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Up To Now

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• A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY

The Lake Forest petition to withdraw from the high school district is really just an echo of the immemorial cry, "Am I my brother's keeper." The answer still is "Yes!"

Like many another proposition, the withdrawal, on the surface, appears to be a very simple matter. "Just let us educate ours and you educate yours," is the impression its proponents would like to give. It isn't that simple.

Here's what the proposal actually says. "Let Lake Forest, (WITH THE HELP OF PART OF THE NORTHERN SECTION OF DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP AND ALMOST HALF OF WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP) pay less money to educate Lake Forest's children (plus a few from the aforementioned northern section of Deerfield township and West Deerfield township) and let Highland Park pay more to educate the children of the remainder of Deerfield township and West Deerfield Township."

It isn't just a case of "let Shields township educate its own," because the petition asks that areas from the northern part of Deerfield and West Deerfield township be included in the Shields high school district. The fact that these areas have a tax valuation of more than \$12,000,000—AND VERY FEW STUDENTS—can hardly be classed as a coincidence.

Because we feel this issue is so important, we are publishing excerpts from a fact sheet prepared by opponents of the separation. If you are "agin" higher taxes, read the fact sheet AND SIGN THE PETITION OBJECTING TO THE WITHDRAWAL. (NOTE: We feel sure that after reading the fact sheet, you will agree that there are other good reasons in addition to the tax question, for opposing the withdrawal).

• 30 YEARS

This month the American Legion celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of its founding. The United States has received many benefits, directly and indirectly, from the Legion's thirty-year-old unwavering stand for Americanism.

It has become semi-fashionable in too many quarters, to sneer at "Americanism"—call it "provincial" and "a deterrent to a broad, world outlook."

"A world outlook" and "an international viewpoint" are very fine, and how could the rest of the world get along without it, but how long could America get along without at least some Americans with an American outlook?

Highwood Youth Accorded Military Honors, Wednesday

Military rites were held on Wed. at the Rock Island arsenal for Pvt. Edmund D. Bellei, 21, son of Mrs. Ellen Bellei of 12 Webster avenue, Highwood.

Member of the high school class of 1942, he entered service in February, 1943, serving in front-line action in Italy in 1944, on July 17th of which year he met his death. He served with the 349th regiment of the 88th division of the army.

Besides his mother he is survived by a twin brother, Edward, a Navy veteran, of Chicago, and two sisters, Florence and Leonore, of Highwood.

Interment was made in the Rock Island National cemetery.

Legion Post No. 145 To Stage Hospital Benefit April 8

The Highland Park Legion Post will sponsor their 2nd annual Spring Accordion at Elm Place school auditorium on Friday, April 8 at 7:45 p.m., for the benefit of the Legion Hospital Fund.

Bill O'Connor, announcer for WGN, and also a Legionnaire, will act as Master of Ceremonies, and will introduce a group of young accordionists headed by Louis Garino.

New Fire Truck

Something new has been added to the fire-fighting equipment of our city—a new \$30,000 fire truck. The 44-foot truck, with its 75-foot ladder, is a big item toward protection against fire.

VFW Elects '49 Officers Installation April 12

Wednesday evening March 9, 1949 the Highland Park Memorial Post No. 4737 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held its annual nomination and election of Officers for 1949-50.

The Officers elect are as follows: Edward Bergman, Commander; William C. Moran, Sr. Vice Commander; Bill McArthur, Jr. Vice Commander; Jim Lorimer, Quartermaster; The Honorable Henry Hanson, Judge Advocate; Earl Zaecke, Chaplain; Irwin Wallis, DDS, Post Surgeon; Three Year Trustee, Ray Mann; Two Year Trustee, Henry Scheske Jr.

Installation of officers will be held at the next regular meeting April 12, 1949. All members are urged to attend.

Lions Hear Donald B. Watt At Noon Meeting

At their regular Thursday meeting today, members of the Highland Park Lions Club had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Donald B. Watt, founder of adventure in world friendship known as The Experiment in International Living.

Since 1932, when Mr. Watt founded this non-profit organization, Experiment students have annually shared European or Latin-American home life, and made thousands of friends for the United States.

The young Experimenters are urged not to seek to instruct the foreigner in American ways but to understand his ways. It usually works out that many misconceptions abroad concerning Americans are cleared up.

Fact Sheet On Proposed Split of High School Dist.

If Lake Forest should be permitted to withdraw from the Deerfield-Shields Township High School District, YOUR TAX WILL GO UP APPROXIMATELY 8% and the high school tax portion of it WILL GO UP 40%, without any increase in high school facilities. For example:

If your tax is now \$100, it includes a high school tax of \$19.80 (*). If the District were separated, your tax would have been \$107.80 (8% more) and the high school tax portion of it would be \$28.62 (40% more).

If the separation should occur and our citizens should fail to vote tax increase that would be needed immediately, our high school budget would have to be reduced by at least \$100,000. This might mean dismissing a number of teachers, increasing the size of the classes, eliminating some of the important courses now being offered and curtailing badly needed repairs.

Why Should Lake Forest's Withdrawal from the District Affect Our Taxes So Greatly?

In every community there are some people who own considerable property but have few or no children still in school (or who send them to private schools),—as well as poorer people who may have a number of children of school age. All are taxed at the same rate to provide public schools for the community but the first group, obviously, pays higher taxes than the second. If the wealthy people should decide not to pay their share of school taxes because they use the public schools less... we would call their conduct selfish and un-American. Under our system, a public school education is guaranteed to ALL children—and ALL citizens, rich and poor, pay (Continued on page 6)

Hospital Auxiliary To Expand Ranks Of Organization

With the enlargement of the Highland Park hospital, the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital has recognized an added responsibility. With this in mind, the ranks of the auxiliary are being expanded.

Mrs. Howell Murray heads a group of 35 women who will invite 1,000 new members to join the group in the vital work of making surgical dressings and machine-stitched articles.

Dues collected from members, together with receipts from Thrift Shop and White Elephant teas, have purchased needed equipment for the hospital.

A large business meeting and luncheon is held the second Wednesday of each month at Trinity church parish hall. On alternate Wednesday mornings a group meets at the hospital to make dressings.

The drive is already well on its way, and Mrs. George Strecker, president of the auxiliary, hopes to greet a host of new members at the next meeting.

Community Town Meeting At Lincoln School Monday At 8 p.m.

Mayor Patton and four city commissioners will be on the platform to head the panel discussion of Current Civic issues at the community-wide "town meeting", Monday night at Lincoln school. The meeting, held under the sponsorship of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, will start promptly at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Charles Puestow, League president, is in charge of the meeting. Commissioners, making reports will be: Gordon Humphrey, Finance and Accounts; Lyle Gourley, Public Health and Safety; Edward J. Moroney, Public Property, and Oliver Turner, City Streets.

"We expect to report to the people on what has been accomplished by this administration," Mayor Patton said, today. Subjects To Be Discussed

Naming in detail subjects that will be discussed at the meeting.

Residents of Dist. 108 To Elect New Board Members On April 9

The Caucus Committee of School District 107, embracing both Elm Place and Green Bay Road schools, met February 21st to nominate five board members. After careful consideration the caucus unanimously selected the following members on whom the residents of District 107 are asked to vote on April 9 at Elm Place school. The polls will be open from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Franklin J. Lunding, 903 No. Sheridan road to serve as president for one year. A resident of Highland Park since 1936, Mr. Lunding is completing his first three-year term as member of the Board. Married and father of three, two of whom attend Elm Place school, he is President as well as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Jewel Tea Company. A graduate of George Washington University Law School, he has served in the Research Department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and as Attorney for the Federal Trade Commission. In addition to still other responsible posts, he is a Class C Director of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago and Deputy Chairman of its Board.

Robert J. Koretz, 443 Egandale Road to serve a one-year term. He has just completed six years (Continued on page 6)

Mrs. Ethel Victor To Address PTA Of Ravinia, March 22

Mrs. Ethel L. Victor of the Association for Family Living, will conduct the third of a series of study groups at the next Ravinia PTA meeting Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at 8:30 in the Music room of the Ravinia school. This meeting is planned especially for the parents of the 5th and 6th grade children but all parents are welcome.

Mrs. Victor received her B.A. degree from Western Reserve University and is in residence for her M.A. degree at the University of Chicago. She has had special (Continued on page 6)

Three Win Prizes At Grand Opening Of Ace Hardware

E. M. Haws of Deerfield was the winner of the grand prize of \$50 worth of merchandise, given by the Ace Hardware Store, 26 S. Second St., on opening days, Friday and Saturday, March 11-12. Second prize, \$25 in merchandise, was won by Jackie Noerenberg of 140 S. Second St.

A case of All-Laundry detergent was won by Mrs. H. W. Oliver of 109 S. Second St.

Lincoln School PTA Spring Luncheon And Card Party

The Lincoln school annual Spring Luncheon and Card Party will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 1 P. M.

Chairman in charge of the affair is Mrs. Robert Stein, assisted by co-chairman Mrs. Fred Bishop, and a committee including Mrs. Leon Lewis, Mrs. Daniel Ehrlich and Mrs. Sam Nathan. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Sam Nathan at H.P. 5666.

Kick-off Meeting Last Monday Starts Door-to-Door Campaign

Plans Progressing For Morgan Playground Construction

Campaign Planned

Mr. Francis D. Weeks, Chairman of Morgan Playground Improvement Trust, announced this week that the campaign to raise the final amount of funds to complete the playground at Elm Place School was being vigorously undertaken under the direction of Mr. David J. Harris, Campaign Chairman. Mr. Weeks reported that a total of \$14,388.70 had now been received or pledged toward the original goal of \$17,500.00. Due to increased building costs, \$5,500.00 more will be required to complete the project, which will actually cost about \$20,000.00

Playgrounds

Already the playfields have been rough graded; the black-top area for 3 tennis courts and 2 basketball courts has now been installed and fenced. During the past weeks, many boys have taken advantage of this hard-surfaced area and have been using the basketball courts. When completed, the playground will consist also of two large playfields, one for the boys and one for the girls.

Field House

One of the important elements of this project is construction of a field house for storage of athletic equipment and which will be used as a warming house for the ice-skating rink when it is moved to Morgan Playground. The present shelter house on the East side of Sheridan Road is hopelessly inadequate and cannot be moved. The present ice skating rink is too small. When funds are available, it is planned to build a good permanent structure on Morgan Playground; this will give the children an exceptionally fine ice skating facility. The children derive so much pleasure from this winter sport that the Playground Trustees and School Authorities agree that the children deserve a better "break" in this regard.

Contributions

During the past 2 weeks letters requesting contributions from all Elm Place School and Green Bay rd. School Parents have been (Continued on page 6)

City Council O.K.'s Contracts For Shore Repairs: Stop Lights

The City Council on Monday evening approved the bid of \$19,000 submitted by N. S. Mackley Company for the repair of shore walls on Central beach, and decided to advertise for bids for repairs to the city water tower, bids to be opened at the council meeting of April 11.

Traffic Lights

The council also approved the bid of Wood Electric Company for erecting traffic lights at a cost of \$3,744.51. A stop and go signal at Green Bay road and Central avenue will be installed, as well as two flash signals; one at the junction of Sheridan road, Sheridan place and St. Johns avenue, and the other at the junction of Sheridan road, Cedar avenue and Dean avenue.

City Hall Basement

A bid of \$22,000 for remodeling the city hall basement was rejected, and a limit of \$10,000 set as the cost of that project.

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Amer. Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Party At Downey Hospital

On Tuesday evening a party sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary unit 145 was given for five T.B. wards on the McIntire side at Downey hospital. Mrs. Grant Benson, rehabilitation chairman, was in charge, and coconut cream pie with coffee was served to 180 men.

Mr. Herman Leuer, a Legionnaire of Post 145 was enthusiastically received when he entered the wards with his accordion. He was accompanied by Mrs. Leonard Eichler at the piano.

Assisting Mrs. Benson were (Continued on page 6)

An enthusiastic group of workers met at the high school Monday evening, March 14th, to get all the facts and information about petition opposing Lake Forest's attempt to separate from the Deerfield-Shields Township High School District. A total of approximately 700 workers will begin a canvass this week of every home in Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield, Bannockburn and Wilmet to obtain an expected 10,000 signatures.

Campaign chairman Lee H. Ostrander opened the meeting and introduced Howell W. Murray who gave the assembled workers facts on the history of the Deerfield-Shields High School District and an explanation of the factors leading to Lake Forest's petition to separate. Other members of the campaign committee spoke, explaining the serious effects of the separation if this move to stop it were unsuccessful and our citizens failed to vote for the increase in taxes that would be immediately necessary. Petition blanks and fact sheets were distributed, so that the workers would be completely prepared to discuss the problem with the people on whom they would call.

Responsibility Should Be Shared

"It is essential that we get 10,000 signatures," said Chairman Lee H. Ostrander after the meeting. "This attempt by Lake Forest to pull out of the District which they petitioned to join when they needed help years ago, is merely a move to shift their share of responsibility to other's shoulders. The American public school system is supported by the principle of spreading the cost of schools between those who pay high taxes and those whose taxable property is small. Both Lake Forest and Highland Park now pay more in taxes than their students cost—but this helps to provide schooling for areas that have a lower taxable wealth, and that is as it should be. Lake Forest however wants to ignore this responsibility completely and merely walk out on the problem."

"Grab" Should Be Halted

"I was shocked to learn that Lake Forest, not content with merely trying to pull Shields Township out of the High School District, has also included in its petition a grab of the northern part of Deerfield Township and 40% of West Deerfield Township. These areas, which were never a part of Shields Township, have a total tax valuation of \$12,000,000 and a very small student population—so Lake Forest is trying not only to "walk out" on its responsibilities, but also to take (Continued on page 6)

Post Orders Raincoats For School Patrol Boys

Commander Jerry C. Leaming announced that the Post had ordered additional raincoats and hats for the boys of the Grammar School safety patrols. He commended the school patrols for doing an outstanding job in helping the little children across the dangerous intersections near our schools.

Commander Leaming said, "The Highland Park Post stands behind these boys and we want them to keep warm and dry while doing this wonderful civic work in cold rainy weather." Additional raincoats and rain hats will be delivered to the following schools, Elm Place, Immaculate Conception, Lincoln, Ravinia and Branside. The gift is part of our Post's Child Welfare and Youth Program."

Deerfield Women To Present Illustrated Lecture March 22

The Garden department of the Deerfield Woman's club, with Mrs. Walter Wacker, chairman, will present A. C. Kadow in an illustrated lecture, "Many Wings", at the Deerfield Grammar school auditorium, March 22 at 8 p.m. This will be a guest meeting.

Mrs. Paul Pagett, president of the club, announces that Mrs. Robert O. Clark wishes to show a movie of the Cancer activities of Lake County, preceding the program scheduled for April 12.