

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

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Evanston, Illinois, June 25 — There have been occasions when citizens of Illinois have expressed to me, sometimes in no uncertain terms, their personal displeasure with criticisms of some particular policy or policies of the Administration. They express the thought that no criticism is justified, none whatsoever. Some have gone so far as to urge that as their representative I give unquestioning and unequivocal support to each and every measure proposed, regardless of personal convictions. I have received many letters, cards and telegrams making that appeal.

No doubt a number of other Members of Congress have had the same experience. No doubt many have received all manner of threats of "political death" unless the Administration's program was supported in its entirety, even to the crossing of the "t's" and the dotting of the "i's." There is even a certain official group in the Administration itself, popularly known as the "elimination committee," which believes no one should sit in Congress who dares to criticize or dares to oppose.

But when the day arrives when the Administration in power, be it Democratic or Republican, ceases to have any opposition in the Congress, democracy in the United States will no longer exist. The essence of democracy is the clash of opinion and open debate. If there were no critics in Congress, how would the truth ever become known to the people? How would waste, graft, bribery, injustices and all such vices of men in public office ever be made known to the people if there were not those of the opposition ready to point them out to the people? It must not be forgotten that in a democratic society the role of the Minority is as important as the role of the Majority.

The American people should have no sympathy for those of the Majority who indicate they are unwilling to have any opposition and who desire, by one means and another, to silence all criticism. They should resent all efforts to intimidate, browbeat and destroy individuals

and organizations who dare to oppose.

And we of the Minority should remind ourselves that the American people will have no sympathy for those who do nothing but oppose. The true function of the Minority is not simply negative. It is both negative and positive. On the one hand it is to oppose, and on the other it is to propose. To discharge that dual function properly, there must be courage in propositions as well as oppositions. The success of the Republican Party this November will in large measure depend upon the degree to which its candidates recognize their dual responsibility as a Minority Party.

From conversations with the farmers of Illinois I am convinced they do not believe in the Administration's policy of regimentation. Such a program should be made the object of attack and opposition. In a fight against unnecessary regimentation the independent farmer, deeply rooted in democratic traditions, will gladly join. But the farmers of Illinois also ask what we propose instead of this regimentation program. To do nothing will not solve the farm problem. The problem will not solve itself.

To propose a definite solution is also the role of the minority. It must be clear and specific. It must show the Minority capable of the leadership the farmers are asked to give them.

As an alternative policy, it is not enough to point out how the Administration's policy is permitting large importations of farm products from abroad. Rather it must be specifically shown how the American market can be preserved for American products. It is not enough to point out that the Administration's policy is gradually taking from the farmer an independent income as a producer. Rather it must be specifically shown how the government can, through research appropriations, find new uses for farm products. It must be specifically shown how new markets abroad can be cultivated, particularly to the south of us. It must be specifically shown how marketing agreements may be strengthened.

In short, there is a real need for new statesmanship. Democracy requires a Minority Party in opposition. That Minority Party also has the responsibility to make propositions dealing with the various problems.

**Redeemer Church to Hold Picnic at Round Lake Sunday**

Next Sunday, July 10th, the Redeemer Lutheran church on West Central avenue will hold its annual Sunday school and church picnic.

The place selected is Rennahan's Lodge on Round Lake. It is reached by taking any road leading north, connecting with route 20, which is Belvidere road out of Waukegan. Go west on 20 through Grays Lake and before reaching the town of Round Lake look for a sign directing you north to Rennahan's Lodge. It is on the east side of the lake.

On account of the picnic the regular morning worship combined with the Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. Please note the change in time. We depend upon car owners to come to church and fill their cars with people who have no means of transportation.

Fill up your picnic basket with enough food for dinner and supper. Games for young and old, swimming and other sports are on the program. The charge of admission is 50c per car. Upon entering the Lodge inquire for the Lutheran picnic grounds.

**Local Musicians Enroll in Petrie Band Camp Course**

Jeannette Bryant, daughter of R. A. Bryant, 323 Oakland drive, Audrey-Prindle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Prindle, 374 Oakland drive, and Jerry Baum, of 804 Ridgewood drive, will appear in concert Sunday afternoon with the Petrie Camp Band of Lake Winona, Indiana.

Miss Bryant, who plays oboe with the Highland Park High School band, is studying from Dall Fields, member of the Chicago Opera orchestra, who for several years was a member of the Minneapolis Symphony.

Miss Prindle, flutist with the local high school band, will study with Roy Knaus, who was first flutist with the Chicago Symphony orchestra for a number of years, and is now on the faculty of the Warmelin Woodwind school.

Mr. Baum, who plays French horn with the local high school band, will take private instruction from Mr. John Dolan, French hornist with the St. Louis Symphony orchestra.

These Highland Park young people will remain in camp for six weeks where they will take part in Sunday afternoon concerts, which are regular weekly features of the program. The camp was established last year and has attracted wide attention among musicians and music lovers.

The concert Sunday afternoon will be directed by Mr. Joseph Gremelspacher of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mr. Gremelspacher has been one of the outstanding high school directors for a number of years.

In addition to Mr. Knaus, Mr. Fields and Mr. Dolan, the Camp will have the following instructors: Clarence Warmelin, formerly first clarinetist with the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra; Austyn Edwards, formerly first trumpet with the WGN Symphony orchestra; Patte Evenson, first trumpet with the Rochester Philharmonic orchestra and orchestra director of the Eastman School of Music; Homer Phillips, trombone soloist with Petrie's White Hussars.

**Lawrence R. Adams Wins Sportsmens Award At Sunset**

While playing a round of golf on the popular course of the Sunset Valley Golf Club of Highland Park, Lawrence R. Adams of the Brevort hotel, Chicago, scored a birdie and an eagle.

His feat has been rewarded with the Spring Sportsmen's Award of a pair of Duke of Dundee Air Conditioned Briar Pipes packed in an attractive case. A trophy-case honor card accompanied the award.

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**Mrs. Ida Bethards Passes Away July 2**

Mrs. Ida Bethards passed away Saturday after a prolonged illness. She was born in Leroy, Ill., October 3, 1860. She spent her early life in and near Bloomington, Ill., and later in Chicago, Iowa and California. For the past four years she has made her home in Ravinia with her daughter, Mrs. John Warmington. She also leaves two other daughters, Mrs. W. W. Clason of Highland Park and Mrs. Celia Trevisan of Hollywood, California.

For the last ten years, Mrs. Bethards has taken a keen delight in developing a latent talent for writing. During that time she wrote a number of short stories and in the past year completed a full length novel. She was an amateur in the finest sense of the word, in as much as she wrote for the sheer joy of creating, and yet her work has the quality of a seasoned writer. Her imagination had a youthful vigor which seventy years could not quench.

Funeral services were held in Bloomington on Tuesday.

**Summer Outdoor Concerts Open In Wilmette July 6th**

Under much improved auspices, Wilmette will usher in its third season of free outdoor summer concerts by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra at the Wilmette Amphitheatre on the lake front just north of the Wilmette harbor.

Commencing Wednesday evening, July 6, at 8:15 o'clock and continuing on successive Wednesday evenings through August 31, the Illinois Symphony will regale north shore music lovers with programs especially designed for these all free events.

Two marked improvements will add to the enjoyment of the hundreds of listeners who are expected to attend the concerts. The first is an acoustical benefit to be effected through the installation of a new wood covering to replace the canvas canopy over the shell. This much needed change is expected not only to project the music to a greater distance, but to add general clarity to the orchestra's tone.

Another feature which Wilmette's committee on arrangements has agreed upon is to install additional benches between the present seating section up to within a short distance from the stage. It is believed that aside from their practical benefits, these two changes will effect a marked improvement in the general appearance of the amphitheatre.

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