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BUSINESS IS RUSSIAN!



Up To Now

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● THE LEGION AND THE HOSPITAL

The Highland Park Hospital, one of Highland Park's most important institutions, is benefitting from the anniversary of the founding of Post No. 145 of American Legion, one of Highland Park's most important organizations. We think the Legion's gift of \$2400 to the hospital (to be used to purchase 20 bassinets and stands for the new nursery) is an especially commendable celebration of the Legion's anniversary. In making this gift, the Legion is reaffirming its fundamental policy of service to the community in general. The Legion in Highland Park has been a potent source of civic improvement. Its birthday gift (in reverse) is ample evidence that it will continue to be so in the future.

● THE YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

Old timers in Highland Park who can recall when The Highland Park Young Men's Club was a source of recreation and enjoyment for scores of Highland Parkers, are interested in the group's efforts to build up the organization. The basketball game scheduled for March 24, between the Young Men's Club and Johnny Lujack's Chicago Shamrocks is one of the group's more important events in recent months. We hope the affair receives the wholehearted support it deserves.

● MEN OF THE HOUR

Continuing their program of bringing important and interesting people to Highland Park, The Highland Park Men's Republican club and the Deerfield Township Women's Republican club, have secured Admiral Byrd for the Men of the Hour Program on April 22. This series has been a valuable source of information on important topics for Highland Parkers. These groups have done an excellent job of maintaining a truly high standard in the quality of the speakers presented.

New Cycle Shop Offers Many Interesting Features

Wally Bieger, who is opening the Highland Park Cycle Shop at 380 Central, the space formerly occupied by Picchetti Bros., is by no means a stranger to many Highland Parkers. A lifelong resident of Lake Bluff, he attended the Highland Park High school, graduating in '25, and was active in its athletic and social functions at that time. Later he attended University of Wisconsin, after which he engaged in the merchandising and production business, which took him to various parts of the country. During the war he served as a production supervisor with the U. S. Signal corps.

The Highland Park Cycle shop will feature wheel goods—"everything on wheels", servicing bicycles, bike motors, wagons, scooters etc. A unique feature will be the retreading of pram wheels, and a pick-up and delivery service for the convenience of customers.

It is Mr. Bieger's plan to establish a Boys' Bicycle Club, with Club room facilities in his store.

Charles R. Rouse Is Candidate For Sheriff

Charles R. Rouse, home town boy, Republican, is the only candidate from the south end of Lake County for the office of Sheriff in the coming election.

Born and reared in Highland Park, upon graduation from Highland Park high school, he went to work at Briarcliff Golf club as caddy master, becoming manager of the club in 1924.

In 1934 he became full time deputy sheriff in the Lake County sheriff's office, working in all departments, and receiving special training under the supervision of the FBI, the Federal Communications commission and the National American Red Cross, acting as instructor in First Aid at Waukegan.

In 1946 he left the sheriff's office, and since that time has been employed by Johns Manville corporation, first in the plant protection and safety department, and now as personnel director of that corporation.

At the present time he, with his wife and three sons, is a resident of Waukegan.

Citizen Gives Plug For H. P. Police Force

Open Letter

TO THE EDITOR:

A letter, recently published, in a local newspaper, advocating an increase in the salaries of Postal workers, aroused my curiosity and set me to wondering about our own local Police Department. While I am heartily in favor of any increase in pay for our loyal mail workers, I also would like to see our Police Department granted a sizeable increase in salary. Lets look it over:

Our Police Officers work 6 days a week—48 hrs. a week—Saturdays—Sundays and all Holidays—year in and year out—fair weather or foul—for LESS than the pay a postal worker receives. They are subject to call at all times—must buy their own uniforms (which most Cities furnish)—spend hours and even days in court on their own time for which they receive no compensation what-so-ever, nor are they allowed this-time off. They must, and will be ready at all times to protect our lives and property, even if it means the sacrificing of their own lives. This is seldom—if ever—asked of any other type of employee, with possibly the exception of the Fire department—of which Highland Park has an excellent one.

Would you attempt to overpower and confine an intoxicated, fighting mad person—attend a seriously injured person following an accident—enter a dark, strange home in search of a prowler or burglar—pick up a mad dog—settle family arguments—for the small salary a local Policeman receives? Yes, he has to do this and much more for a salary of \$2800 a year. Figure it out yourself—it amounts to only \$53.85 per week—\$1.13 per hour—and that before deductions. Why, ordinary common laborers are paid \$1.50 per hour and up, for just digging a ditch in old grimy clothes.

I don't see how we can attain such a wonderful Police department on the pitiful small wages the City Fathers see fit to pay them, in fact I don't see how the officers themselves are able to maintain a home and family on their present salary. We all know how far a dollar goes these days.

Highland Park is one of the BEST cities in the world—has one of the BEST Police Departments—so let's pay them a salary in line with the BEST, not way below the rest. Highland Parkers want the best and are willing to pay for it. Let's get behind our Police department and voice our opinions to the Mayor and Commissioners and see that they get a raise in salary in keeping with the rising cost of living.

Did you know—Highland Park Policemen are paid the lowest salary of ANY City (over 5000) along the North Shore!!!!

FOR THEM 100% Citizen

Vehicle Tax Deadline Nears Warns Patten

Chief of Police Edward Patten, warns all auto owners that the deadline for purchasing City vehicle license is drawing near. Arrests will be made and fines levied on all persons found operating a car without a license on City streets after April 1, 1948.

In order to avoid embarrassment, loss of time and money by having to appear in Police Court, the Chief urges all Highland Park auto owners, who have not already done so, to purchase their 1948 City tags which are due the first of the year, the same as your State auto license.

City ordinances also require the license to be prominently displayed on the front of the vehicle for which it was issued, so when you get your new license don't put it in the glove compartment, or leave it at home in the garage—put it on the front of the car where it may readily be seen.

Persons who purchase their 1948 tags but fail to display them are also subject to arrest and fine declares the Chief.

Licenses are sold daily at the City Hall between the hours of

LEGION OBSERVES ITS 29TH YEAR

Legionnaires of Two Wars Celebrate Anniversary March 15th

The American Legion had its birth in Paris, France on March 15, 1919 and it was brought into being by a devoted group of loyal veterans of World War I. To know the American Legion is to know its Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion. All Americans, old and young should know this Preamble. It gives strength to our great Democracy in a time of doubt and confusion.

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the master of might;
To promote peace and good will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The membership of the American Legion is made up of veterans of both Great Wars. All comrades have equal standing in the American Legion. Any comrade who has honorably served his country in World War I or World War II either within or without the continental limits of the United States is invited to join the American Legion. Any veteran with an honorable record in World War II and still in active service is also invited to join the American Legion. Hence the Legion is all inclusive and is open to all veterans with an honorable record.

The Highland Park Post was organized in September 1919 in the old Highland Park Club which used to be located at the foot of Central Ave. near the lake. The first Commander of our local Post was one of our distinguished citizens, Captain Joseph Card, U.S.A. (deceased).

Every local Legion Post reflects the community from which it draws its membership. Through the years, the Highland Park Post has enjoyed the leadership of many distinguished commanders and officers. It has contributed much to the social and civic welfare of this community. Its membership continues to grow.

The present officers of the Post are, Commander Albert Bork; Vice Commander Jerry Leaming; Junior Vice Commander Clayton Hull; Adjutant Melvin Miller; Finance Officer, William Altman; Chaplain Albert Mueller; Sgt. of Arms, Allen Harrison; Service Officer Dewitt Manasse.

Trustees of the Post are Harry Eichler, Ray Grant, Herman Leuer, Mike Miotti, William Rectenwald and Miller Schriener.

Commander Bork, Officers and Trustees cordially invite all the veterans of Highland Park to attend meetings or avail themselves of Legion services to veterans. Legion quarters are located on the 3rd floor, 21 N. Sheridan Road.

Emblem Club To Sponsor Food Program

An educational food program and cooking school will be sponsored for the public by Highland Park Emblem club on Wednesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in the Elks hall, Laurel ave. and McGovern st., it was announced today by Mrs. Raymond Sheahan, president.

The program will last for two hours and will include actual cooking demonstrations by Ruth Fisher Holbrook, food consultant for Bowman Dairy Co.

Bags of groceries, as well as the food prepared by Mrs. Holbrook will be given away as door prizes at the conclusion of the lecture.

8 A.M. and 5 P.M. and on Saturdays from 8 A.M. to 12 noon.

P.T.A. Of District No. 107 Announce Cast Of Show "See Here Brother"

Gen. R. E. Wood Gains Supporters In Campaign

Supporters for General Robert E. Wood for Delegate to the Republican National Convention are snow-balling into a full-scale political organization.

Robert L. Daly, representing General Wood in his Lake Forest headquarters, announced Tuesday that scores of letters and countless telephone calls had already been received from admirers of General Wood offering their help in his campaign. "All such assistance is being gratefully accepted", Daly said, "And volunteers are being asked to contact their friends and neighbors."

"This spontaneous support is a mighty fine tribute to General Wood", Daly commented. "These



R. E. Wood
Candidate for delegate to
Republican National Convention

volunteers all feel the same way—they know the General for a soldier, a patriot, and a great American. They say they are proud to campaign for him. They want to make sure that he is in Philadelphia to give this 13th District of ours a strong voice in the selection of our next president."

"Don't you mean, in the selection of our next Republican candidate for president?" Daly was asked.

"This year that's the same thing," Daly said.

Legion Pledges \$2,400 As Gift For Hospital

Following through on the precept that one of the principal reasons for its existence is to be of service to the community, as well as to the nation, Highland Park Post No. 145, American Legion is observing the 29th anniversary of its founding by making a donation of \$2,400 to the Highland Park Hospital association, Post Commander Albert Bork announced this week. The money is to be used to pay for 20 bassinets and stands for the hospital's new nursery.

Commander Bork stated that this contribution, besides serving as part of the observance of the Legion's anniversary, is in line with the national policy of the Legion which calls specifically for support of local hospitals and child welfare programs. He said that the Post's executive committee arrived at the decision to recommend the donation for action by the general membership of the post after a thoughtful study of hospital needs. Commander Bork said that Carl C. Lanley, administrator of the hospital lent valuable assistance to the committee in its study.

Commander Bork said the new nursery at the hospital is one of the finest in the state of Illinois and the Highland Park Post considers it a privilege to lend its support to this cause which is so vital to the health and welfare of the children in this community.

Local Talent To Shine At Elm Place Auditorium Friday, March 19

The cast for the variety show "See Here Brother" to be presented at Elm Place School, Friday, March 19th, now assures a top performance from beginning to end.

Directed and coached by Mrs. Graham Marks and Mrs. Richard Hafner, well known for their acting in past North Shore plays, the cast comprises many especially well suited to parts allotted to them in the various skits. Those participating will be: Vernon Peterson, Leonard Wells, Jack Pincus, Jane Strauss, Lupp Weil, Katharine Wells, Jean Pincus, Harriet Ling, Katharine Cook, Herman Anspach, James Nachman, Peg Montgomery, Robert York, Robert Koretz, Caroline Anspach, Lorraine Ripezinski, Laura Deerinck, Graham Marks, Richard Hafner, Leonard Johnson, Dorman Anderson, Frank Moyes, Jack Ross, Francis Koretz, Ruth Peterson, Harvey Cousens, Jack Allan, J. P. Embich, Bernard Joseph, Jack Montgomery, Carl Casel, Louise Casel, Gertrude Nachman, Hadassah Baskin, Callie Derking, Minnie Joseph, Doreen Donaldson, Alice McGuffin, Elsie Hubert, Rozelle Graham, Virginia Pichard, Jane White, Lloyd Boetker, Carl Shupe, Orin Spalding, Cort Spalding, Bert Greene, Vernon Heins, and John Erickson.

In addition to the "train of the future", one of the outstanding features of the new play written by Jack Pincus, there will be ample opportunity to appraise television, for all the arts—fine and otherwise, will be tantalizingly televised. Come and see.

For this show, probably the best of the season, for the North Shore, a slight admission fee will be charged: Children free Thursday to the dress rehearsal. The date—Friday, March 19th, for "SEE HERE BROTHER."—A variety show of infinite variety and top talent.



R. ADM. RICHARD E. BYRD
Who will appear at the auditorium of
the Highland Park High school April 22.

Highland Park Youth Fatally Injured In Tragic Accident

A tragic accident occurred early Sunday morning when Donald Botker, 20, of 1201 Burton avenue, suffered instant death as a car crashed into the rear of the car on which he was engaged in changing a tire, at 850 Lake Shore drive, Chicago.

Returning home from a theater in Chicago, he was accompanied by Miss Dorothy Stanley of Lake Forest, who, by a miracle, escaped death as she stood on the curb.

An ex-G.I. and an automobile mechanic by occupation, the youth was born in Highland Park, attending Lincoln school and Highland Park High school before he entered the army. He served 14 months in Panama.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Botker of the above address, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Botker of Park avenue, and three uncles.