

Personality Preview

UNUSUAL STORIES
about USUAL PEOPLE

By ANNA TAMARRI

Too many people take an accommodating librarian for granted and never stop to think how she got that way. A talk with Miss Mary Egan of the Highland Park public library reveals a genuine liking for library work as one of the main springs behind the smooth running of an establishment of books. Miss Egan maintains, "The attractive thing about library work is that it combines people and books. Most of you would be surprised at the number of lonely people at the library. No introductions being necessary, the library is the first place people come when they move to town, and a friendly greeting from the librarian means a great deal."

Apparently a librarian has to have a desk manner, somewhat on the order of a bedside manner, to minister to the needs of library patrons. Sticking to her principle of interested service, Miss Egan says about answering desk requests, "One has always to remember that the questions asked are not trivial and unnecessary to the person asking."

Miss Egan, who has been Highland Park's head librarian for three and a half years, speaks from a world of experience, having been public librarian for nine years in Clinton, Iowa, and for a time in Boise, Idaho. But she states "There is nothing like this part of the country. Elsewhere you miss the lush green found along the North Shore." Born in Racine, Wis., she was graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she also went to library school.

Her work has three aspects, the literary side, the business phase, and the housekeeping part. It involves many things every day of the week, paying bills, helping at the desk to get an idea of the books the public wants, general supervi-

sion of the work of four other librarians, and buying books. In the latter task she considers book clients' tastes to help her stock the shelves with new books. She traces trends and consults readers' interests. This is done with ease, she comments, for "Readers will tell you readily and will even sit down and converse about their likings."

Besides talking to library patrons, Miss Egan follows recommendations of the American Library Association, which makes bimonthly reports with lists of approved books. In addition, certain books find their way to Highland Park as the result of her reading book reviews and following announcements made by publishers.

Asked to give the greatest interest of the public, Miss Egan replied that the demand was for books on questions of the day, economic and international affairs, in particular. This, in her estimation, accounts for the popularity of John Gunther's "Inside Asia" at the present time, although high school students are finding time to read the six copies of "Gone With the Wind," discovering they don't like it, and then reading it again.

The reading habits of Highland Park are not different from those of other cities, Miss Egan declares, although she remarks, "It is true but unfortunate that advertising plays a major part in the demand for a book as happens when a book is reviewed over the radio." In her estimation, there never before was a time when advertisements played such a part. A better book may pass unnoticed, despite a librarian's efforts, for, as she pointed out, "Just as the public uses the toothpaste which is most widely advertised, so it uses the most widely advertised book also."

Nationally Prominent Wrestlers Visit Lake County Friday

Ivan Rasputin, the bearded black Cossack of the Russian Steppes and internationally famous as the heavyweight champion of Russia, is coming to Lake County. He's coming here for a very special purpose . . . to be the first ever to put Ruffy Silverstein, Illinois state heavyweight wrestling champion, on his back . . . and keep him there for 3 seconds. These two nationally prominent pro stars have been matched to wrestle in the main event of the weekly all-star card at Peg's Grayslake Arena on Friday.

Rasputin, who is as famous in wrestling as his namesake, the mad monk, was in history, numbers among his long list of victims nearly every pro heavyweight in the country including Man Mountain Dean, Sandor Szabo, Ali Bab, Gus Sonnenberg, Joe Savoldi, Ray Steel and scores of other top-notchers.

He boasts the match with Ruffy will not go longer than 30 minutes, and rates Ruffy a rank amateur when compared to the famous matmen he is whipping in quick time every week.

Fans are looking for plenty of action in the semi-windup between Friedrich von Schacht, 6 foot 6 inch, 250 pound German giant and conqueror of Phil Malloy, and Pete Schuh, the Pacific Coast powerhouse. Schuh is best described as the modern version of the famous old ex-world's champion Ed "Strangler" Lewis, and uses the deadly headlock with all the effectiveness of the old "Strangler." Since both Schuh and von Schacht are among the rougher boys of the sport plenty of fireworks are expected.

In the prelims Paul Bozell, the

Grand Opera Season Opens October 28

Residents of Highland Park are already making plans to enjoy the seven-week season of grand opera recently announced by the Chicago City Opera company. Among those who have subscribed to the 1939-40 season are: Mrs. Alfred Burdick, 344 Oakland drive; Helen Carr, 916 Lincoln avenue; Mrs. Elsa L. Richmyre, 2753 N. Deere Park drive; Mrs. Edgar Snow, 242 Prospect avenue; Irene L. Starck, 548 Central avenue; and Mrs. Werner A. Wieboldt, 700 McDaniels avenue.

The 1939-40 season, which promises to be one of the most brilliant ever produced in Chicago, will open on October 28 with a revival of Boris Godunoff, in which Ezio Pinza will sing the title role. Among the artists engaged for the season are Rose Hampton, Maria Caniglia, Kirsten Flagstad, Helen Jepson, Grace Moore, Hilde Reggiani, Lilly Pons, Gladys Swarthout, Jan Kiepura, Giovanni Martinelli, Ezio Pinza, John Charles Thomas, Tito Schipa, and Galliano Masini.

Softball Game at Sunset Park Friday

The season's outstanding softball attraction will be presented local fans Friday when the Johns-Manville softball team of Waukegan will cross bats with the Santi Cafe ten at 9 p.m. under the Sunset park floodlights.

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You remember that last season Lake Forest's football team went through its entire season undefeated and untied—one of the few college or university teams in the nation to maintain such a record. The captain of that team, John Biolo, graduated this spring, and has signed a contract to play with the Green Bay Packers in the National Professional Football league during the coming grid season. Coach Ralph Jones has called Biolo one of the finest college guards he has seen in forty years of coaching.

The Packer coach, Curley Lambeau, was so impressed with Biolo's ability and so eager to get him under his wing that he outbid George Halas of the Chicago Bears, who also was trying to sign up the Forrester star. Biolo also was placed on the Little All-American team and rated as the outstanding guard.

Voting on All-Star players closes Saturday, July 22, and all ballots must be in Chicago Tribune by midnight. If you wish to help this local boy win a berth on the All-Star team cast your vote early.

Harmons Demons to Play Ball Here

Frankie Harmon's Demons of the south district of Chicago are now leading in the Evening American tournament and will be entertained at Sunset Park Wednesday night, July 26, at 8:30 against the Highland Park Question Marks.

The Harmon Demons have pitching with them the Struke Brothers, formerly with the Park Ridge Merchants, who were winners in last year's Metropolitan tournament in their district.

The Highland Park Question Marks best Brighton Park of West Chicago, a tournament game by a score of 19 to 2 and went to Chicago Thursday night and beat the Economy Plants 5 to 3, another tournament game. The ? ? were losing up until the eighth inning when Al Sordyl hit a homer with two on. The Highland Park ? ? are now second in the Evening American tournament.

Next week, August 2, at 8:30, at Sunset Park the Question Marks will play Glen Flora Country Club of Glen Oak under the management of "Red Silver" Dennison, formerly of the Question Marks.

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Terrell Jacobs, renowned trainer, presents the largest group of performing wild animals ever assembled in America—50 lions and tigers in an amazing display.

Dorothy Herbert, macep rider of rearing and fire hurdling horses, back from European triumphs, heads a number with 70 girl riders on 70 Kentucky high school horses, all four-year-olds.

Under a blue big top ceiling,

lighted as is a big New York musical show, the displays of The Greatest Show on Earth surpass all the massed attractions of former years.

There is a heavier contingent of stellar European features with the circus than ever before.

The horse numbers of the show are extraordinarily appealing, with William Heyer and Tamara Heyer featured in new and sensational numbers. Tex Elmlundt again scores with new liberty horse acts.

The world famous Riding Cristanis, bareback thrillers, with Lucio and Belmonte starring; the two Flying Concelo troupes and the Flying Comets, with Antoinette Concelo, only girl triple somersaulter, the Walkmirs, aerial perch marvels; the Torrence Dolores flying perch wonders; the Pallenbergs and their performing bears; the Rooneys, stellar double trapeze artists—these are



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30	15.57	7.98	5.46	4.19	3.44	2.93				
40	20.76	10.64	7.27	5.59	4.58	3.91				
50	25.96	13.31	9.09	6.98	5.72	4.88				
60	31.15	15.97	10.91	8.39	6.88	5.87	\$ 5.15	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.20	\$ 3.87
70	36.34	18.63	12.73	9.78	8.02	6.84	6.01	5.38	4.90	4.51
80	41.53	21.29	14.54	11.18	9.16	7.82	6.86	6.15	5.59	5.15
90	46.72	23.95	16.36	12.57	10.30	8.79	7.72	6.91	6.29	5.79
100	51.91	26.61	18.17	13.97	11.45	9.77	8.57	7.68	6.99	6.43
125	64.89	33.27	22.72	17.46	14.31	12.22	10.72	9.60	8.74	8.05
150	77.86	39.91	27.26	20.95	17.17	14.65	12.86	11.52	10.48	9.65
175	90.78	46.54	31.79	24.43	20.02	17.08	14.99	13.43	12.21	11.25
200	103.69	53.15	36.29	27.88	22.84	19.49	17.10	15.31	13.92	12.82
225	116.61	59.75	40.80	31.33	25.66	21.89	19.20	17.19	15.63	14.38
250	129.53	66.35	45.28	34.77	28.47	24.28	21.29	19.05	17.32	15.94
275	142.43	72.94	49.77	38.21	31.28	26.67	23.38	20.92	19.01	17.49
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