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Legion Auxiliary members with finished poppies. — Left to right: Mesdames Chris Matthiesen, Grant Benson, Ellery Harvey, Oscar Iverson, Edw. Gilroy and Phil Cole.

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• ANOTHER MEMBER

Mon Walgren has joined Ed Pauley in the ranks of what may be a not-too-exclusive society—"Rejected Truman Nominees." One of Mr. Truman's virtues, ranking alongside the confidence that made him almost the only man in the United States who was sure he would win the election, is his loyalty to his friends. It's too bad that he does not also number among his virtues the ability to realize that the bestowal of his fraternal affection does not endow his friends with the ability to cope with jobs for which they have no other discernible qualification.

• WALKING IS STILL GOOD

For some time we have been watching automobile prices, wondering when the price of new or used cars would come down to a level which we are unreasonable enough to consider reasonable. Lately we have felt that while prices have a long way to go, at least they are headed in the right direction. Having been out of direct touch with the financial ramifications of car buying and operation for the past five years, we have been giving major attention to the initial investment factor of the situation and have been passing over the upkeep angle. Yesterday a friend showed us a garage bill for a minor repair job and we bought a new pair of shoes.

• SOVIET CHAGRIN

Sometimes the Red Chum fails to learn by observation. Last November we "capitalistic imperialists" held an election and Mr. Truman, upon receiving some 50 per cent of the votes, declared he had a mandate from the people. The Soviets hold an election in the eastern section of Germany, get some 60 per cent of the vote, start screaming that someone doublecrossed them, and hold up the election returns for 20 hours, apparently out of sheer rage. If Mr. Truman had received 60 per cent of the vote he would have felt competent to repeal the law of gravity.

Emblem Club Plans Pot Luck Luncheon Wednesday, May 25

The Highland Park Emblem club No. 113 will give a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, May 25 at 1 p.m. Following the luncheon, to which all members and guests are invited, card games will provide the afternoon's entertainment. All members and guests are requested to bring a hot or cold dish of food as their contribution.

Mothers of Highland Park Elks and Emblem club members were guests of honor at the regular monthly meeting of the organization last Wednesday at a special program commemorating Mothers' Day. A style show was presented by the following members:

Mesdames Peter Prato, Roy Wilcox, Henry Stenson, James McKillip, Earl McGath, Leonore Steffens, John Lenzini, Joseph Paletti, Burton Corube, Karl Hansen, William Cortesi, M. C. Dean, and Jack Moran.

Also modeling were little John Wayne, Ann Marie and Mary Gay, Kathleen Manninen and Penny Russell. Mrs. Charles Russell was chairman and commentator, assisted by Mrs. Edward Welch and Mrs. James Berube. Mrs. Norman Hansen, newly installed president, presided.

Cooperating with this event were the J. B. Garnett Company, Lucile Hilborn Shop, Fell Company and the Jack and Jill Shop.

North Shore Garden Club Flower Show Tuesday, May 24

"Spring Fever" which is the title of the Flower Show sponsored by the North Shore Garden Club, will be held at Lake Shore Country Club in Glencoe on Tuesday May 24 from 2 to 9:30 P.M. In addition to nineteen specimen classes, which are of interest during this season, there will be nine classes in arrangements and three classes of table arrangements.

Since the show is not limited to Garden Club members, all who are interested are urged to exhibit. Schedules and entry blanks may be obtained from the Flower Show chairman, Miss Maxine Phillips 515 Greenleaf Avenue, Glencoe.

Elks To Stage Annual Boxing Show At Labor Temple, Saturday

The 5th annual boxing show to be sponsored by the Highland Park Elks lodge in the Labor Temple, North ave., on Saturday night will bring together an all-star cast of performers, Mel Mullins, chairman, promised today.

Star bout of the evening will see two 148-pounders, Vic Jamison and Bob Vignalli in what shapes up to be a real slug fest. Vignalli displayed real power in his last ring appearance when he defeated the Irish champion, Danny Boyle, in a battle that had the fans constantly on the edge of their seats.

Welfare Groups Enjoy Annual Luncheon

Members of the four groups of the Highland Park-Ravinia Center of Infant Welfare cast aside all thoughts of sewing baby garments, collecting clothing for the Thrift Shop, and committee reports, and dohned their best bonnets for the gala event of the year, the annual luncheon, given yesterday at the Exmoor Country Club.

A gay spring note was added to the occasion in the form of potted pink geraniums on the luncheon tables, and a blue baby carriage filled with geraniums graced the speakers table. Lovely corsages were made and presented to the guests of honor by the Wings. Mrs. Robert Wilson, general chairman of the luncheon was assisted by members of all groups of Infant Welfare in arrangements and decorations.

Mrs. Henry Schroeder, president of the Junior Group presided and introduced the guests of honor: Mrs. Elizabeth McCreary, Superintendent of Administrative Staff of Infant Welfare, Miss Jeanette Townsend, extension secretary, Mrs. Robert Powell, president of the woman's auxiliary, Mrs. Alice Hanson of the Highland Park News, Mrs. T. J. Zabel of the Highland Park Press, and Miss Betty Karger of the Waukegan News Sun.

Board members of each group were introduced by their presidents.

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De Paur's Infantry Chorus Wins Acclaim Of Large Audience

Climaxing an unusually fine Community Concert series, the De Paur Infantry chorus program brought the season to a thrilling close last Thursday evening in the High school auditorium.

It is understandable why these gifted singers, who gave over 2000 concerts for the armed forces during the last war, have won international fame since, as a civilian group. The rich individual talent combined with the skill of the conductor, Leonard de Paur, who made many of the arrangements himself, combine to make the group unique. The enthusiasm of the audience was manifested in the storms of applause and the two encores demanded after the final curtain had been rung down, still leaving an undercurrent of pleasurable excitement.

Each soloist added his part to the general excellence of the program, but, outstanding, in the opinion of the writer, was the rendition of the Lord's Prayer, sung with such beauty and feeling as to seem, in itself, a benediction. The spirituals, the old favorites, that deathless tribute to the infantry, Roger Young, and a novelty marching song led by "The Sergeant", were given in a manner to rival the performance of the great Robeson.

It is the unanimous hope that the chorus will make a return engagement.

Information Needed On Names of Deceased Veterans

A committee from the Highland Park Service Mothers club is working on the list of Gold Star names to be placed on a permanent plaque. This plaque is to be their gift to the new Memorial Legion home. The checking on the correct spelling of these names, as well as information as to middle names, is incomplete.

Any help in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Call Mrs. J. J. Peddle, H.P. 348

Ravinia PTA Hold Final Meeting May 24;

The final meeting of the Ravinia PTA will be held Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m., May 24th in the Village House of Ravinia School.

A summary on the activities of the PTA during the past year will be given. This will be followed by a discussion of plans for the coming year. Refreshments will be served.

The Annual Field Day of Ravinia School will take place on Friday afternoon, May 20th at 2:30 p.m.

NEXT SATURDAY IS POPPY DAY

Poppy Day In Highland Park Saturday, May 21

A simple flower, 'tis true
But more—
A symbol of the sacrifice
Which made and kept us free.

The American Legion Auxiliary on Poppy Day will distribute 25,000,000 Poppies throughout the United States. Proceeds from the sale will amount to about \$2,000,000 and every penny is devoted to rehabilitation work by both the Legion and Auxiliary.

All Legion poppies are hand made by veterans in Hospitals and poppy work rooms in forty states. The veterans receive pay for each poppy they make and the mental lift to the patient is as important as the pay. For them it is an interesting occupation and uses up their time.

In Highland Park, the Legion Auxiliary finds its rehabilitation work largely confined to the veterans ill at the Downey Veterans Hospital at North Chicago. Demands for this work are increasing due to the influx of service men and women of World War II.

The American Legion was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its Memorial Flower, having taken this action at the Cleveland Convention, September 1920. The Legion Auxiliary took similar action at their Kansas City Convention in 1921 and the Auxiliary has charge of distribution of the poppies. Mrs. Karl Salo is Chairman of the Poppy Day Committee for Legion Auxiliary in Highland Park.

R. J. Sheahan To Head Lions Club; Greene, Vice-President

Six members of the Highland Park Lions club attended the state convention held Monday and Tuesday in the Morrison hotel, Chicago. They were Floyd Godfrey, president, Martin Hart, Lloyd Larson, Julius Laegeler, Fred Moon and W. J. Seguin.

The new president chosen for election on June 9 is R. J. Sheahan, supported by the following officers: Bert D. Greene, first vice president; John Werheim, second vice president; Gordon Fowler, third vice president; G. J. Dinkello, secretary; Ted Marks, treasurer; Lloyd Larson, lion tamer; Walter Beiger, tail twister, and Fred Schweiger and Fred R. Moon, directors.

An FBI man is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the May 26 meeting in the Moraine hotel at 12:15 p.m. The club will celebrate its 20th birthday with a ladies' night dinner-meeting at Sunset Valley club on June 2.

Articles Made By Disabled Veterans Now On Sale

A window in Garnett's store exhibits, this week, a display of articles made by disabled veterans. These articles are for sale, and may be purchased from Mrs. Joseph J. Riddle, 330 Vine avenue, Highland Park 4264.

Mrs. Riddle, who is craft chairman for the American Legion auxiliary of Highland Park, has sold more than one third of the total amount of these articles sold in the whole 10th district.

Trinity Church Groups Plan Tea Sunday, June 5

The members of the Trinity Guild and the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal church will hold a tea on Sunday, June 5th, in the home of Mrs. James T. Aubrey, 181 Hazel avenue.

The tea will be given for the benefit of the eight Diocesan Social agencies in Chicago. All members and friends of the parish are invited to attend.

Royal Neighbors Plan White Elephant Bingo Party

The Royal Neighbors of Highland Park will hold a White Elephant Bingo party at the Masonic temple Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. Prizes wrapped in white paper will be donated by the various members, according to Mrs. Egert Carlsen, chairman. Public is invited.

Ravinia Park Pavilion Destroyed By Fire; Concerts To Continue

"The Poppies Are Here!" Announces Highwood Legion Auxiliary

This is the word which flashed through the ranks of Highwood unit of the American Legion auxiliary, when a shipment of memorial poppies to be worn here on Poppy Day, May 21st, arrived from the Downey hospital, where they were made by disabled war veterans.

"We expect to have the most successful Poppy Day in the history of the observance," said Mrs. Elbert Jones, poppy chairman. "Young women of Highwood have volunteered enthusiastically to help us carry the memorial flowers to everyone in the city. We hope to see a poppy on every coat on Poppy Day."

Contributions received in exchange for the flowers will be used in the Auxiliary work for veterans and their families during the coming year. The Poppy contributions provide a large part of the financial support of the Auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare programs.

Mrs. William Alderman To Head Ravinia Woman's Club

Mrs. William Alderman, newly elected president of the Ravinia Woman's club, received the gavel of her office at the closing meeting of the club held last week at the Ravinia Village house. Mrs. Albert Bushey, retiring president, will join Mrs. Frank Frable on the Board as a Director.

Elected with Mrs. Alderman and taking office with her are Mrs. David M. Cox as second vice-president and Mrs. Wallace Muehlberg as corresponding secretary. As second vice president Mrs. Cox will head the house committee, which has charge of the luncheons and teas.

Officers whose jobs will hold over for a second year are Mrs. I. S. Riggs, first vice president in charge of membership and hospitality committee, Mrs. Gordon Parks, recording secretary, and Mrs. E. P. Barnes, treasurer.

Mrs. Theodore Rehn will be in charge of programs for the coming year, succeeding Mrs. Arthur Heimerdinger. Mrs. William Wenzinger will head the Arts committee and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs the Philanthropy committee.

The Social committee, which is in charge of the dances for the coming year, will have Mrs. George Kirkgasser as committee chairman. Mrs. Robert Christopher, who ran the dances last year will have charge of the Holly Hop.

Mrs. Herbert D'Sinter has been named head of the Civics committee; Mrs. Robert Spahr, Auditing and Revisions; Mrs. John N. Barbee, Jr., Maintenance; and Mrs. Philip Bright, Jr., Publicity.

Ravinia Woman's club is closing its 38th year with a membership of 381, including honorary and associate memberships. Fifty-two new members were voted into the club during the past year.

Ravinia Group Contributes To Chicago Neighborhood Settlement

The May meeting of the Ravinia Auxiliary to the Chicago Commons Association will be held Friday, May 27th, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Percy Prior, Sr. 1026 Wade Street. As always, a dessert-luncheon will be served before the short business meeting. This will be followed by an hour of sewing articles for the use of campers at the summer Camp in Michigan maintained by the parent organization. Mrs. Armand McPhee, President of the local group was happy to announce that the Rummage Sale held in early April netted \$200.00. This will enable a number of children of the crowded Chicago area in which the Commons Neighborhood Settlement is located, to leave the dusty city streets for two weeks in the cool woods in Michigan, where fresh air and good but simple food will make happy boys and girls.

14th Festival Concert Slated To Start On Schedule, June 28

The Ravinia Park pavilion and band shell, long associated with famous conductors and such renowned artists as Schumann-Heink, Caruso, Tito Schipa, Rosa Raisa, Swarthout and others equally noted, is today a heap of blackened ruins and ashes, circled by the seared and scorched trunks of valuable trees, many of which are 75 years old. The 45-year-old pavilion, with stage accommodation for 90 musicians, room for over 1500 reserved seats, and space for nearly twice as many unreserved, would cost \$200,000 or more to replace, according to John D. Laurie, Manager of the park.

When Mr. Laurie left the place at 6:30 Saturday evening, after his customary round of careful checking, everything was in order, as was the case when his head gardener and assistant, Joseph Caposso, left an hour and a half later. The master switch was turned off and there was no hint of the disaster to follow.

At 9:54 p.m., when the alarm was turned in, the place was in full blaze, with the reflection visible in the sky seven miles around. Fire companies from Highland Park, Highwood, Fort Sheridan, Glencoe and Winnetka, with Lake Forest standing by for emergencies, were unable to check the flames. Thousands of spectators thronged the grounds.

Fortunately no other buildings were reached by the flames. The circular petunia bed, long a Ravinia landmark, was undamaged.

Ravinia first opened in 1904 as an amusement park. In the June 29, 1911 issue of THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, appears the following excerpt: "Ravinia Park has been saved, for the season, at least, by the indefatigable efforts of the men who have secured the money necessary to purchase the valuable property . . . Many soloists of the first rank have been engaged . . . One of next season's Grand Opera stars, Eva Myloff, will appear every other day during the engagement of the Thomas Orchestra." (Frederick Stock conducting).

Up to the time of the depression, in 1929, the Louis Eksteins, of Ravinia, lavished fund and personal attention in procuring the world's greatest artists for the Ravinia programs. Ravinia was as well known in Europe as in this country—better perhaps—for a star featured in Ravinia Opera had no difficulty in securing European engagements. Music lovers thronged to the park, to feast eyes as well as ears, for the site has long been known as a show place. Many thousands of spectators found seats on the surrounding lawn to enjoy the "music under the stars." Although later seasons have been dedicated to symphony to old timers Ravinia will always spell grand opera—at its best.

In 1930 when the place was in its prime, such stars as Lucrezia Bori, Mario Chamlee, Elizabeth Rethberg, Yvonne Gall, Edward Johnson and Giovanni Martinelli were thrilling large audiences.

In 1944 the 34 acre tract, a site of rustic beauty, was deeded to the Ravinia Festival Association by Mrs. Eckstein.

Plans for the seven-week program of concerts beginning next June 28 are proceeding without interruption. According to Percy B. Eckhart, chairman of the Ravinia Association: "The Ravinia Festival Association is unanimous in its desire to present the Ravinia program of concerts this season."

Legion Auxiliary Party

The monthly all games party sponsored by the Highwood Unit No. 501, American Legion auxiliary has been postponed because of a number of activities to be held the same evening. These parties are held the fourth Monday of each month, so the next one will be scheduled for June 27th.