

Lake Forest Man Dies in Libertyville

William Hansen, 59, a carpenter and resident of Lake county his entire life, died Wednesday after a long illness at the home of his son, Charles, in Libertyville.

During the past 50 years Mr. Hansen, who was born in Highwood, lived in Lake Forest. His address at the time of his death was 755 Oakwood ave.

Funeral services will be announced later. He is survived by two other children besides Charles, Mrs. E. L. Rosemann of Lake Forest, and Montague, of Crystal Lake. Four brothers and one sister are also living.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON
by Ralph E. Church

Illinois Representative in Congress Evanston, Illinois, Nov. 6.—In at least one respect the State and local elections held last Tuesday in different sections of the country were truly remarkable. Judging from the public statements issued by various political leaders after the results became known, every national organization that participated in the election was victorious.

When the Republicans boast about the Assembly gains in New York State and New Jersey, the Democrats call attention to the election of a Democratic Governor in New Jersey. When the opponents of the C.I.O. point to the defeat of that organization's candidates in Detroit, the leaders of the C.I.O. call attention to their victory in the town neighboring Pittsburgh and the election of their endorsed Mayor in the Steel City itself.

It would thus appear that we have witnessed a series of elections in which every one, except Tammany Hall, claims a victory and no national political organization of any kind was defeated in any way. One suspects the propaganda purpose of most, if not all, of these public statements by the national organization leaders. If not that, then perhaps they are all guilty of "wishful thinking." Certainly the New Deal, the Republicans and the C.I.O. cannot be, as each would have us believe so completely victorious. It all seems very confusing.

Whenever a State or local election is held anywhere, Washington carefully scrutinizes the results with a view to determining which way the "tide is running." Each Republican and Democrat in Congress seeks to discover whether his particular party is more popular or less popular with the electorate. In most instances, however, local elections are no barometer of the trend in national politics. The results are largely determined by local issues and personalities and not by policies of the Federal Government. It is this fact which should be kept uppermost in mind in any attempt to appraise these recent election results.

Insofar as these scattered State elections can be taken as any indication of the relative strength shown by the Republican and Democratic parties, the Republicans seem to have the better of the argument. In New York State the Republicans captured a seat in Congress formerly held by a Democrat, obtained control of the constitutional convention to meet next

April and assumed control of the 1938 Assembly.

In New Jersey the Republicans recaptured control of both houses of the State Assembly. While Democratic Senator Harry A. Moore was elected to the Governorship, it is not without significance that he owes his election entirely to the 129 thousand odd majority polled in one county. He was victorious by something like a 44 thousand majority, which is considerably less than the 231 thousand majority by which he was elected to the United States Senate in 1934.

However important these election results may seem to be to the Republicans and however encouraging they may be from a partisan point of view, of much more importance is the fact that they demonstrate that the American people want good government. Nothing stands out clearer than that the people desire to rid themselves of machine politics, favoritism and corruption, that they are more interested in efficiency than in partisanship.

What can be more encouraging than to see such a public sentiment express itself at the polls? What can be more encouraging than to see the electorate express itself in favor of honest public officials with ability? It gives one renewed faith in democratic processes and the American system of government.

This discriminating sentiment on the part of the voters was particularly impressive in New York City, where the issue was "reform," honesty and efficiency. Out of that election rose a young Republican by the name of Thomas E. Dewey, who was chosen District Attorney of New York county. As "Special Rackets Prosecutor" he showed the people that he not only has the ability but, more important, he would play no favorites regardless of costs. Every effort was made by the forces of vice, corruption and graft to prevent his election, but the people knew how only two years previous this 36 year old lawyer presented a crushing case in court which broke up one of the strongest vice rings in New York City. Those who voted for him did not hear his brilliant seven hour summation of his case against Lucky Luciano's gang, but they could see the results in the decline of racketeers.

While the various organizations may claim victories in the recent elections, the outstanding victory seems to have been won by the American people as a whole in the cause of honesty and efficiency in public office.

Miss Wallach Gives Interesting Resume of Music History

Although the group of women who know much about music and who know little about it, in the class sponsored by the Music Committee of the Highland Park Woman's Club, held each Wednesday morning in the Lounge at the Club, on "The Art of Listening to Music" is not large, it is much interested in the information being given and in hearing the talented leader of the group, Miss Rosalind Wallach, perform on the violin, illustrating the various types of musical compositions.

Last Wednesday, she gave an interesting resume of the history of music, from its supposed origin up to the present day, and next Wednesday, Nov. 17th, her topic will be "Melody, Rhythm and Harmony." In view of the peculiar rhythms and odd harmonies often heard in much of the modern music, it is essential to know something about these important matters in order to understand and appreciate musical programs of today.

There will be no meeting of the group during Thanksgiving Week, but on Wednesday, December first, Miss Wallach will speak on the important subject of "Homophony and Polyphony." Lectures begin promptly at ten o'clock and individual tickets can be procured at the door.

Ravinia Scouts to Honor Parents Nov. 16

A "Mother's and Dad's" night program has been arranged by Troop 35, Boy Scouts of America, of Ravinia, in the Ravinia village hall for next Tuesday night, Nov. 16.

William E. Webster of Libertyville, scout executive for the north shore area, and Cliff Spear, executive secretary of the North Shore Area Council, are scheduled as the speakers at the meeting, which will also feature the showing of the 1937 Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan movies. C. Edward Thorne of Highland Park, former scoutmaster of the troop, is to be the toastmaster.

Officers and members of the new troop committee will be introduced and discuss plans for the coming year, according to R. C. Johnson of Ravinia, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the program. These include: Oliver S. Turner, chairman; John Brent, Edward A. Harrington, Walter C. Kohn, M. L. Rahner, Leo J. Sheridan, Park M. Smith, Russell G. Smith and Kent W. Wennell.

John O'Connor is scoutmaster of the troop, with Francis O'Connor, Win Long and Jim Moroney as assistants.

Do You Know Illinois?

Q. Did the first General Assembly of the State of Illinois do any work beside electing State officials in its first sitting?

A. No. After a session of eight days it adjourned until January waiting upon the action of Congress in admitting Illinois to the Union.

Q. On what date did the General Assembly reassemble?

A. Jan. 4, 1819.

Q. What was the most important act of the General Assembly after it reconvened in 1819?

A. A code copied from the Statutes of Virginia and Kentucky was adopted.

Q. Who compiled the majority of the laws adopted?

A. Secretary of State Elias Kent Kane, acting as clerk of the judiciary committee.

Q. When was this original code revised?

A. The winter of 1826-27 by the justices of the Supreme Court.

Q. What were the salaries of the first State officers?

A. Governor, \$1,000; Judges, \$1,000; State Auditor, \$700; Secre-

tary of State \$600; State Treasurer, \$500; Attorney General, \$250; circuit attorneys, \$150; Adjutant General, \$100.

Q. What were the penalties fixed by the original code for specified offenses?

A. Whipping, confinement in the stocks and pillories, as well as that of death for the crime of rape, arson, horse-stealing, and murder.

Q. Were the advocates of Statehood justified in the first two years after admission?

A. When the 2nd General assembly sat Dec. 4, 1820 at Vandalia the population of Illinois had increased from a doubtful 40,000 to a certain 55,120. Four new counties had been organized, new towns had been laid out, and settlements commenced as far north as Greene county.

Q. When was Shawneetown, Illinois laid out?

A. 1808.

Q. How did Shawneetown progress during the first ten years of its existence?

A. By 1818 it had become one of the largest towns in the Territory. It had a bank, a printing office, 100 dwellings, and a population of 500.

Q. When was Belleville selected as the County seat of St. Clair?

A. 1814, in place of Cahokia.

Illinois Code Says Stickers Should Not Obscure Vision

This is the time of year when football becomes one of the main topics of conversation and youngsters from seventeen to seventy give way to that urge to plaster their cars with stickers which show their pigskin-sport allegiance.

Motorists were reminded today by the Chicago Motor club that the state vehicle code specifies that stickers shall be placed so that they do not obscure a clear vision of the highway. This applies to either the windshield or the rear window and to the side windows as well.

Since the specified location for vehicle tax stickers generally is in the lower right hand corner of the windshield, the amount of "dead" space available for other stickers is rather limited. The club points out, however, that the space immediately behind the rear vision mirror is of no value to forward vision, and that the lower left hand corner of the rear window falls in the same category. Stickers placed there should not cause any objection from the authorities.

Michael Gallagher Law School Speaker

Price fixing legislation and court decisions relative thereto will be discussed by Michael F. Gallagher, of Gallagher-Wilkinson Hall, 231 South LaSalle street at the current lecture series at John Marshall Law school, 315 Plymouth Court, Chicago, on Tuesday evening, November 9.

Mr. Gallagher is an authority on the subject and one of the city's best known attorneys. He lives at 2551 Deerpark Drive, Highland Park.

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