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Up To Now

About Those Fireworks . . .

Numerous complaints have been reaching the police department in regard to the disturbances caused by the premature shooting of fireworks in the city limits.

Many painful injuries have been suffered as a result of fireworks accidents. The temporary enjoyment of a moment's spectacular noise has often resulted in the loss of an eye or painful burns to the participants or innocent bystanders. As a result of these ever-present dangers city ordinances and state statutes are in existence which forbid the sale and possession of fireworks.

Mayor Robert F. Patton held a recent conference with the Chief of Police in regard to these firecracker disturbances and accidents. The purpose of the conference was to discuss methods of alleviating the danger before more serious injuries were incurred. It was decided at this time that the full extent of the existing legislation would be invoked against the offenders as a possible remedy for this annual troublesome situation.

This year the police department is soliciting the aid and cooperation of everyone in making it possible to have an accident-free holiday in this community. The police department is also tracing the shipment of all fireworks coming into the city in an effort to eliminate potential dangers before they become actual hazards. They will confiscate all fireworks found in the possession of individuals, in accordance with the provision of the city ordinance.

It's a Good Town . . .

One of the many reasons why Highland Park is one of the finer residential communities may be found in the wide range of summer activities being sponsored by various public and non-profit agencies for residents of all ages — with emphasis, of course, on the younger generation.

Here is an imposing array of instructive and recreational activities that might well challenge the resources of a much larger community.

Highland Park is a good town. Its residents make it so.

No Tax Relief . . .

President Truman has vetoed the GOP-sponsored income tax relief bill, giving as one of his reasons, that the bill does not give the small taxpayer enough relief. So instead of giving him inadequate relief, Harry isn't going to give him any. He isn't going to take any chances on inflation. Not if keeping the little guy blue white will prevent it, he won't.

Working Christianity . . .

The Men's Brotherhood of the Bethany Church is giving a worthy demonstration of the practical application of the principles of Christianity. Their drive to obtain shoes for Europe's needy is a commendable example of doing unto others.

The Weather . . .

It is a source of comfort — albeit cold comfort — to learn that the leading scientists are just as puzzled about the weather as we are.

Notice to Members of The Highland Park Community Chest, Inc.:

Members' annual meeting of the Highland Park Community Chest will be held Monday, June 30, at 8:00 pm, at the Community Center auditorium, 549 Central avenue.

The annual report of the president will be made and eight members of the Board of Directors will be elected.

Every contributor to the Highland Park Community Chest is a member of the organization.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Report for week of 6/7/47 to 6/13/47 inc.		
Emergencies attended	25	509
Babies delivered	7	218
Operations performed	26	467
X-ray examinations	93	1839
Laboratory examinations	298	6804

Noted Artist Paints Old Landmark; See Display at Public Service

Mrs. Lylah M. Nordstrom, whose family has owned Half Day Inn since 1885, examines water color painting of the famed 104-year-old landmark as John D. McKee (left), the artist, and E. A. Menke (right), superintendent of the Public Service Co. or Northern Illinois, look on. The picture is one of fifty "Our Landmarks" paintings now on display at the Public Service store, 521 Central.

The vivid water colors of famous historical landmarks in northern Illinois, all of which were painted by McKee, well-known Chicago artist, have drawn hundreds of visitors to the store during the past two weeks.

Mrs. Nordstrom's father, Myron F. Moore, purchased the famed Half Day structure, located at Waukegan and Half Day roads, in 1885 and for many years thereafter operated a store, which also served as the local post office. The family lived on the first floor and a dance hall was upstairs. Mrs. Nordstrom and her mother now reside in the building which is given over entirely to residential occupancy.

The Inn, as well as many other of the fifty landmarks now preserved in water colors by McKee, was originally featured as a pen-and-ink sketch in the company's monthly Service Bulletin.

The pictures will continue on exhibit through next week during store hours, 8 am to 5 pm daily.

North Shore Line To Open New Station Saturday, June 21

A new main station in Highland Park will be opened to the public at 11 N. St. Johns, Saturday, June 21, by the Chicago North Shore Line and Milwaukee railway — the North Shore Line, Dwight L. Smith, assistant to the president of the railroad, announced today. The new quarters, formerly known as the McKillip building, have been in preparation for several months at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$35,000.

The interior of the new station is of modern design, decorated in pastel colors accented by fluorescent lighting. The floor of the building is of metal-stripped varicolored terrazzo with contrasting colored cove base. Furniture and fixtures are finished in blonde oak with trimmings of red and black "marlite."

A waiting room approximately 35 x 50 feet is included in the new quarters as well as a brightly decorated concession counter where light meals will be served. Modern telephone and washroom facilities are also provided for the convenience of passengers.

The building exterior is of white cement construction with large aluminum-trimmed plate glass windows and a modern vestibule entrance. Bronze-finished letters two feet high spell "North Shore Line" across the face of the building.

Removal of the station to the new location became necessary when the Highland Park National Bank, owners of the present station building, requisitioned that space for banking purposes.

Dr. Frank Dyer to Address Lions Club

Dr. Frank Dyer, who was unable to speak at the last Lions club meeting, as scheduled, will address the club this (Thursday) noon at the Moraine hotel.

The topic of Dr. Dyer's talk will be "The United Nations Issue." Next Thursday's meeting will be Ladies night at the Moraine, at 7:15, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

Highland Parkers to Serve Chicago Red Cross Chapter

Elected to the board of directors of the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross for a period ending in 1950 are Col. Charles Z. Henkle, chairman of the 1948 Red Cross fund drive for Highland Park, and John W. Sheldon, 1025 Wade. Col. Henkle lives at 17 Brittany road.

12th RAVINIA FESTIVAL OPENS JULY 1st

General Mark Clark Renews Old Acquaintances Sunday

N. S. Yachtsmen Reorganize Club

Highland Park's yacht club has come back to life.

Dormant during the war years and with many familiar faces missing, the organization of salts who sail their small craft off Park avenue beach met recently to elect new officers. Avery Jones, acting commodore, today announced a program to restore the affairs of the North Shore Yacht club to an even keel.

"Police Chief Rex Andrews pointed out to the club that the hazards of our old clubhouse, located just north of the pumping station, should be corrected," Jones declared. "Located on Park Board property, the clubhouse is becoming a nuisance attractive to vandals. We have money in the treasury, and with the Park Board's cooperation we hope to resume possession and make the necessary repairs."

City Commissioner Lyle Gourley, present at the recent meeting, traced back nautical activities to 1913 when the Volunteer Lifesaving crew, later merged with the Young Men's club and forerunner of the North Shore Yacht club, built the clubhouse which then stood to the south of the pumping plant. During the 1930's the local sailors held weekly races. The club had built up a sizeable one-design class of small sloops when the war intervened to call most of the membership to service on wider seas.

"After the war," Jones said, "several of our boats and owners were no longer in Highland Park. But there are so many people here who love the water that we feel confident the club will revive and return to vigor. Lake Michigan is a great asset to our city. Properly developed in the direction of a comprehensive safety program, a harbor and a coast guard station, sailing can become a very attractive feature of our summer life."

Commodore Jones announced that the annual dues of the club have been set at \$5 and that the initiation fee, formerly \$10, will be omitted for new members joining this season.

Ambitious sailors, and well-wishers who desire to aid in long-range plans for improving Highland Park's lake facilities are urged to get in touch with Commodore Jones at Highland Park 534 or with Wellington Quirk, vice-commodore, at Deerfield 659. In addition to these officers, Robert K. Mielenz was named treasurer and Dr. R. R. Ringland of Deerfield was appointed chairman of a safety committee.

Letters will go to interested yachtsmen inviting them to bring hammers and saws to help repair the clubhouse at Park avenue beach. The club's next meeting will be at Community center at 8 pm on Friday, June 27. Guests are welcome.

Survey Proves Need For Safety and Service At Beech St. Crossing

According to a traffic survey by the Highland Park traffic commission recently reported to Mayor Patton and the city council, the need for greater safety and service at the Beech St. station of the North Shore Ry. is demonstrated by the fact that it was determined that an average of more than 1728 passengers per week and 89,856 passengers per year normally board or alight from North Shore trains at that station. The need for adequate safety is emphasized by the fact that the survey showed a normal average of 62,712 people cross the tracks at this point in a year.

The survey which was conducted by Harry Pertz, member of the traffic commission, statistician and instructor at the high school, assisted by Harry Pertz, Jr., engineering student at Purdue university, was made over 12-hour periods on two average week days from 6 am to 6 pm, and the count of trains and traffic does not include Sundays or the hours after 6 pm. The survey is tabulated by hours and to show the movement

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General Mark Clark, who thinks of Highland Park "as the only place I have a right to call home," spoke to a large group of Highland Parkers on Sunday afternoon at the Highland Park high school auditorium.

Old teachers, classmates, and friends enjoyed his reminiscences of his school days here. His affection for and praise of Highland Park, and the more serious side of his talk, on world conditions, was received by a proud and most appreciative audience.

General Clark was introduced by an old friend, Brigadier General William Wilbur of Judson avenue. Mayor Robert Patton introduced Gen. Wilbur.

On the stage were Vice Adm. G. D. Murray, commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training center, Col. N. G. Bush, commandant at Fort Sheridan, Capt. C. B. Gill, commandant at the Glenview Naval air station, Chris Matthiesen, commander of the Highland Park American Legion and Ray Mann, VFW commander in Highland Park.

Frank Humphreys Heads Boys Outing and Sports Club

The first business meeting of the Boys Outing and Sports club, sponsored by the playground board, resulted in the election of Frank Humphreys as president, Geno Pizzato as vice president and Jack Peterson as secretary. The meeting was held in Community center June 12 under the supervision of Mel Mullins, adult leader.

Membership in the club is open to any boy of 10 and over. Business meetings are held in the center on Thursdays at 2 pm. The outings are held Mondays, starting at 9:30 am.

Members will assemble at the center next Monday, June 23, at 9 am to be ready to leave by bus at 9:30 for Round Lake, where they will fish, swim and play ball. Those making the trip are asked to provide their own lunches, fishing equipment and bus fare.

Last Monday, members visited Brookfield zoo. Adult leaders accompany them on all outings. According to Mullins, those members having the best attendance records will be taken to Cubs' park next month.

Highland Park, Also, Has a "Gasoline Alley"

Those of us who follow the fortunes of Skeezix of Gasoline Alley will be interested to note that there is a set — up similar to the firm, "Walter & Bobble," right here in our own home town.

Comparable to our friend Skeezix is Donald R. Christman, who lives at 627 Laurel, next door to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Christman. Aged 25, he is a family man, father of Nancy, aged 4, and Donald Jr., 2½. Three years in the service, he spent 1 year in "Deutschland," as buck sergeant in the infantry. He is now a sophomore at Northwestern, where he is majoring in accounting.

As for the Bobble end of the business — that is filled by Norman, a younger brother, also a veteran. Two steady employees are the Craig brothers, Buddy and Bobby, and two other part-time helpers.

"The Home Clinic," as the business is called, is three months old. These fellows will take care of anything about the home or yard that needs attention. All you have to do is call H. P. 4766, and your problem is solved.

Highwood Votes "Yes" On USO Plan

The \$30,000 bond issue to purchase the former USO building from the federal government for use as a community center for Highwood was overwhelmingly passed, 284-31, at a special referendum on Tuesday.

Make a 3-Year Contribution
to the
Highland Park Hospital
Building Fund Drive

HIGHLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	June 7-14-47	June 8-6	'47 Total
Injury accidents	2	1	25
Non-injury accidents	4	2	106
Total accidents	4	0	0