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LET'S "TAKE OUR HAIR DOWN"

Sometimes the trials and tribulations of living pile one on the other until folks are ready to go mad or start clawing: It happens at home, in business and in community life. It happens in Highland Park. Some folks want one thing, others demand something else. What a splendid lot of good could be accomplished by a regular town meeting, in which both the civic-minded and the sore-heads could speak their pieces. If we could all get together once a month in the High school auditorium or some other handy place, "take our hair down" as to community affairs, and even in politics, local or county, it would do us all good. The annual town meeting of the League of Women Voters is 100 per cent as far as it goes, but the same reason that makes this meeting of so much value could be well applied to many other Highland Park needs and activities. For instance, many Highland Park parents and tax-payers would appreciate a full explanation of the reason why we have three school districts in a community of this size instead of the one which seems to be sufficient in many much larger cities. Also, why is our one and only lake front park virtually a parking lot? Is it true that LaSalle Street controls Highland Park's affairs? If so, is there a valid reason? Why is the city able to pay for maintenance of stop lights on Skokie when we have none on our heavily travelled streets? These are but a few of the subjects that could be aired at a monthly town meeting. What's YOUR opinion, gentle reader?

WELCOME HOME, BOYS!

Home from the "wars" in Arkansas this week came about five thousand of the troops normally stationed at Fort Sheridan. Highland Park looks brighter with these alert young faces on our streets. We're glad to see you back, and hope you find our town almost as congenial as your own home.

YEARNING FOR LEARNING

The registration conducted last Monday night for those desiring to enter the Adult Education classes at the High School was so unexpectedly large that the capacity of the classes has already been virtually reached. A signal sign, indeed, of the cultural aspects of this community, when it so promptly seizes an opportunity for self-betterment.

CHEST PREPARATIONS

Chest Drive officials and committee members are burning plenty of midnight oil in preparation for the \$50,000.00 drive opening twelve days hence. Each of the Drive participants is contributing freely of his own time and effort. We believe that, as in the past, the citizens of Highland Park will put the Drive over in short order. There is no worthier cause.

THEY GREW HERE

This week-end, witnessing the formal opening of the new store of F. W. Woolworth, is evidence that Highland Parkers respond with their patronage when offered the merchandise they want. The Woolworth store, doubling in size, is "proof of the pudding." Just across the street we have another good example. Most of us can remember the little Fell store over on South St. John's Avenue. The Fell store of today with its several well stocked departments, is the direct result of giving the people of Highland Park the kind of merchandise they want.

"The Question of Seasons"

Some folks like Spring best of all so they say
When March winds blow April right slap into May
It sets them to thinkin' of brousin' around
To greet the new charms burstin' up through the ground
I expect more than likely if they'd only just tell
That it's like meetin' friends they used to know well
And it might be so far as the rest of us know,
They're just tired of Winter and lookin' at snow.

And some like the season of Winter the best
'Cause it fetches some cheer that ain't found in the rest
And when it comes down to just figgerin' one night
Maybe CHRISTMAS we'll say: I expect they're 'bout right
But it's really accordin' to the fix that we're in
I've seen Christmas cheer spread out purty thin
And again if you'll take it with the spirit that's meant
It will make your heart feel purty free with content.

I've heard folks declare they would like a whole year
Of June, July and August purt' near
And none of the rest of the seasons would style
With Summer they said without missin' a mile
And you just can't tell why they're so set in their ways
About wantin' all months to be warm Summer days
But it might be because that most of their joys
Went by with their Summers as girls and boys.

As for me on the question of seasons today
For instance we'll say I was havin' my way
You can call it the Fall either early or late
Indian Summer or Autumn to just indicate
But blamed if I ever could, make up my mind
That this very season was ever behind
Of all the attractions that I've ever seen

Displayed by a month, OCTOBER is Queen.
There's somethin' about OCTOBER you know
That makes you just feel that you can't let 'er go
She's filled plum chuck full of the most gorgeous hue
From an earth in array to a sky azure blue
And talk about when you're just feelin' your best
You'll find by your catin' a purty good test
That there isn't a thing sorta allin' us some
When OCTOBER'S here or just 'bout to come.

Jess McGinnis

Skokie Traffic Lights OK'D

New Woolworth Opens Friday

Announcement is made in this issue of the grand opening tomorrow (Friday) of Woolworth's new store on Central Avenue in Highland Park. Shoppers will find it one of the most modern and convenient "dime stores" and lunch counters in the country since it incorporates modern conveniences existing only in stores built in the last year.

A prominent feature of the new Woolworth store are the new ceiling lights composed of three hundred and twelve fluorescent tubes which produce a pleasant-to-the-eyes "white" light. Wider aisles and lower merchandise display counters aid materially to shopper convenience. An attractive modern "up to the minute" lunch counter is equipped with gleaming stainless steel complimented by every new food preparation device. This equipment includes electric steam table for hot food service, electric toaster, grill, coffee makers, dishwashing machine, rotary glass washer and steam sterilizer.

Eight large ceiling fans are properly positioned to adequately refresh and cool the entire store area. Fresh air is inducted into the store constantly through two ceiling fans. The store presents a pleasant harmonious color scheme display windows being backed by bleached mahogany trimmed with walnut. Gold tinted tapestry glass above the merchandise displays diffuse outside light thus giving counter goods a pleasant tone.

Thoughtful convenience details for the customers and employees make Woolworth's new Highland Park store a pleasure to shop in or for salespeople to serve the buying public.

Ralph Davidson, Woolworth Company store manager in Highland Park, extends a cordial invitation to residents of Highland Park, Deerfield, and Ravinia to attend the new Woolworth store opening. Active in upper North Shore community affairs, Mr. Davidson lives with his wife and two daughters on Greenway Road.

J. Channon Bowes



J. Channon Bowes, plays end at Culver Military Academy where he is enrolled.

Trinity Church To Hold Mission

Trinity Episcopal Church is having a Mission from Sunday, October 26th through Sunday, November 2nd.

The Rt. Rev. Edward M. Cross, D.D., Bishop of Spokane, is to be the Missioner and will conduct three services daily; namely, a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., an instruction period at 10 a. m. and an evening service at 7:45 p. m.

Bishop Cross has conducted many Missions and Trinity Church is very fortunate in securing his services for these eight days which are being set aside by all the Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Chicago as a period of worship and an opportunity to demonstrate to the world the power and love of God.

Victory Round-up British War Relief

A victory roundup in aid of British War relief will be held Friday, October 17 at 8:30 o'clock at Chicago stadium. A world championship Rodeo and a gallery of screen stars and several name bands will appear. Tickets may be obtained at the British War relief headquarters, or Marshall Fields. Further information may be had by calling Mrs. George Childs, 677 or Miss Helen Bergstrom at 3147.

To Erect Stop Lights on Skokie at County Line, Clavey and Berkley Road

Sunset Caddies Have Annual Dinner

Sunset Valley Golf club caddies held their annual outing-dinner and prize awarding at the clubhouse Wednesday night. Four members of the park board, which operates the club, were present as the guests of the caddies. They were W. Fred Gallagher, Art Olson, C. Eugene Pfister and George Piper.

Tommy Kelly took the cup as the 1941 golf champion and Bob Bolini was runner-up. First-flight winner was James Kelly, and Mike Acello, runner-up. Howard Pantle was awarded second-flight award and Joe Lolly, runner-up.

Other prizes were won by Tommy Kelly, medal play; Harold Kureger, handicap and Alvin Pantle, handicap runner-up. The caddies presented an entertainment, including Tommy Kelly, who conducted a "Take It or Leave It" feature; songs by Bob Kelly and tricks by magician Nick Tomei. (Pictures on Page 4)

Woman's Club Season Begins

In addition to the year's activities announced last week by the Highland Park Woman's Club, the departments of the club are offering members many additional events.

Fine Arts
The Fine Arts Department again under the direction of Mrs. Benedict K. Goodman and her co-chairman, Mrs. Charles G. Mason will have many meetings and study groups for the club members. Outstanding are the lectures of the Collectors' tad group headed by Mrs. Charles G. Mason with her committee of Mrs. Wilford C. Shipps as vice-chairman, Mrs. Kent Wonnell, Mrs. Ernest W. Sundell, Mrs. Paul Behanna, Mrs. John R. Todd, Mrs. Carl G. Bingham, Mrs. Joseph Garnet, Mrs. Theodore Osborne, Mrs. Alfred E. Phillips, Mrs. Mason Smith, Mrs. Werner Spengler and Mrs. Lester D. Williams. These lectures are attended by lovers of antique art along the North Shore. The first lecture will be on November 4, "Something new about old glass" by Ruth Clarahan. Five other lectures will follow throughout the year.

Art Department
The Art department will have an exhibit each month planned by the committee of which Mrs. Clarence J. Bassler is chairman; Mrs. V. H. Moon and her committee will conduct study classes in Drama and book reviews will be headed by Mrs. John S. Van Bergen. Mrs. David T. Sanders and her music committee have planned several hours of music before the regular programs as well as a Spring Musicales.

Home & Education
The Home and Education Department of which Mrs. Baker Hamilton is the chairman; Mrs. Marvin Wallace Vice-chairman and Mrs. Robert Schneider Secretary, will have many interesting meetings this year. Among them will be trips to Art Institute to view Mrs. Thorne's miniature rooms; Radio broadcasts; Merchandise Mart, Lighting Institute, Planetarium; and a demonstration of vegetable carving by Meta Given. Mrs. W. H. Blessing will plan the annual Kensington Tea when members bring their old pieces of handiwork and laces for display. The Garden class has planned some tours of gardens as well as lectures by noted authorities. They will also have one meeting for the entire membership on the afternoon of April 7 when Mrs. Frank Dunn will talk on "Old Charleston Gardens."

Social Service
The Social Service Department is again headed by Mrs. Grover Grady and she and her committee will have a work day every fourth Wednesday each month. They will visit the orphanages, hospitals, traveler's Aid, camps and all other institutions assisted by the Club. They are also in charge of the filling of the cookie jar for the men's service club beginning in October and continuing until all members have had the opportunity to contribute their favorite home made cookies. The clubhouse is also being donated for the use of the Evanston Theatre Guild who will present a play for the soldiers of Fort Sheridan, in October.

State to Pay for Installation—City Will Bear the Operation Cost

As a result of a program inaugurated more than a year ago by the Highland Park Traffic Commission under the direction of Edwin Gilroy, chairman, and under the leadership of Mayor Frank Ronan, the state of Illinois recently announced approval of the request for the installation of stop lights on Skokie at the intersections of County Line, Clavey and Berkley Roads.

Negotiations Under Way for Service Clubs

Edwin C. Jones, field recreation representative of the Federal Security Agency today stated that plans would be expedited to get the buildings of the two service men's clubs, one at Highland Park and one at Highwood, underway, and that the clubs should be ready for service by the first of the year.

According to all indications the Service Men's Clubs construction will be started at an early date. The quartermaster department of the army has been instructed to construct the buildings.

Negotiations are now under way with the owners of the Shore Line Bowling alley to acquire and remodel that building for the Highwood Club. Negotiations are also under way with the City of Highland Park and the Community Center to acquire, either by lease or donation, the property on Greenway Road, north and adjacent to the present Community Center, upon which the Highland Park Service Men's Club is to be constructed.

WE BEG YOUR PARDON

In last week's edition of the Press, Mrs. Jeanette W. Lefler's picture was labelled "Mrs. Harry Pertz." Mrs. Pertz is president of the Highland Park Woman's Club and Mrs. Lefler is bridge instructor at the Moranie Hotel. We are sorry for the error!

Large Staff of Workers Prepare for Chest Drive

Never before has a volunteer army of so many workers been organized to aid in the Community Chest Drive, slated to start Oct. 21. Horace Vaile, General Chairman, announced that more than 400 Highland Parkers have already accepted assignments and are now busily engaged in carrying them out. Directors of the Community Chest have made a special effort to enlist as many workers as possible for this year's campaign. This was done in the belief that the more workers there are, the sooner the job will be done. Furthermore, a large attendance at the Dinner Rally is wanted. The dinner is to be given to all workers on the evening of October 21, at the Exmoor Country Club. Mrs. Howard Richardson is in charge of all arrangements for the dinner and promises a fine evening for all.

Civic and Social Groups Help
To facilitate the work of the various committees working on the drive, many of the civic and social groups have scheduled their own meetings

so as not to conflict or interrupt the work of the Chest workers. In some instances, church affairs have been postponed so as to allow members to fulfill their jobs as Chest workers without interruption. The spirit of cooperation has, in every case, been exceptional. With so many people engaged in the Community Chest drive, there are, of course, many who are members of several other organizations which call upon their time but for the duration of the drive, civic and social groups are cooperating wholeheartedly by releasing their members for the important Community Chest work at hand.

Community Realizes Need
This big response shows a realization on the part of the community that the Chest Drive is particularly important this year. Although employment has increased and the relief rolls have shown a decrease, other factors have made it more than ever necessary that the Community Chest funds be realized. For

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Tuesday night's meeting of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park witnessed the first public showing of a new rose named "Highland Park," a hybrid of "Star roses" at West Grove, Pa. Gathered admiringly about the new rose in the photograph above are (l. to r.) C. Eugene Pfister, president, James W. Barton, Bert Leach, A. J. Mercurio and Donald A. Kittermaster, vice president. Robert Pyle, president of Concord-Pyle Co., has twice spoken before the club, and has inspected the gardens of many of its members. He named the new rose "Highland Park" as his tribute to a successful garden club and its members. Press Staff Photo.