of Palatine, Ill. This experience has acquainted him with the many problems that come before the city council.

Now an adult leader of the high school group in the church school of the Presbyterian church, he has served, also, as a member of the

### Philatheas to Meet With Mrs. Meierhoff

The Philatheas class of Bethany Evangelical church will meet on Tuesday evening, April 15, at 8, at the home of Mrs. Walter Meierhoff, 445 Glencoe avenue. Assistant hostesses are Mrs. Wm. Drake, Mrs. Walter Gieseke and Miss Sadie Weasling.

### WARNING

Fire Chief Hennig issues a warning to all citizens to be extremely careful in the event of a telephone strike.

The entire personnel of the fire department will be on duty continuously during the strike but extreme caution is urged.

### Thursday Night Meetings Of Model Plane Club

All Highland Park boys of scout age are invited to attend the meetings of the Model Plane club at Community center every Thursday night at 7. The club is sponsored by the playground board. Gervase Brown Jr. is adult leader.

Boy Scout troop committee, as an instructor in gas and fire defense in the civilian defense program during the war, has acted as sector chairman in municipal bond drives, and has taught in the adult education program at the Highland Park high school.

It is seldom that one finds a candidate better qualified to serve his community.

## COMMUNICATION

March 31, 1947

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To the Editor:

As president of the Highland Park Hospital Foundation, I am glad to answer publicly the questions about the hospital, raised in another local publication last week by an anonymous correspondent.

The hospital is a non-profit corporation, founded in 1918 with funds contributed by fewer than fifty families, to provide hospital facilities to all. The community's interest in the hospital is represented by a laymen's board of 45 trustees, who elect from their membership 11 managers and officers to supervise and administer the hospital, without compensation and at a considerable sacrifice of personal time and energy. Each trustee serves for a term of three years, and 15 new trustees are elected every year to assure democratic expression of varying trends in our community life.

Within the limits of its bed capacity, the hospital admits ALL who need its services — without an entrance fee, without an advance partial payment, without even a preliminary financial interview to determine ability to pay. A bill for services is presented later. In the few cases where the patient is not able to pay, the matter is referred to the Hospital's Women's auxiliary or to the Highland Park Family Service who investigate the worthiness of the case and help to pay the bill, to which the hospital usually contributes a reduction in fees.

It must be frankly stated that there aren't many such cases, although some have involved quite a long period of hospital service. The point I want to make crystal clear is that we accept ALL patients for whom there are beds, without asking first whether they can pay. We have no charity wards, labeled as such, as have the large teaching hospitals who use charity cases to provide practice for student internes — and whose charitable work is usually endowed by affiliated universities or religious organizations. However, we do not turn away, for money reasons, patients who in the above hospitals would be shunted to charity wards after a preliminary financial interview. Ours is simply a community hospital, responding to the actual needs of the community to serve. If at any time in the future there should be an increased need for charity hospitalization not covered by our present method of operation, you may be certain that the hospital will meet the need.

In a sense, all patients at the Highland Park Hospital are recipients of public bounty. The cost of services performed is greater than the fees, which are kept in line competitively, to stay within reach of the greatest number of people. So, the hospital has a net operating deficit, and has had one every year for the past ten years — covered by gifts and by the Highland Park Community Chest. All of this is shown in detail in the hospital's published annual financial reports — the current report will be mailed to anyone who wants it. And in this connection may I say that whenever we increase the special services of the hospital — whether by the future addition of charity or contagious wards, floors for the chronically ill or any other facilities that may be needed — the community will have to be prepared to bear the added cost, through gifts, endowments and increased participation by the Community Chest.

And now, that I have answered the correspondent's specific questions, let me go a step farther, so as to leave nothing unsaid. With-

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### Clearing Streets of Snow A Knotty Problem

A unique cooperative program between the city and business establishments in Highland Park, designed to insure the prompt removal of snow during heavy storms, was discussed in a meeting called by Commissioner Oliver S. Turner at the city hall, Thursday evening, April 3.

Representatives participating in the conference, in addition to Commissioner Turner, were Robert Densel of the Highland Park Fuel Co.; L. C. Nusser, manager, Bowman Dairy Co.; Earl Sheehan, Mutual Coal Co.; Louis Tazioli and Joseph Menoni, contractors; Ferdinand Borchardt, Borchardt Fuel

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## HEATED CAMPAIGN COMES TO CLOSE

Next Tuesday is election day in Highland Park. In a campaign that has gathered momentum since the primaries, public attention has centered more and more on the contest for mayor.

Exercising its functions as a newspaper, the PRESS has opened its columns to all candidates. On March 27th biographical sketches concerning both candidates for mayor were published under the signature of our columnist Whitt Schultz. Side by side they presented an unbiased and neutral picture of both men. A reprint of one of these articles by Mr. Schultz might make it appear that the PRESS is endorsing one candidate. Such is farthest from our editorial policy.

The PRESS has not endorsed any candidate. The choice of Highland Park's mayor and commissioners is properly within the judgement of a free electorate. May we urge everyone to go to the polls and vote.

### List of Polling Places

- Precinct No. 1 — High school, Vine avenue.
- Precinct 2 — Davis-Maurine, 10 N. Sheridan.
- Precinct 3 — Public library, 380 Laurel.
- Precinct 4 — Railroad Men's Home, 929 S. St. Johns.
- Precinct 5 — Ravinia school, 1655 Dean.
- Precinct 6 — Braeside school, 2322 Pierce road.
- Precinct 7 — Ravinia fire station, 1612 Burton.
- Precinct 8 — Lincoln school, Green Bay and Lincoln.
- Precinct 9 — Highland Park Press, 516 Laurel.
- Precinct 10 — Central fire station, 60 N. Green Bay.
- Precinct 11 — St. John's Evangelical church, 324 N. Green Bay.
- Precinct 12 — H. Pk. Fuel Co., 1205 Deerfield road.

MARKING BALLOTS — Cross must be inside square.

VOTERS DO NOT have to be registered for city election.

ELIGIBILITY — 30 days in a precinct; 90 days residence in the county.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS — Voters may vote if accompanied by TWO neighbors to verify residence.

SERVICE MEN — Do not have to establish residence of 30 days in precinct, 90 days in county, if they are returning to their FORMER RESIDENCES.

POLLS OPEN FROM 6 AM TO 5 PM.

### Benefit Sale for Underprivileged Children

Anyone who gives articles for the spring rummage sale of the Helen Taylor Carr auxiliary of the Chicago Commons, and all those who purchase those articles at the sale will be materially helping some underprivileged youngster attend the Commons summer camp in Michigan this coming summer. This is often that child's only opportunity to see grass and flowers and to play, unhampered by the dangers of city streets, in the cool woods and along the quiet brook in this garden spot in Michigan.

The sale will be held at 9 am on Thursday, April 17, at the local "Y" on Laurel avenue, with all the active members of the auxiliary assisting. Articles can be left at the home of the president, Mrs. Dudley Hall, 824 S. St. Johns, or of the past president, Mrs. Frank V. Nung, 341 Woodland, on or before noon, Wednesday, April 16.

### Ask for .0008 Raise In Library Tax Apr. 15

Open 12 hours a day, Monday through Friday, nine hours on Saturday, 12 months of the year, the Highland Park library caters willingly to the children, youth and adults in our community. With Miss Mary Egan, librarian, Mrs. Inge Boye, children's librarian, are Miss Helen A. Flinn, Mrs. Irngard Graham, Miss Ruth Dickinson and Mrs. Clyde Jones, as staff members, and a caretaker who can give part time service because of lack of funds. It is growing more difficult to retain such an efficient staff because our salaries are so incommensurate with the work accomplished. Tax receipts have lessened rather than increased since 1931, while prices of books, rebinding, and building repairs have skyrocketed.

In order to make the tax receipts accord with the \$1.50 per capita income necessary for fairly good service which the librarians want to give and the public to receive, a slight raise in the library tax of .0008 will be referred to the voters at the April 15 election.

## Driver, Blinded, Tours Main Streets At Noon Hour

### Vote the Increased High School Tax At Election Apr. 12

The Deerfield-Shields township high school district has reached the limit of its taxing power. It must have more money in order to retain its teachers. The method chosen to accomplish this end seems the best one in their situation under the law as it now exists.

Up to the present time, property has been assessed one-fifth of its full value and the tax rate limitation for educational purposes has been \$1.50 on the one-fifth value. Under the Butler Bills, this rate is cut in half but property is being taxed on its full 100 per cent value. As the one-half, that is, 75 cents tax rate limit, is more than the high school needs, they are asking for only a 50 per cent tax rate limit. It is believed this will be sufficient for some years to come. This is the top limit the public is being asked to approve. Less cannot be asked for, because of the limitations of the Butler Bill. The board wishes to emphasize that the actual tax rate passed on to the taxpayers will not be as much as 50 cents. It will be determined by the actual amount of the budget for each year.

Members of your board of education have been conscientious of their responsibility in the handling of public funds. They regard it as their obligation to see that the funds are used judiciously to provide the best education possible for the children of the district.

Teaching is regarded as a profession, engaged in by those who are motivated by a love of their work, raising it above a job level. Outstanding ability among teachers must be recognized. The salary schedule must at least meet the schedules of high schools in comparable suburbs in this area. The board recognizes that teachers have been underpaid and wishes to rectify that discrepancy. At present the minimum salary is \$2400 and the average \$3675. This is exclusive of administrative positions.

Both elementary school districts in Highland Park have voted the maximum tax rate allowed by law. The public has been made more than aware of the need thru the press of the country. This is your opportunity to act for the high school. Approval of this measure will permit the high school to retain an efficient staff and to continue to operate on a cash basis.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 7 pm, Saturday, April 12. They are located in the village hall at Lake Bluff, the city hall in Lake Forest, the grammar schools in Highwood, Bannockburn and Deerfield, and in the auditorium foyer of the Highland Park high school. See advertisement in this issue for names of organizations endorsing this much-needed proposition.

### MacMurchy Heads Group Of Library Workers; Seek Emergency Funds

Highland Park's library, desperately in need of new books and maintenance funds, soon will have the necessary financial support, thanks to the new organization, The Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

Over 300 diligent townfolk, under the direction of membership chairman James T. MacMurchy, have been visiting every home in Highland Park, showing their neighbors how they can help their library, the cultural center of the town.

Early press announcements sparked interest in the library fund raising campaign and \$200 worth of new books were bought and put into circulation this week.

Just prior to the intensive drive, which is still in effect, a test area of 20 Highland Park homes on one street was canvassed. Of the homes visited, 30 memberships were taken. Memberships are open to all Highland Parkers. Dues are \$1 per year; sustaining memberships \$5 yearly; and grammar school and

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(Impressions of a passenger) It happened with the abruptness of this atomic age. The tinkle of the telephone, and the voice of Mr. Newman Sheehan, of the Kiwanis club: "Would you care to ride with the Great Tarbell when he drives, blindfolded, through town tomorrow noon?"

It seems that Mayor Garnett, one of the original escort, had been called out of town. Who could fill his place? By means of profound pondering and much concentration the committee arrived at the astonishing equation: Two Lady Editors equal One Mayor.



And that is how Mrs. June Jackman of the "News" and yours truly of the "Press" became elected.

Before starting on the trip The Great Tarbell adjusted his blindfold to each of his prospective passengers in turn. It constituted a complete blackout. Was I uneasy? Not a bit. The serenity and self-assurance of The Great Tarbell told me we were in the safest hands. And if any unwary motorist should bash into us — well there by our side was the Law, in the form of Chief of Police Rex Andrews, no less — ready to hand out a ticket. Professor Finch, of the high school, and president of the Kiwanis, which is presenting The Great Tarbell tomorrow night (Friday, April 11) at the high school auditorium, was also there to do honor to the occasion. Mr. Tarbell's own son, a native of Glencoe, now living with his father in Elmhurst, was another member of the party. Mrs. Jackman and yours truly completed the escort of five.

April, being kind, smiled for a couple of hours, and amid curious stares and snapping cameras, we took off, chauffeured by a blindfolded magician-mentalist, driving a strange car over an unfamiliar route.

We were supposed to be alert to any sign of trickery on the part of our driver. But I knew, intuitively, there was no danger of that. I was never any good at detecting, anyway, and would undoubtedly end up by putting the finger on Professor Finch or Chief Andrews. So, repressing nervous giggles which threatened to rise to the surface, I just sat, goggle-eyed, and enjoyed myself.

Except for youngsters on bicycles.

Now, I ask you, who, blindfolded or otherwise, can possibly predict the course of a kid on a bicycle? They rode in close, weaving in between our car and the one ahead, giving everyone but themselves a bad case of jitters.

Of course these boys and girls were excited — and with good reason. They carried papers bearing numbers, and at times Mr. Tarbell would stop the car and discern some number held up. The lucky youngster holding the number would receive a free ticket for the show tomorrow (Friday) night.

As we passed certain landmarks, Mr. Tarbell would comment: "We just passed a large yellow building" (the Railroad Men's home), or "That was a school building" (Immaculate Conception school).

Sitting next to the younger Mr. Tarbell, I chatted with him occasionally. Did he share his father's amazing sixth sense? He replied, modestly, that he was studying. This, he revealed, was his first time on one of these trips, as

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