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## Up To Now

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### • WHAT PRICE PROTECTION?

A professor of Spanish we once knew used to marvel at the effrontery of "civilized" people for professing horror at the human sacrificial rites of ancient Indian peoples of Central America. He used to point out that although what he called "the method of selecting the sacrifice" was different, "civilized" people practice human sacrifice too. They practice it, he said, in erecting their skyscrapers, which cost "a life for each floor," and in installing traffic safety devices, where each hazard must have claimed an undetermined number of victims before it is eliminated.

The North Shore Line crossing at Central Avenue is well on its way to becoming such a hazard. There have been nine recorded accidents there since last June. Recently an aged man lost both legs. More recently a young boy narrowly escaped death.

The problem has received the attention of the city administration, and several possible solutions have been proposed. The ideal solution, of course, would be the construction of an underpass, but the time element is prohibitive, as there is no possibility of obtaining the necessary state or federal aid in the foreseeable future. Other suggestions include the extension of the west platform to the north so that southbound trains consisting of five or more cars can stop without the front end of the train projecting out into the crossing, and the rehiring of a crossing guard.

As Mayor Patton has pointed out, the final solution may be any, none, or a combination of the solutions outlined above. However, the most important factor in arriving at any sort of an answer to the problem is the cooperation of the North Shore Line.

To date, that cooperation has not been forthcoming. Despite several attempts, the city has been unable to arrange a meeting with officials of the line. At present, of course, the line is faced with the possibility of a strike, as well as other important problems. Let's hope that it won't take one or more deaths to make the crossing problem important enough for prompt consideration.

### • THE LEGION SERVES

Elsewhere in this paper is an article telling of some of the work being done in Highland Park by The American Legion Service Department. The article points out that the Legion handled 1190 services cases in 1947. These cases included making funeral arrangements for veterans who died overseas and whose bodies were returned for burial, helping ex-servicemen with bonus applications, compensation claims, explaining provisions of the GI Bill of Rights and a host of other similar services—all of them performed without cost to the vets.

Here is one of the sources from which the Legion draws its strength. Any organization with such a record of unselfish service is deserving of support, both from its members and from the community at large. It is not strange that the Legion is so highly regarded in Highland Park.

## Art Exhibition By Local Man To Be Held Soon

Art League To Display  
Work of Richard Florsheim

In their studio in the Community House in Winnetka, the North Shore Art League will show paintings and lithographs done by Richard A. Florsheim of Highland Park, Illinois, from March 18 until April 8.

The exhibition will open Thursday night, March 18 at 8 o'clock when Mr. Florsheim will give a talk with lantern slides on, "What Do You See?", explaining what every painter has been seeking through many centuries of painting.

Nine oils and twelve lithographs will be in the exhibition. None of the oils has been shown before in Chicago.



Mr. Florsheim is having two other shows in March, one in the Chicago Public Library Art Room and the other in New York in the Joseph Luyber Galleries.

Richard Florsheim was born in Chicago, educated at the Chicago Latin School, University of Chicago, Europe and the Near East. He has had one man shows in the Milwaukee Little Gallery, Breckenridge Gallery, Chicago; Quest Gallery, Chicago; New School for Social Research, N. Y.; Art Institute of Chicago; Joseph Luyber Galleries, N. Y.; Chicago Public Library.

He has participated in many group shows all over the country and is in the private collections of Musée des Jeu de Paume, Paris, France and Mills College Art Department.

## Y.M.C. To Face Johnny Lujack Team March 24th In Basketball Tilt At H.S.

Lujack To "Power"  
Shamrocks In Game  
With Young Men's Club

The basketball stars of the Young Men's Club, who last Thursday defeated the powerful Clippers, colored all-star team,



48 to 43, at the Highland Park high school gym, will meet the Chicago Shamrocks at the same place on Wednesday evening, March 24 at 9 p.m. The game will be preceded by a preliminary game between the Russels (champions of the recent city tournament)

## ANNOUNCE WOOD AS CANDIDATE

Gen. Robert E. Wood  
Candidate For Delegate  
In National Convention

The importance of choosing a strong presidential candidate at the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in June was emphasized today by Robert E. Wood, nationally known business executive and civic leader. General Wood, Chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck and Co., and associated with numerous other businesses and civic enterprises, is a candidate for the office of delegate to the Republican National Convention from the 13th Congressional District.

In his first statement to the press, in connection with his candidacy, General Wood pointed out that the 13th Congressional District, even more than most others, should have a strong voice in the National Convention.

Although General Wood has been a prominent figure in Republican party circles for many years, his party delegate candidacy in the April 13th Primary marks the first time he has ever run for any type of political office. A veteran of both World Wars I and II, he has taken an active part in national and local civic problems upon return to civilian life. He is regarded as an outstanding candidate who will stand up for his beliefs and who because of his vast experience in handling big problems in the military, business and industrial world and his acquaintance with leaders throughout the nation, will be of inestimable value in assisting the choosing of the Republican presidential candidate this year.

Committee For Local Tax  
Revision Meets Next Wed.  
To Set Referendum Date

Chairman Eugene Hotchkiss of the city-wide committee of 100 men and women who were appointed to study the cut in our city's income due to new State legislation, announces that a meeting of the full committee will take place in the council chambers next Wednesday, March 17 at 7:45 p.m.

It is expected that a decision will be made about the new tax rate to be voted on in the proposed referendum. The committee also hopes to set the date for the referendum which will probably take place sometime next month.

## Highland Park's Legion Post Establishes A Fine Record In Serving Of Vets

Death Of Bernard L.  
Kleinschmidt Ends  
Brilliant Career

Last rites were conducted on Saturday, March 6, at the Trinity Episcopal church for Bernard L. Kleinschmidt, 1310 Judson, who succumbed to a surgical operation the preceding Thursday at the Billings Memorial hospital in Chicago.

Thirty-six years of age, he was a brilliant engineer and inventor, and was the owner of the B. L. Kleinschmidt Tool, Die and Engineering Company.



Born in the east, and a resident of Highland Park for 20 years, Mr. Kleinschmidt, because of his completely natural and unassuming personality, was better known nationally than locally. During the war he did extensive experimental work for the Signal Corps, and was, at the time of his death, engaged in developing several new machines related to the printing industry, in which he was intensely interested.

A graduate of St. Johns Military academy and of University of Wisconsin, he also attended Carleton college. Among other organizations he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a national fraternity, and of the Alumni Club of University of Wisconsin.

Surviving are his widow, Janet; his father, Edward K. Kleinschmidt; one son, Jimmie; one daughter, Virginia; a brother, Edward, and a sister, Doris.

Interment was made in Memorial Park cemetery.

### Proclamation

Mayor Robert F. Patton today issued a proclamation fixing the dates March 12 to March 17 as American Legion week in the City of Highland Park. The proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, the anniversary of the founding of the American Legion, which was formed in Paris, France, in 1919, occurs on March 15, 16 and 17 and

Whereas, the legion's department of Illinois, with a membership of more than 225,000 veterans, is making extensive plans to celebrate the occasion, and

Whereas, the anniversary of the founding of this distinguished patriotic order deserves formal public recognition.

Now, therefore, I, Robert F. Patton, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, do hereby proclaim the period from March 12 through March 17 of the present year as American Legion week throughout the City, and request the appropriate observance of the occasion.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

ROBERT F. PATTON

American Legion Offers  
Aid By Men Versed  
In Veteran Affairs

1190 Service Cases handled by Local Legion Post in 1947. For 27 years, the Highland Park Post No. 145 of the American Legion has given more service to veterans and their families outside of the Legion than to those veterans who are members of the Post. These are startling statements, so let's examine them.

Service in the Highland Park Post means giving help and aid to the veteran or his family in a hundred different ways. Service work involves giving advice, counsel, help and aid to veterans who need hospitalization, compensation adjustment cases, employment, housing needs, bonus claims, duplicates for lost discharge papers and the list has only begun. To all young veterans, we give advice and counsel on all matters of educational benefits to which he is entitled under the G.I. Bill.

The G.I. Bill is an intricate and difficult document. To know all its provisions and procedures requires service men experienced in that work.

The Post has followed two basic assumptions in handling its service work. First, that the men in the service department be fully informed and experienced in all phases of the work. They have been trained in service work because they have attended training schools and conferences set up by the State Department of the Legion at Bloomington.

The second principle is one of method of handling the cases. The Highland Park Post considers it a privilege to help our fellow veterans who live in this community. Our aid is given on the basis of kindness and sympathetic understanding. Frequently we must work with the next of kin in veteran's claims and funerals. It is our opinion that there is no Post in the state of Illinois that is any better equipped to render the services of a military funeral. We have an expert firing squad and color guard under the direction of District Chaplain Henry Hansen who has handled these services when the family has requested it.

During the year 1947, the Service Department of our Post has handled 1190 cases of service to the veteran or his family who live in Highland Park. Not one cent has ever been asked of any veteran for this service. All of the expenses of secretarial work, stationery, office expenses and stamps have been assumed by the Post. It is our privilege to serve the veterans in our community. We have had invaluable help from our Auxiliary Unit but the service work of the Auxiliary Unit will be discussed in a later article.

The head of the Service Department is Dewitt Manasse, a past commander of the Post. He has been assisted by William Rectenwald, Shirley Lauridon and Ed Parker, also by Mrs. Ann Halterman, until recently the secretary of the Post. "Well Done" to the Service Department of the Highland Park Post.

### Hours Extended For Registering To Vote In April 13 Primary

In order to vote in the Primary election to be held on Tuesday, April 13, every voter must be registered.

As a last-minute convenience the Township Supervisor's office, 2nd floor, 394 Central Avenue, will be open from 9 to 12, 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 on both Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.