

Hunter, who is always deliberative in his decisions, has not yet announced the final choice of characters nor behind the stage hands. The choice is expected to be made public next week.

Another comedy, another success, seems to be the rule for the Deerfield Drama Club, and its past performances prove this statement, for the last show drew the largest crowd ever assembled in Deerfield for a local talent performance. Choice of the new play augurs well for the success of the second play of their third season.

"The Mummy and the Mumps" is to appear on the boards the early part of February in the Deerfield Grammar School Auditorium.

**Dr. J. S. Sherman Will Address Lincoln P.T.A.**

The Lincoln School Parent Teacher Association will be held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 3 o'clock.

Dr. John H. Sherman, former professor of sociology at Northwestern University, will address the meeting on "Larger Aspects of Public School Education."

Preceding the lecture there will be a short social period and tea to be served by the seventh grade mothers.

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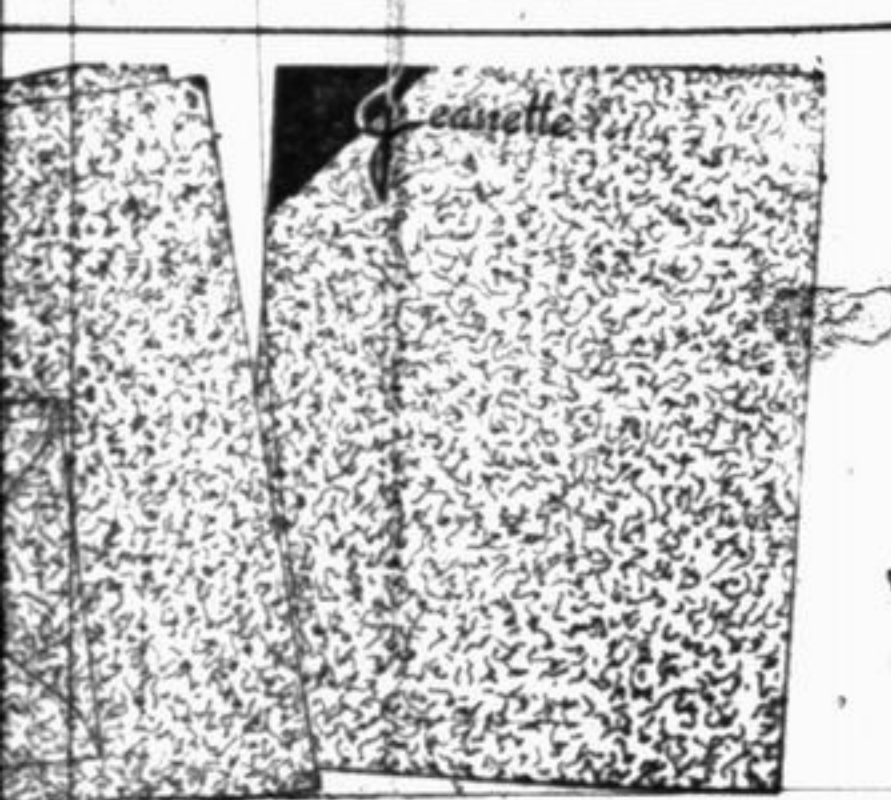


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**LEGION ENDORSES GEN. BOLLES' PLAN**

**Local Post Starts "21-Point" Plan on Its Way to Prominence**

A resolution endorsing the plan of Brig.-Gen. F. C. Bolles, commanding at Fort Sheridan, for the establishment of subsistence farms to take care of war veterans and their families and at the same time take farm land out of the general market but still keep it in use, was adopted at the meeting of George Alexander McKinlock, Jr., Post of the American Legion, of Lake Forest, Monday evening of this week.

Gen. Bolles' plan will be presented to the Eighth District Council of the Legion on Jan. 19, and from there it will be advanced until it reaches the national headquarters of the American Legion. It has been reported that the plan has already been approved by the national Legion body, and the Lake Forest resolution is merely a matter of form, and a start of the plan on its way to national prominence.

Following is an outline of Gen. Bolles' plan, as endorsed by the Lake Forest Post of the Legion:

**21-Point Plan for Veterans Subsistence Homesteads**

**Foreword.** The essence of this plan is that a fund be provided from which deserving veterans with families may secure loans for the purchase of subsistence homesteads which, augmented by part time outside employment, will guarantee the future security of the family and home.

The plan, in detail, is as follows: 1. That a revolving fund be provided for the purpose of purchasing subsistence homestead tracts for occupancy by deserving veterans with families.

2. These subsistence homestead tracts to be ten acres each. (This number, of acres is ample in some states, such as Illinois; whereas in other states more acreage may be required.)

3. These homestead tracts must be purchased from farms in a high state of cultivation and the acreage purchased for the homestead tracts must be taken from acreage normally utilized for mass production and must be of high proven productivity.

4. These ten acre homestead tracts to be so distributed as not to exceed two such tracts to each 160 acres of land owned.

**NOTE:** This system of distributing homestead tracts effects the following very desirable results.

(a) Adapts itself to utilization of already existing physical set-ups, such as schools, churches, hospitals, roads and other community facilities.

(b) Converts mass production acreage into acreage for the production of immediate consumption food products, thus aiding in the solution of the problem of over-production.

(c) Increase changes for part-time employment of the homesteader—on large adjacent farms and in nearby communities.

(d) Distributes the benefits of money spent in purchase of land and equipping homesteads.

(e) The veteran's family, thus occupying a homestead, takes on the aspect of an independent citizen moving into a new homestead, rather than that of a community colonizer.

5. Each homestead tract to be equipped with the following:

(a) An adequate comfortable dwelling, a well and necessary out-houses.

(b) Tools and seeds for the first year's planting.

(c) One cow, two pigs and forty chickens.

6. The cost of each homestead, including all improvements and equipment, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

7. A board of selection to be appointed by the authority allocating the funds. The board to determine the value of the land to be purchased and to make the selection of the subsistence homestead tracts. The selection of the homesteaders to be made according to the rules jointly approved by the American Legion and the authority allocating the money for the project.

8. The purchase of materials for the improvement and equipping each homestead for occupancy to be made in the locality in which the homestead is established.

9. The revolving fund to be administered through a corporation and necessary subsidiaries to be formed as designated by the authority allocating money for the project.

10. The land owners to be given full cash payment for the homestead tracts as purchased by the corporation.

11. The homesteader to repay the corporation for the homestead tract and all improvements thereon (including tools, seeds, pigs, cow, chickens, etc.) in semi annual payments over a period not to exceed thirty years. No interest to be charged the homesteader on this loan. Taxes to be the obligation of the homesteader from the date of occupancy.

12. No payments except taxes to be required from the homesteader until the expiration of three years from the date of occupancy. (Thus providing a "breathing spell" for the homesteader to place the establishment on a self-sustaining basis.)

13. The corporation to retain title to the homestead tracts and all improvements until the homesteader has made final payment according to the homestead contract. The home-

stead and all improvements thereon then to become the property of the homesteader.

14. The corporation should make provision that the homesteader's contract is so drawn as to permit any bonus due the veterans from the United States at any time to be applicable for payment against the homestead purchase.

15. Sale, mortgage or lien by the homesteader, or improvements to be prohibited in the homestead contract.

16. No additions of land or improvements (to include the purchase of additional cow, pigs, chickens, etc.) to be made by the homesteader without the authority of the corporation.

17. Sale of products from the subsistence tracts, at no time, to exceed 25% of the amount normally sold from mass production on the same tract. Sale of cows, pigs, chickens or their by-products for the market to be prohibited except on authority of the corporation.

18. The corporation to exercise full and final authority in making provision for administration and supervision of homesteads and in all matters pertaining to same.

19. Until the completion of the full and final payment by the homesteader to the corporation, the corporation should retain the authority to revoke the contract at any time upon proof that the homesteader is failing to comply with the letter and spirit of the Veterans' Subsistence Homestead Project. This proviso can be facilitated by treating each partial payment by the homesteader in the same light as rent until the completion of full and final payment and the transfer of the homestead title from the corporation to the homesteader.

20. Allocation of homestead sites will be made to the department areas of the American Legion according to existing conditions and requirements for readjustment. So far as is practicable each homesteader should be settled on a subsistence homestead tract in close proximity to his permanent residence.

21. Provisions for necessary agricultural guidance for the homesteaders should be the obligation of the authority allocating the money for the project.

**Local Hockey Team Holds Oak Park, 2-1**

The Rainbow Hockey team of Highland Park was defeated by the Litzinger's of Oak Park on Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Chicago Coliseum. Considering the fact that the Highland Park boys have had very little practice, due to the lack of ice this season, the game proved very exciting, with the close score of 2 to 1 resulting after playing two extra-time periods. Oak Park's last point was made on a scratch goal ten seconds before the final bell.

To mention any particular player as being outstanding, it would be necessary to point to each player, as the entire team played an excellent game of hockey, despite the fact that none of the boys have ever played on an artificial rink before. Due to the little practice and lack of team work the game depended mainly on individual playing. Harold Foreman Jr., one of Highland Park's football stars, played an exceptionally fine game, and scored the one goal for the Rainbows. The work of Chester Peterson, as goal guard, was outstanding, as he made some beautiful stops. Several Chicago teams were anxious to sign Peterson up after seeing his fine showing.

Lester Patric, manager and coach of the New York Ranger hockey team, attended the game as S. W. Karger's guest, as he is a close friend of Karger's, and he commented on the Highland Park team as being very good for a group of boys.

Emil Iverson, who is president of the Amateur Hockey League in Chicago, was good enough to arrange this game for them, and after watching the game was more than anxious to book the team for another game. The boys think that after a little practice they could win over the Oak Parkers, and would like another chance play at the Coliseum. Besides being slightly older than the Rainbows, the Litzingers have played a number of games at the Coliseum this winter, which gave them quite an advantage. They are also leading in their respective league, so that the Highland Parkers deserve a lot of credit for holding them to as close a score as they did.

The team hopes that their next game will draw a better crowd of Highland Park people. Interesting hockey matches are held the same evening. Before each game public skating is allowed. Mr. Iverson deserves much credit for conducting these games, as naturally the first season of amateur hockey has not been fully appreciated by the public, although there were 5,000 present on Sunday.

The Rainbow team justly derives its name, as their uniforms consist of almost as many colors as the rainbow, which made their entrance on the ice very effective. The Highland Park team line up is as follows:

The three forward lines consisting of: Bob Lautmann, r.w.; Fred Ullman, c.; Frank Karger, l.w.; "Hammy" Herman, l.w.; "Renz" Sherer, r.w.; Hank Karger, c.; "Rolly" Griffis, l.w.; "Marv" Wells, c.; "Art" Baldauf, r.w.

The defense men were "Junie" Foreman, l.d.; "Chris" Keller, r.d.; "Jim" Rutledge, l.d.; "Ches" Peterson, g.

**Books To Read**

Reading "The Soft Spot" (Little Brown) by A. S. M. Hutchinson was to us a revolutionary mental experience. If you are truthful with yourself, you will undoubtedly experience the same reaction and as a result put yourself through a most strenuous housecleaning of your own general weaknesses in character.

The power of the book, literally, forces you into this action, but of course Mr. Hutchinson's skill accomplishes his purpose sans the uncouth method of long preachments.

Stephen Wain, the central character, is drawn to personify human frailty. He is a most vacillating person, given to the telling of half-truths and to the evasion of issues but always inventive enough to supply the needed alibi to his complaining conscience. His half-brother, Maxwell, with his innate integrity and courage is a constant reminder to Stephen of that tranquility and happiness to be gained when one's conscience is devoid of subterfuge. Kindling this resentment is Maxwell's generous attitude toward his younger brother who is less fortunate materially as well as spiritually. Thus the elder is partly responsible, through pampering, for the sapping of the younger's moral fiber. The soft spot in Stephen's character is not called upon to harden with Maxwell always on hand to soften the hard blows.

Briefly the plot (which, by the way is handled in a manner strikingly like Phyllis Bentley's "Carr") recounts the lives of these half-brothers: Stephen's futile attempts at success as an architect gain him nothing but the reputation of being not quite reliable; Maxwell's miraculous successes as an explorer. Gradually Stephen becomes seeped in envy, an envy so strong that crime must be condoned in order to appease it.

So often the end of a book is a decided let-down. With this the opposite is true. With the introduction of Sim Paris, a compelling and magnetic itinerant preacher, the promise of a dramatic climax is more than fulfilled. Stephen's spiritual rejuvenation might, in less skilled hands, have been sentimental. Happily, it is most simply and vigorously told and more there is much food for thought for all of us.

By all means read this and don't deny the jolt it will give you nor be embarrassed by the many likenesses you are sure to find between Stephen and yourself. The realization may be a bit bitter but the final victory Stephen attains will both hearten and encourage you.

George Shay was unable to play due to having a cold. He will strengthen the team a great deal when he does play.—Contributed.

**Peggy Johnson, Small Child, Passes Away**

Peggy Johnson, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of 586 Homewood Avenue, died Saturday as the result of a heart attack and other complications. She was born April 9, 1926.

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The portrayal of a character so ignoble that his natural tendency is invariably toward the dishonorable course and the betterment of his own comfort and advancement is the distinctive character picture which Daphne du Maurier etches in "The Progress of Julius" (Doubleday, Doran).

Born of a French mother and an Algerian Jewish father just before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War, Julius Levy sees economic turmoil and degradation from his earliest boyhood. He witnesses the murder of his unfaithful mother at the hands of his own father. And even then, beset with the greed for money, the child returns to the still warm corpse and snatches a coin purse before joining his father in their flight to Algiers. After his father's death, although nominally under the care of the Rabbi, Julius leads the life of a street gamin in which thievery, knavery and violent crime are common occurrences. Finally his dishonest acts having netted him enough money he sails for London, his ultimate goal. And so he goes on and up in his brutal and callous lust for financial power, ruthless killing, through passive neglect or violent action, all that the normal man would hold most dear.

Then comes the decadence of Julius. A bitter old man with no companions other than his paid servants, smothered with wealth and possessions, but robbed of any further heights to scale, he querulously awaits a death of terror and futility.

We venture to say that in contemporary fiction there has never been a character as utterly hateful as Julius Levy. The strange thing is that the author, by adroit repetition of his baseness, has written a novel that clamps your interest as a vise and never lets go until the final word is read. We consider "The Progress of Julius" a remarkable performance in character portrayal.

The author, although but twenty-seven years old, has written two other novels which have been well received — "I'll Never Be Young

Again" and "The Loving Spirit." She is the daughter of the actor, Gerald du Maurier, and the granddaughter of George du Maurier, the author of "Trilby" and "Peter Ibbotson."

Eden Philpotts returns to the field of out and out mystery yarns with "The Captain's Curio" (Macmillan). His last two books, "Bred in the Bone" and "Witches' Cauldron," tended more toward the psychological novel, but now we find him again concerned with the ratiocinations of Detective—Inspector Midwinter of Scotland Yard — that sleuth who is so meticulous in the writing of detailed reports and so terse in speech.

Martin Knox, a kindly old gentleman known for his many charitable deeds, is found murdered — a class splinter driven into his heart. Apparently, he has lived his life without making an enemy. The local constabulary admits his inability to cope with the crime and appeals to Scotland Yard. Midwinter is assigned to the case which proves one of his most puzzling.

Seemingly, from the first, the time element is set. Clues, real and false, abound and all of the perspicacity of our detective is needed to differentiate between them.

As is true of all of the Philpotts' mysteries there is excellent character portrayal, good description as well as a splendidly conceived plot. To the dyed-in-the-wool mystery fan these elements may detract a bit from the problem and its solution which to him are the main considerations.

Perhaps we were feeling our years a bit the day we read "Blithe Baldwin" (Bobbs-Merrill) by Ethel Hue-

ston. Be that as it may we did feel a bit old for that type of thing. However, it is a sweet story (than which there is no greater condemnation). Blithe, daughter of Big Baldy, a typical old rancher, rebels at the idea of returning East to college. She determines to prove to her father that she can earn her own living and so she leaves home with her horse and saddle to find work on one of the dude ranches in the Black Hills. Her wide experience on her ranch home makes her invaluable to the staff of the Bar Nothing Ranch which is not only for dudes but is being run by one. Of course there is a love story, several in fact, none of which would shock or harm your thirteen year old daughter. On second thought it is perhaps to the audience that Miss Houston holds the strongest appeal.

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