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Up To Now

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● TAX CUT PROMISES (Election Year Edition)

Various Democrats and Republicans are talking about tax cuts for the benefit of the (voting) American taxpayer. All of them — regardless of party — are just making noises like politicians. No politician (or even statesman) ever really wants a tax cut. He will beat his breast about "lightening the load on the poor overburdened taxpayer," and he may even cut taxes a little, but the cut will, in the final analysis, be just as small as he dares make it.

The reason is NOT that he was a mealy-mouthed hypocrite when he was talking a tax cut, but simply that no politician can see the amount of revenue produced by any levy without also seeing "absolutely essential services" that must be performed and which will require every penny of the amount produced by the levy.

Our present high taxes were not engendered as a result of World War II; they were born of World War I, when the income tax was first levied. The boys in Washington were staggered at the amount of revenue it produced, and like all other taxes, once it came, it was here to stay.

We may get some minor tax relief, but the days when the income tax was not a major item in the wage earners' expenses are gone—forever.

● NO WAR, OR NEW DECORATIONS?

The War Assets Administration is offering 5,000 surplus bronze battle stars for sale. Is it that they don't expect another war, or that they already have new battle decorations picked out for World War III vets?

● ATTRACTIVE UTILITY

A gift item that combines tasteful good looks and utility is being marketed by a Highland Park firm, Northmore Products, headed by our columnist, White Schultz. The item, a stamp holder, takes a roll of 500 stamps and is attractively simple in design. It is fabricated of brass, etc with a smooth sheen that will lend distinction to the desk of any study.

1948 Chicago Area Red Cross Fund Campaign

The county communities division of the 1948 Chicago area Red Cross fund campaign will have Bert M. Kohler, president of H. C. Speer & Sons Company investment bankers, and Paul Misner, superintendent of Glencoe public schools, as co-chairman, it was announced by Charles Z. Henkle, head of the drive.

Committees in charge of collections in suburban towns and cities in the Chicago Chapter area operate through this division. The area includes all of Cook and DuPage counties and the southern part of Lake county.

Young Men's Club To Play Champions

Highland Park—The Highland Park Young Men's club basketball team will play the league champions of last year and runners up in the tournament played during the recent holidays, Durkin and Durkin of Waukegan on Monday, Jan. 26, in the gymnasium of Elm Place school, Highland Park, at 8 p.m.

The Young Men's club won by default last Friday night over the Evanston Auto Radiators team when the latter did not have a sufficient number of players. A practice game was played, with Highland Park winning 38 to 19.

Lester Ball To Serve At Annual Jr. High School Conference

Mr. Lester Ball, Superintendent of Schools in Highland Park, Illinois, is one of a group of leading educators who are now serving on the Advisory Committee for the Twenty-first Annual Junior High School Conference to be held at New York University February 20 and 21 (1948) it was announced yesterday.

OPENS NEW BUSINESS

Russell J. Barth of 726 Sunnyside avenue has recently opened his own sheet metal business at the same Sunnyside address.

Council Responds To Complaints About Taxi Fares

Following a complaint by residents that no equitable cab fare schedule for taxi service exists in this town, the city council is taking under consideration the regulation of taxicab rates in Highland Park.

Corporation Counsel Paul Behanna reports that he is instructed to study the city ordinance pertaining to operation of cabs here. It is probable that the city commissioner will amend the present ordinance, providing, as of now, only for safety inspection of taxis and city license fees, to include the installation of fare meters in local taxis. Further action is, as yet, undecided.

Ravinia PTA Plans Study Group Meetings

January 27th the second study group will meet under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Neisser of the association for Family Living. This meeting is for parents of second and third graders. The discussion will be centered on "What can we expect of second and third graders?" The sub-topics include 1) taking new responsibilities, 2) finding a place in the group, 3) helping the timid child, 4) helping the child who is too aggressive.

The meeting will be held in the music room at 8:00 p.m. and you are all invited to attend. Mrs. H. Hemmingway, Mrs. W. F. Hord, Mrs. L. K. Schnadig and Mrs. Lester Wellman will be hostesses.

February 3rd is the date set for a square dance to be given by the PTA for parents of Ravinia school children. Each couple will bring a box supper and coffee will be served by the social committee. Mr. Dewey will call the dances.

O.E.S. To Hold Games Party Thursday, Jan. 29

A games party with four special prizes and one big prize will be held on Thursday evening, January 29, at 7:30 at the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star. Refreshments will be served. Donation at the door, 50c.

Youth Orchestra Of Greater Chicago Rates High

Draws Talent From 200 High Schools Of Chicagoland

Highland Park is justly proud of its representation in the Youth Orchestra of Greater Chicago, a long-talked-of organization, which looks upon November 14, 1947, as its birthday, for at that time its first public concert was presented in Orchestra Hall, Chicago. Its life really began in March, 1947.

Drawn from around 200 high schools of Greater Chicago, the present roster lists students from 32 communities, from Waukegan to Pontiac, from Freeport to the Lake, the personnel happening to be about equally divided between the city of Chicago and suburban towns. Players are selected solely on the basis of musical skill and talent.

Included in the list of young artists are six Highland Park high school students: Carole Metzger, first violin; Hein Jurgensen, viola; Ella Baird, violoncello; Patricia Peterson, flute; Janeth Finch, french horn, and Bill Bates, percussion.

Chosen to conduct this novel organization was Harold N. Finch, head of the music department of the Highland Park high school. Eminently fitted to fill this responsible post, he possesses a bachelor's degree in music from Oberlin, a master's degree from Northwestern, and is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, an honorary music fraternity. He has studied conducting under Karl Gehrkens and Nicolai Malko, as well as theory and composition under Dr. Albert Noella. For 18 years he has headed the Music department at Highland Park high, and has for the past five summers been a member of the summer faculty at Northwestern university. He has frequently been chosen guest conductor at school band and orchestra clinics, and has had extensive experience in adjudicating solo, band and orchestra contests. He has been in charge of auditions, rehearsals and other musical details contingent to the Youth Orchestra since its beginning.

Interested Highland Parkers Among the foundation members of the Youth Orchestra are Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Baird of Highland Park. Mr. Baird also serves on the board of directors, as do Alfred T. Sihler and George Hartman. Other local patrons include Mrs. C. W. Schaaf and Messrs. Marc S. Goldsmith, Roy H. Olson and Ernest Volwiler.

Concerts to Follow Two more public concerts will be given this year by Youth Orchestra. One will be held at the University of Illinois on February 29, for the State String clinic, a convention for music teachers throughout the state, and on Tuesday, March 30, the last concert of the year will be held at Orchestra Hall, Chicago.

Financed by Contributions The Youth Orchestra association is financed entirely by voluntary contributions made by public-spirited citizens. Further information can be obtained at the Youth Orchestra offices, 406 No. Michigan avenue, Chicago.

Cambell Chapter Guild To Hold Dessert Card Party

The Cambell chapter guild will hold a public dessert card party on Wednesday, January 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the Masonic temple. Door prizes and table prizes will be in order.

Hostesses are Mesdames Edward Ohrmund, Roland Bleimehl, Roy Zimmer, Judson Wells, Earl Spangler, John Brandt, Edward Stringer and Tom McEwen.

Lions To Hear Of The Magic Of Coal

A two reel movie on the magic of coal will be presented today, Thursday, to the members of the Lions' club, at their luncheon meeting at the Morrison hotel. The speaker will be W. B. Nugent of the Sahara Coal company, who will speak on "Cheap Atomic Power Coming Soon."

Vote On Elm Place School Bond Issue

Need \$150,000 to Continue Repair and Rehabilitation Program

In a regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 107 on January 10, it was decided to place before the voters of the district, in a special election on Saturday, January 31, the approval of a Bond Issue of \$150,000 to continue the repairing and rehabilitation program of Elm Place School which the voters approved in April, 1946. Two years ago it was understood that the \$150,000 bond issue of \$100,000 would cover the initial phases of the program only. The special election on Saturday, January 31 will be held in the Kindergarten Building of Elm Place School and the polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 7 p.m.

Mr. Raymond Flinn, school board member and chairman of the Building Committee, points out that progress in the current program of deferred maintenance has been slow but steady. Within the past two years various roofs at both Elm Place and Green Bay Road Schools have been repaired or renewed and thoroughly insulated, skylights have been repaired, new floor covering has been installed in some few rooms and corridors, and fluorescent lighting has been installed in selected rooms in both schools on an experimental basis. In addition the new Arthur H. Swanson Memorial Gymnasium has been completed, while the old gym has been rehabilitated so that Elm Place School now has adequate modern physical education facilities for girls as well as for boys. Mr. Flinn reports further that in connection with the proposed viaduct under Sheridan Road which will connect Morgan Playground with the school grounds, plans now have been completed by city and state engineers and work should begin within the near future. The completion of the underpass will make it possible to protect school children against automobile hazards.

Must Complete Program "Now that a good beginning has been made, it is important that the program be completed," says Mr. Horace S. Vaile, president of the Board of Education. "Prior to the progress made since 1946, necessary maintenance at both our schools was practically abandoned for over ten years. Obviously the war years prevented any repairs and maintenance work that was not absolutely essential." Mr. Vaile points out, too, that total requirements are estimated to be not less than \$150,000 and that only by the approval of a bond issue can such a sum be made available. "So much rehabilitation is needed that progress must necessarily continue over a long period of time," says Mr. Vaile. "It is better to feel our way and be sure we're right than to hurry unnecessarily and find that tax money has been spent unwisely."

Many Improvements Needed Heading a long list of necessary improvements is the heating system at Elm Place School. Expert engineers have carefully surveyed the heating facilities and recommended eventual purchase of new boilers and the establishment of a central heating plant, complete rehabilitation of the air system and thermostatic controls. This is a major job and will undoubtedly require 12 to 24 months. It has been recommended, further, that an underground passageway be constructed to connect the two Elm Place buildings both for use by the children and to accommodate heating pipes. Among other vital needs are the replacement of lighting fixtures and completion of an improved lighting program; the replacement of floor coverings in many rooms and corridors at Green Bay Road and Elm Place Schools; adequate fire exits and escapes for the Auditorium balcony at Elm Place; rehabilitation of the Auditorium including plastering, redecorating, electrical work and other repairs; replacement of the roof on the original building at Elm Place which was constructed in 1893; necessary improvements to locker rooms and showers; surfacing, fencing and otherwise im-

City Council Approves Plan On Installation Of Meters

Social Recreation Leadership Institute At Center This Week

This week, Monday through Friday, a Recreational Leadership Training institute is being held at the Community center under the direction of Philip Cole, executive director of the National Recreation association.

Various activities consist of games, group singing, square dancing, etc.

Sessions were as follows: Monday A. M. Theme—Recreation Trends and Objectives. Community—led by Robert Everly, Superintendent of Parks in Glencoe and Educational chairman of the American Institute of Park Executives. Monday P. M. —Recreational Trends and Objectives—Teen age—George Ekdahl, Recreation director, Lake Forest. Tuesday A. M.—Leadership Techniques and Recreation Leaders—Jerry Shipman, asst. Scout Executive for North Shore area council for Boy Scouts. Tuesday P. M.—Recreation through Dramatics and Music—John McNellis, Superintendent of Recreation in Highwood. This session was held at the Highwood Community center.

Wednesday A. M.—Session for Girl Scout leaders—Mrs. Wetheron Cherry, Girl Scout commissioner. Wednesday P. M.—How To Put Over Recreation Activities—Dr. C. O. Dahle, superintendent of School District No. 108. Wednesday Evening—Program Planning for All Ages. Thursday morning—Balanced Recreation program and Program Sources—Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, president of High School PTA. Thursday P. M.—Recreation for Sick, Disabled and Older People Miss Marion Flannigan, Red Cross Supervisor for Great Lakes hospital. Friday noon—Meeting of the North Shore Recreation association.

Men Republicans To Elect Officers

The Highland Park Men's Republican club will hold its annual meeting at the Community center on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 8:15 p.m. There will be election of officers.

proving the school grounds both at Elm Place and Green Bay Road Schools, and other long-deferred maintenance repairs and improvements such as painting, tuck pointing and electrical work.

Will Not Raise Tax Rate Even with the proposed new bonded indebtedness, the bond retirement school rate for School District No. 107 will be less in 1948 and in subsequent years than it was during and prior to 1947. Furthermore, this new issue will not increase the tax rate for bond retirement. Taxes paid during 1947 provided for bond retirement of \$30,000. Beginning in 1948, however, bond retirement is decreased to \$25,000 a year, and the proposed new bonds will merely extend the new lower rate at the 1948 level for six additional years from 1953 through 1958.

You Are Urged to Vote All residents of School District No. 107 are urged to vote Saturday, January 31 on the following proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of School District Number 107, Lake County, Illinois, issue bonds of said School District in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of remodeling and repairing the present Elm Place School now owned and used by said School District for school purposes, said bonds to be dated February 1, 1948, and become due and payable \$25,000 on November 1 of each of the years 1953 to 1958, inclusive, and bear interest at the rate of two and three-fourths per cent (2 3/4%) per annum, payable Nov. 1, 1948, and semi-annually thereafter on the first days of May and November of each year?

Philip Cole Recommends 203 Meters Be Installed In Business District

A report of the parking meter committee was presented to the city council by its chairman, Philip Cole, recommending the installation of 203 meters in the business section of Highland Park. The report included findings in a survey of the parking situation of 73 communities regarding their experience with and reaction to parking meters. The survey included cities with populations of 5000 or less to 15,000. The cost was found to range from \$74 per meter in the smaller towns to \$64 per meter in larger communities, income per meter ranging from \$4.08 per month to \$6.66 per month respectively. The reaction of the public and the merchants toward parking meters was reported to be very good.

The report approved, it was filed and the city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids on parking meters.

Areas Covered Areas to be covered by parking devices are as follows: Central avenue—Witten building to Green Bay road So. St. Johns—Central to Laurel avenues Sheridan road—Central to Park avenues First St. (West side only)—Larsen's garage to Elm Place No. Second St.—Central avenue to Press print shop.

Bruno Nechville, Florist, Is Victim of Accident

Last rites were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Sheridan road chapel for Bruno Nechville, 1740 Deerfield road, who met accidental death on Saturday when struck by an eastbound car, while he was walking west on Deerfield road. At the time of the accident Mrs. Nechville was visiting in Minneapolis.

Donald B. Clark, Chicago, driver of the car, claims he did not know he had struck anyone. The bump felt by both him and his wife was attributed to the icy condition of the road. The body of Nechville was seen by three motorists succeeding Clark. The number of Clark's car was noted, the police notified and the condition of the body ascertained. Clark, after posting a bond, was released, to appear before Police Magistrate Henry Hansen today.

Born in Czechoslovakia 52 years ago, Mr. Nechville came to this country at the age of 19, and had lived in Highland Park since 1926. His florist shop and greenhouse are adjacent to his home. He was affiliated with the IOOF lodge in Highland Park.

Surviving are his widow, Antonette, one son, Edward of Minneapolis, and two brothers, Julius and Joseph, both living in Czechoslovakia.

Interment was made in the National Bohemian cemetery in Chicago.

Philathea and Brotherhood Classes To Hold Joint Meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the Philathea Class and the Brotherhood at the Bethany Evangelical Church on Tuesday evening, January 27th at 8 o'clock. Following the business meetings, moving pictures will be shown. All members of both organizations are urged to be present. Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Johnson, Chairman, Mrs. Gaylord Kalseim, Mrs. Fred Neerberg, Mrs. A. Judson Wells and Mrs. John Zenko.

Speaker At Kiwanis Club

Howard F. Copp, superintendent of recreation, who lives at 1910 Flora place, will be the guest speaker at Kiwanis club Monday evening, January 26, at Sunset Valley club.