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The Scout Citizen at Work

... IN HIS HOME
... IN HIS COMMUNITY
... IN HIS NATION
... IN HIS WORLD

Twenty Eighth Anniversary

BOY SCOUT WEEK

FEBRUARY 6th TO 12th

More than 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 28th anniversary of the organization. This year Boy Scouts are emphasizing conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens, safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up. Scouting promotes world peace through World Jamborees and practical help among 42 nations with 4,409,730 members. Through its World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America helps Scouts overseas to rebuild their units. So far, more than 3,000 tons of equipment have been shipped. Above is the official poster marking the Scout birthday.

Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

● ANOTHER PROBLEM

Highland Park's city fathers are now faced with a problem that all of us, as individuals, have been wrestling with ever since the inflationary spiral started—what to do about the high cost of living. Their problem is complicated by the fact that besides higher costs, they are faced with a cut in income.

A committee, headed by Eugene Hotchkiss, has been appointed to perform a three-fold function: 1) to determine if an increase in the city tax rate is necessary; 2) to decide on what a reasonable increase would be, if one is inevitable; and 3) to provide a thorough and understandable explanation of the necessity of a tax rate increase, if, again, the increase is unavoidable.

We take this to mean that the committee is first to determine if there is any way to cut city expenditures to a figure that will be met by present income.

W think that's a sensible approach. Even if it is impossible to cut expenditures sufficiently to eliminate the need for raising the tax rate, some worthwhile savings might be uncovered by a careful study.

If it becomes necessary to sell the public on a raise in the tax rate, we'd like to suggest that the city set up a table showing what services would have to be curtailed, and to what extent, if the raise should not be approved, and point out how such curtailment or abandoning of service would affect the individual citizen. In that way, the taxpayers could decide what they want in the way of service, and further, decide if they want it badly enough to pay for it.

Lake Co. Republican Rally And Dance At Waukegan, Feb. 7

A Republican rally and dance will be held on Saturday evening, February 7 at 7:30 at the Waukegan Armory, 1600 Glen Flora Ave. Hon. Dwight H. Green will speak and there will be many surprise announcements during the evening. Entertainment for everybody.

Admission free. See precinct committeeman for tickets.

Harry Earhart Candidate For Lake County Post

A close race is anticipated for the post of Republican senatorial committeeman of Lake County. Harry Earhart, well known Highland Park, will oppose Joseph N. Sikes, Grayslake, the present incumbent, as will Harry P. Breger, a Waukegan attorney.

Program For Older Men At Center

Thursday night will be open at the Highland Park Community Center for games and sports for older men. Plans are in progress for a checker and a chess club for older and returned men, along with card games such as bridge, cribbage, pinocle, gin rummy, etc. Also, the squash and handball courts will be open with the expectation of turning out teams for league competition. The well equipped exercise room will be open and ready for use. For those interested, a weight lifting class will be held under the supervision of Ed Weeks, well known local weight lifter.

This conditioning and game night is expected to continue for ten weeks and all interested should contact the Community Center by calling H.P. 2442.

Town Meeting A Well Attended Success

Lively Discussion Develops During Question and Answer Period

Town meeting at the Lincoln school last Monday night was well attended, with 300 present. Preceding the question and answer period a panel discussion was presented by the city commissioners. Mayor Patton outlined the parking meter plan; Edward Knox spoke on the work of the sanitary committee; Phil McKenna talked on the city plan; Gordon Humphrey explained about the tax crisis and Paul Behanna spoke on the proposed restaurant inspection ordinance.

Lively discussions followed. One citizen criticized what he termed "timid taxing", stating that "we want the best of municipal services and are willing to pay for them". This was countered by the statement that this was the reason for the meeting—to ask for a higher tax rate.

Complaint was registered concerning sewage odors in the vicinity of Berkeley and Deerfield rds., and a plan was outlined for the inspection of restaurants and food handlers, a plan which has been agitated by the League of Women Voters for some time.

A discussion of details of the zoning problem was deferred, and a protest lodged against the installation of city parking meters.

Six Year Old Mystery At First National Bank Solved By Chance

Investigation yesterday solved the mystery of six years' duration concerning the disappearance of the sum of \$10,500 from the safety deposit box of Mr. Walter Hauk, now deceased, at the First National Bank of Highland Park.

In March, 1941, Hauk, retired sales manager for Yardley & Company, Ltd., obtained at the bank 21 \$500 bank notes, with serial numbers recorded, to be used for the purchase of a farm. He placed them in an unmarked manila envelope, which he supposedly deposited in his safety box at the bank. In February, 1942, he could find no trace of them.

Suit was brought against the bank, which was held responsible. Later the Appellate court reversed the decision. The Hauks moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., where Mr. Hauk died, in April 1946.

On Tuesday of this week Mrs. Karl Meyer was cleaning out her safety deposit box at the bank, which had been shared by her late mother, Mrs. Hart. She found the envelope containing the notes, and, supposing that her mother had put them there, presented a part of the sum to be credited to her checking account. The serial numbers were noted and an investigation followed which threw light on the six-year-old mystery.

It is supposed that the mother of Mrs. Meyer, an elderly lady, found the unmarked envelope on the vault floor near her own safety box, and, believing that she, herself, had dropped it, put it back in the box without examining it.

Mrs. Hauk, still living in St. Petersburg, Florida, has expressed herself as overjoyed that the mystery is solved.

"Youth Sunday" At Presbyterian Church

The morning service at the Presbyterian church will be taken over by its young people on Sunday, February 8. Those participating in the program will be "Bill" Wright, "Mac" McCormick, Doriman Anderson Jr., Marilyn Free and "Dave" Winton from the "Varsity Group", and Nancy Johnson, president of the Chancel Choir. Special music will be rendered by the Chancel Choir, and a solo, "The Beatitudes" by Shirley Alderdice, an eighth-grader. Five minute sermons will be given by Barbara Floyd, president of Tuxis, Patricia Peterson from the Chancel Choir and Dave Olson of the Varsity Group.

The Varsity Group is made up

KARL MUNDT WILL SPEAK SUNDAY

Men of Hour Series Brings Dynamic Congressman To Highland Park

Karl H. Mundt, Congressman from South Dakota, will be the speaker in the Men of the Hour series, on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Highland Park High School.

Congressman Mundt, who has traveled extensively in Europe, will take for his subject, the theme "Must We Have Another War?"

Mundt, a member of Congress since 1939, is a member of the House Foreign Affairs committee, and the House Un-American Activities committee.

He is also chairman of the joint Democratic-Republican committee to investigate European economic conditions.

His speech will be followed by a question and answer period.

The "Men of the Hour" series is presented under the sponsorship of the Highland Park Men's Republican club and the Deerfield Township Women's Republican club.

Friends of Library Present Mrs. Annis Duff At Spring Open House

Many individuals and groups are co-operating to develop a real community atmosphere for the first Spring open house of the Friends of the Highland Park Library to be held at the Library at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 15.

The topic of the meeting is "The Family and Its Books" with the speaker, Mrs. Annis Duff of Winnetka, nationally known as a writer and as a library specialist.

Mrs. Duff's book, "Bequest of Wings" has become the leading guide to the enrichment of family pleasures through books and at the open house.

Harry Sellery, Jr., chairman of the group, has stressed that the meeting is open to everyone without charge and that there will be no solicitation of funds.

Mrs. L. F. McClure is in charge of decorations and Mrs. Herman Henkle and Mrs. Richard Kebron are arranging exhibits. The Boy Scouts will attend to seating arrangements and the Girl Scouts will serve the refreshments.

The Reception Committee includes: Mrs. C. W. Balke, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell R. Beam, Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Dahl, Mrs. A. H. Emerson, Mr. Chas. F. Grimes, Mr. Rudolph Inzerle, Mrs. Richard Kuhns, Mrs. Leslie B. McCaffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Naegle, Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, Sister May Terrence, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wehle, Mr. Frank Wichman, Mrs. D. J. Zimmerman, Mr. Herman Zischke.

Crime Doesn't Pay, H.P. Men To Face Lie Detector

Highland Park, Ill.—

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club and a dinner planned for six-thirty.

A program of unusual interest is in store for Chamber members when Sgt. Robert Labbe of the Detective Bureau of the Evanston Police Department will present a visual demonstration of the "Lie Detector."

Sgt. Labbe is expected to reveal the details of several Evanston crimes solved by the "Lie Detector" and then prove the operation of the machine on volunteers among the business men making statements that are both true and intentionally false.

of high school juniors and seniors, headed by A. G. Humphrey. The Chancel Choir consists almost entirely of high school girls, and the Tuxis is the young people's Sunday evening group.

To Maintain High Standards Mayor Sees Tax Increase

An Open Letter Gives Interesting Viewpoint On Parking Meters

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Highland Park, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I note that Phillip Cole recommends that 203 parking meters be installed in the business section of Highland Park, and reports that a survey of the parking situation in seventy-three communities indicated that the reaction of the public and the merchants in these communities was most favorable to this installation.

Well, let's look at the records:

Parking cars, which means the storage of cars on main traveled streets or highways, obviously cuts down the capacity of the street or highway and thereby impedes the flow of traffic and causes congestion, which lends itself to accidents and injuries.

To prevent this unfair use of the public highways by private individuals for the storage of cars, causing inconvenience to those who wish to use the highways or streets for the purposes for which they were built, anti-parking laws or ordinances have been enacted by the cities involved, either prohibiting parking entirely or limiting it to very restricted times.

The enforcement of these laws or ordinances require the co-operation of the police, which takes time and diverts them from other duties, perhaps more important, with the result that the parking meter was devised and installed, which charged for the use of the space occupied and at a rate higher than the violator was willing to pay.

Therefore, the use of the parking meter in these instances was justified, and it paid for itself. They are not used in downtown Chicago because the police there cover the territory adequately and detect infringers of the ordinances and serve them with summons or notices of violations and fines are imposed on conviction.

In other communities where the police supervision is less effective, parking meters have been installed and the results have been satisfactory.

Drastic enforcement of anti-parking ordinances in communities like Highland Park is unnecessary, and the installation of the meters, requiring a charge to be paid for the parking of the car, even for a few moments, is an imposition on the rights of the citizens to use their streets and highways, and their installation should be resisted.

Incidentally, there are no parking meters in any community between Chicago and Waukegan and no traffic congestion exists, for the simple reason that all day parking in these towns is not a practice that has to be curtailed or eliminated.

In Highland Park, the community with which we are dealing, such parking as occurs is for periods of only a few minutes up to about an hour. The cars parked are usually driven by the wife, who goes into the business section to make her purchases at the stores for supplies for the family, and no obstruction of traffic is brought about by this practice. Seldom is a car parked for more than fifteen or twenty minutes, and rarely for an hour. If it does happen, as it might, that some individual or some few individuals make a practice of parking their cars in the shopping district of Highland Park for hours and hours or for all day, the police are in a position to deal with those offenders under the ordinances already enacted and

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Mayor Patton Outlines A Program to Help Remedy Probable 1948 Deficit

If Highland Park's citizens want the present level of city services to be maintained, an increase in the tax rate to keep the city income up to an adequate figure will have to be obtained, Mayor Robert F. Patton stated Friday night. The mayor's statement was made during the course of meeting held at the council chambers and attended by more than 100 citizens.

The probable \$34,000.00 deficit with which the city will be faced in 1948, has its cause, those present were told, in the "Butler bills" coupled with a drop in assessed valuations.

The 1946 assessed valuation was \$81,901,284.00 as compared to the 1947 figure of about \$67,000,000.00. The latter figure will be in effect for the four-year period beginning with 1947. The tax rate also is lower—153 cents per \$100 valuation in 1946, and .123 in 1948.

As a result of these two factors, the city's revenue will be curtailed in 1948.

A. Gordon Humphrey, commissioner of accounts and finances, said that Highland Park will have to act on its own to escape from the tax squeeze.

The ultimate assessed valuation of property is determined in three steps, he explained. First the township assessor fixes the valuation of properties in the tax books. This procedure has been finished for Deerfield township for 1947, and will remain at the present levels for a four-year period, barring adjustments on individual parcels of property by the Lake county board of review.

The board of review has the power to change the assessed valuations turned in by the township assessor, if they are uniformly high or low, he said. However, Deerfield township can expect no relief from the board of review because of a heavy work load which makes the re-assessment of property impossible.

Third, the state department of revenue furnishes an equalizer to apply to assessed valuations to bring the assessments of various counties into line. However, Humphrey said, there is little likelihood that the state equalizer will be high enough to offset the drop in assessed valuation in Deerfield township this year.

Consequently, he said, the only way Highland Park can get enough tax funds to operate in 1948, is to raise the tax rate. This will require a successful referendum to authorize the city to raise the rate.

He pointed out that this will not necessarily mean an increase in individual tax bills, because the valuation of property in Deerfield township this year will be about 85 per cent of actual market value.

Mayor Patton reviewed the Highland Park tax problem and pointed out that the general fund in 1942 was about \$90,000, climbed to \$93,000 in 1945 and hit a record \$116,000 in 1946.

He declared that rising costs of salaries for city employees caused the increase in expenditures.

The mayor named Eugene Hotchkiss chairman of a committee to (1) determine if a tax rate increase is necessary; (2) determine a "reasonable" new limitation on the tax rate; and (3) embark on an educational program to sell the higher tax rate to the public.

District 107 Votes Approval of Bond Issue

On Saturday, January 31, the people of District No. 107 voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Bond Issue for the rehabilitation and repair of Elm Place school buildings. The ratio of votes cast was 98:2.