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Your City Government: What It Is Doing

By ELMORE M. MURPHY

Council Omits February 3 Meeting; Need for Greater Interest on Part of Average Citizen in Civic Affairs Cited.

Because of the lack of a quorum and since apparently the members had nothing to discuss of public interest no council meeting was held on February 3.

In recent weeks this writer has observed the good citizens of Highland Park slowly but surely falling victims to a political disease that might be termed "Between Electionitis." A glance at the records show that there are more than a half dozen major projects of civic interest in the local governmental mill and at this writing they have stirred up about as much interest as Sally Rand at a nudist convention.

Human nature is a funny thing. At the political meetings prior to the last Highland Park mayoralty election the public turned out in almost unprecedented numbers to see what all the shooting was about. At that time the average citizen was all ears and all eyes where the operation of his local government was concerned, but since that time the only occasion when he has expressed more than passing interest in what has been going on at the city hall has been when he has had a personal axe to grind.

The unfortunate thing with this ailment that we have dubbed "Between Electionitis" is that it is catching and the group most likely to succumb to it is the city council itself.

This writer has attended every council meeting since he took over the conduct of this column some sixteen months ago and in the vernacular of the writers of proverbs he "knows whereof he speaks."

When the citizen, himself, doesn't take the time to drop over to the city hall now and then to see what is going on he can hardly blame the council for the indifference that body might show to let him know what is transpiring behind the scenes. With the record of public attendance at council meetings as it has been in recent weeks it is only natural that the council should come to view the public meetings as affairs of secondary importance and believe you me that is just the attitude your council is beginning to take.

The writer of this column has no quarrel with the performance record as a whole of the current administration to date. It undoubtedly has accomplished more at this period of its term and has more projects under way than any administration in recent years. What we are concerned about, however, is the means, or more accurately the lack of means, taken to get the significance of these various undertakings over to the citizens of the community.

Unfortunately, the average individual in political life is scared to death of publicity of what he terms

the wrong kind. Official releases to the press and the discussion of subjects brought up at the public meetings are usually as devoid of meat as a well licked bone. It is this writer's opinion that ninety percent of the matters discussed by the council at the so-called closed meetings could be aired in the open council chamber with no harm done. Occasionally a member of the council might be embarrassed by subjects that might pop out in an unrehearsed discussion but any individual who is as thin skinned as that has no place in public life.

The present administration has built the frame work for a communication system between the city government and the citizens but the "follow through" needs a bit of polishing up. The Citizens Advisory committee was formed on December 16 to lend a hand in formulating policies and selling them, as it were, to the public. To date any activities of this committee since its inception have not come to light. We believe that the formation of this committee is one of the most important steps forward taken by this administration and our sincere hope is that it is not left to die on the vine.

The rebirth of the long buried official plan of the City of Highland Park was announced on January 6. On January 27 the council authorized the mayor to hire the firm of Jacob L. Crane to bring this plan up to date. When it is completed and ready for council action it is to be hoped that a large part of the members of the community know something about it. It goes without saying that this plan is an important document as far as the future welfare of the community is concerned. The disposition of the problems pertaining to through streets and apartment houses alone makes a thorough knowledge of the plan worth while.

It is the belief of many that the citizens of the community be further enlightened on the progress of the city's Health Plan as outlined by the Mayor several months ago. A survey at the time was made by a member of the medical profession but what recommendations, if any, were made as a result of his investigation, have never been made public.

As the present administration nears the half way mark in its term of office it would perhaps be well for it to do a better job of "following through" on its public relations work. It has made an excellent start with its Citizens Advisory committee but in itself we do not believe that it completely fills the bill. If the mayor and members of the council would on occasion view the situation from the other side of the council chamber rail I am sure

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Highland Park Events for Coming Week

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6—

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club, Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. High School Parent Teacher Association Board.
- 3:00 p.m. High School P.T.A. Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. North Shore Yacht Club.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary, Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7—

- Boy Scout Week Begins, Continuing Through February 13.
- 10-4:30 p.m. Red Cross All Day Meeting, Trinity Parish House.
- 10:30 a.m. Ravinia Garden Club Board Meeting.
- 7:30 p.m. Campbell Chapter O.E.S. Masonic Temple.
- 8:00 p.m. Rifle and Pistol Club Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Braeside Play, "The Queen's Husband," Braeside School.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8—

- 9:30 a.m. Marionette Making for Boys and Girls at Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Betty Phelps Hill, Instructor.
- 8:15 p.m. Choral Club and Community Orchestra in Concert at H.P. Woman's Club.
- 8:00 p.m. Braeside Play, "The Queen's Husband," Braeside School.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9—

- 3:30 p.m. C.A.R. Presenting Sam Campbell Lecture at H. P. Woman's Club.
- 3:00 p.m. Braeside Ice Carnival.
- 4:00 p.m. Y.W.C.A. Vespers.
- 6:00 p.m. North Shore Zion Walther League Supper at Community House.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10—

- 9:30 a.m. Highland Park Woman's Club Board Meeting. Woman's Association Meeting, Presbyterian Church.
- 12:15 p.m. Rotary Club Luncheon at Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Faxon's Book Review, Presbyterian Church.
- 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club Dinner, Sunset Valley Club.
- 7:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting, City Hall.
- 7:45 p.m. School District 108 Board Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. City Council Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Keep Fit Gym Classes at Y.W.C.A.
- 8:15 p.m. Ravinia Garden Club Presents Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ullmann at Braeside School.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11—

- 10:00 a.m. YWCA Board Meeting.
- 2:30 p.m. Highland Park Woman's Club, Home and Education Meeting.
- 6:30 p.m. Highland Club Dinner, H. P. Presbyterian Church.
- 7:45 p.m. School District 107 Board Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Mothers Club Meets at YWCA.
- 8:00 p.m. North Shore Philatelic Society, Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12—

- 9:45 a.m. Girl Scout Council Meeting at Mrs. Nereim's Home.
- 10:30-2 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary Meeting, Trinity Parish House.
- 2:00 p.m. Ravinia Woman's Club, Donald McGibeny speaks.
- 8:00 p.m. Green Bay School P.T.A. Fathers Night.
- 8:00 p.m. Library Board Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Royal Neighbors, Masonic Temple.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13—

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club Meeting at Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of D.A.R. Mrs. Raymond Andrews, hostess.
- 7:00 p.m. H.P. Chess Club, Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion.
- 8:00 p.m. Young Men's Club, Community Center.

Deerfield Events for Coming Week

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7—

- 2:00 p.m. Holy Cross Altar and Rosary.
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Sodality.
- 7:45 p.m. Bethlehem Church Choir.
- 8:00 p.m. Community Chorus.
- 9:00 p.m. Bowling League.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10—

- 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Home Board.
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts.
- 7:00 p.m. Bowling League.
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- 8:00 p.m. Deerfield Grammar School Board.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11—

- 2:00 p.m. Deerfield Woman's Club.
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bowling League.
- 7:30 p.m. Village Board.
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross Service.
- 8:30 p.m. Holy Cross Choir.
- 9:00 p.m. C. of C. Bowling.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12—

- 1:00 p.m. Judy's Social Club.
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Evangli Daughters.
- 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Choir.
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Town Auditors at Town Hall.
- 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Choir.
- 8:00 p.m. Bethlehem Midweek Service.
- 8:00 p.m. Badminton League.