

# Society

# Womens News

# Locals

## League Women Voters And Guests Meet 8th Dist. Legislators

Prominent local office-holders and Highland Park citizens heard the 8th district state legislators Wednesday, Nov. 17, at a meeting and reception held by the Highland Park League of Women Voters to provide the public with an opportunity to meet their representatives in an informal way.

Mrs. Louis Haller, president, introduced the speakers and Mrs. Clarence Balke, honorary board member of the league and a county supervisor, acted as hostess. Senator Ray Paddock, Representatives Keller and Kelsey, all Republicans and all of Lake County, and Representative Thomas Bolger, the "rugged individualist" who is a Democrat and is from McHenry county, were the guests of honor.

### Traces History

Senator Ray Paddock, who in 1944 will complete his fourth term of four years in office, traced his personal political history and listed his interests and the measures he has supported, including road building in Illinois, school problems, park development, flood control, disaster relief, the development of the State Department of Agriculture.

Representative Thomas Bolger described to league members and their guests the mechanics of legislation—how bills are introduced and debated on the floor. He is serving his seventh term of two years in the Legislature.

The junior representative from this district, Representative Harold D. Kelsey, discussed the function of committees and explained how a bill becomes law. He encouraged letters from constituents and invited more active lay interest and participation in State government. A committee of the House of Representatives, of which there are 36, he described as a fact finding body and any citizen may appear before it on behalf of, or in opposition to, a pending bill. Rep. Kelsey stated of 1800 bills during every session of the Legislature only 600 go to the Governor for signature or veto.

Representative Nick Keller, a Waukegan business man and chicken raiser who is serving his fourth two year term, spoke of the help a legislator can hope to receive from his constituents. He elaborated upon the committee system of consideration for bills, with all the technique of their framing and presentation. He now heads the House Committee to Visit Educational Institutions and two years ago was on the Industrial Affairs committee.

## Former Resident Announces Engagement

The engagement of a former Highland Park resident, Miss Irene Pynnönen, to William Andrew King of Johnstown, Pa., was announced on November 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tahtinen of Skokie Valley road.

Miss Pynnönen, daughter of Mrs. Selma Pynnönen, attended Elm Place grammar school and graduated from the Highland Park high school. Mr. King is overseas with the U.S. navy, assigned to a P.T. boat. The Pynnönens, who lived in Highland Park for many years, now make their home at 6300 Newport avenue, Chicago.

## Morrisseys On Vacation In Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Morrissey, 903 S. Green Bay road, have been spending a vacation in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and will spend Thanksgiving week-end with their daughter in Greencastle, Indiana.

## Lincoln P.T.A. To Discuss School Problems At Meeting

"Facing Our Highland Park School Problems" will be the subject of the Lincoln school P.T.A. meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1. Members of all local Parent-Teacher associations and interested citizens are invited to hear the speaker, Dr. Virgil Herrick of the University of Chicago, tell what the survey of our schools revealed and just what is being done now to discover resources for improving the weak spots.

Dr. Herrick, assistant professor of education, specializing in the elementary school, a member of the survey committee who concentrated on curriculum or the subjects taught in our grade schools, promises to go even further in his talk than simply telling what has been done and what is being worked on today. He will outline just what the interested parent can do to cooperate in this improvement program.

Meeting with teachers in both districts each week in an attempt to see how recommendations of the survey can be worked out, Dr. Herrick brings the impartial mind of the trained educator to this problem of making the survey accomplish best results for the children. He will tell of the teacher committees now studying the arts, arithmetic, physical education, community relations.

### Panel Discussion

Following Dr. Herrick's talk a panel discussion led by Jess Halsted, school board member, will bring out points that seem especially worth additional comment. Mrs. George H. Brown, Lester Ball, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, panel members, hope to have help from members of the audience, in formulating questions for Dr. Herrick.

Since these night meetings are especially planned for the fathers to find out about their school, Mrs. Richard Seitz, president of the Lincoln school P.T.A., has asked husbands of board members to assist the social committee. Dessert refreshments will be served at 7:30 so that the program chairman, Mrs. Everett Fontaine, can start the meeting promptly. Presidents of the local P.T.A. groups and other guests of honor will be introduced to the speaker and the audience.

## Global Journey With ORT, On Tuesday Nov. 30, At 1 P. M.

The membership drive of ORT's Woman's North Shore division commenced so auspiciously this autumn continues apace. Interest runs high in ORT's efforts in behalf of the individual refugee's specific needs in orientating himself in his newly adopted country. To further stimulate that interest Mrs. William Borkovitz, president, has responded to the request for a more detailed word picture of ORT's all-over activities by taking both new and old members on a "Global Journey with ORT." The day set aside for this adventure is Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 1 o'clock at Mrs. Borkovitz' home, 1377 Asbury avenue, Hubbard Woods. Listening privileges are extended to friends of members.

Mrs. Sidney Wiener, Highland Park, chairman of the White elephant sale, held last fortnight for the benefit of ORT, will make a report on the results of that venture in fund-raising.

To obtain the maximum benefit from the afternoon's presentation it is essential that the membership be prompt.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer N. Nielsen, Corpus Christi, Tex., visited his mother, Mrs. Anna Nielsen, 310 Cary avenue, while enroute to Wildwood, N.J., where Mr. Nielsen will assume duties as a naval aviation radio tech-

## Ravinia Woman's Club To Enjoy Program By Guest Artists Dec. 8

The distinguished American soloists, Helen Bickerton, soprano, and Raymond Koch, baritone, will be the guest artists in a duo-recital program at the December meeting of the Ravinia Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8, in the Village house.

Master of oratorio, Raymond Koch, will soon have achieved his 200th performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Leading baritone of the American Opera company under Frank St. Leger, Mr. Koch has appeared with the Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Cleveland Symphony orchestras. He has toured with Charles Wakefield Cadman and with the American Quartette, and made concert and oratorio appearances throughout the United States, beside his radio work with both NBC and CBS as staff artist.

Helen Bickerton was chosen by Frederick Stock to appear with the Chicago Symphony orchestra in Piere's, "The Children of Bethlehem." She has appeared with the leading choral organizations of the country and toured with Charles Wakefield Cadman during four seasons. Miss Bickerton, who is Mrs. Raymond Koch in private life, received her musical education in Chicago, followed by extensive study in Italy and in France, with subsequent preparation with American coaches.

Their program will be announced next week upon their return from a concert tour.

## Osa Johnson Will Be Speaker At N. Shore Sun. Eve Club

On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, Osa Johnson, known as the "first lady of exploration," will be the speaker at the North Shore Sunday Evening club at New Trier high school. This will be her third appearance for this organization.

She will show a hitherto unshown motion picture, entitled "Tulagi and the Solomon Islands." These are the the south sea battle grounds of our marines, and include cannibals, head-hunters, devil men, and beautiful scenery.

Her subject will be a "Bride in the Solomons." She is the first woman to explore the Solomon Islands, including Malaita, Guadalcanal and New Georgia. She has been working on her new book, "Bride of the Solomons," for two years.

## Woman's Club Shows Van Dingle Collection

The arts department of the Highland Park Woman's club announces for the second exhibit of the season, twenty-six water color paintings by the nationally known artist, Edward Von Dingle, of Charles, S.C. He is regarded by many as the modern Audubon of the south. His works are considered by the granddaughter of Audubon to resemble the same technique and treatment as that of her grandfather.

Dingle was born near Charleston on his father's cotton plantation. The Santee river flowed nearby and in this natural habitat for birds, he grew to know and love them. Graduating with first honors from the College

of Charleston, he returned later in life to live at Middleburg. His home has been in the family for over two hundred years and the house is a white wooden structure, the oldest in the state. It is surrounded by the now abandoned rice fields, often called the "Lowlands of America," replete with reminiscence of slave days.

Dingle paints his birds always on the wing, and for detail of color and texture, he refers to his own private collection of more than four thousand bird skins.

One of the club's members, Mrs. L. F. Harza is responsible for this ex-

hibit in co-operation with the chairman, Mrs. Oliver Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Harza lived several years in Charleston. While there, Harza designed and built the Santee River Cooper dam. It was at this time they met Dingle and followed his career.

Dingle has been represented in many notable exhibits; Achermanns galleries of New York, Robert Hall Fleming museum, Burlington, Vermont, Forty Warblers paintings, Buffalo museum of Science, Rockefeller center, New York City, and Palm Beach, Fla., Society of Four Arts.

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# MEET ALFRED NELSON

## - MAN OF ACTION ON THE IRON ORE FRONT

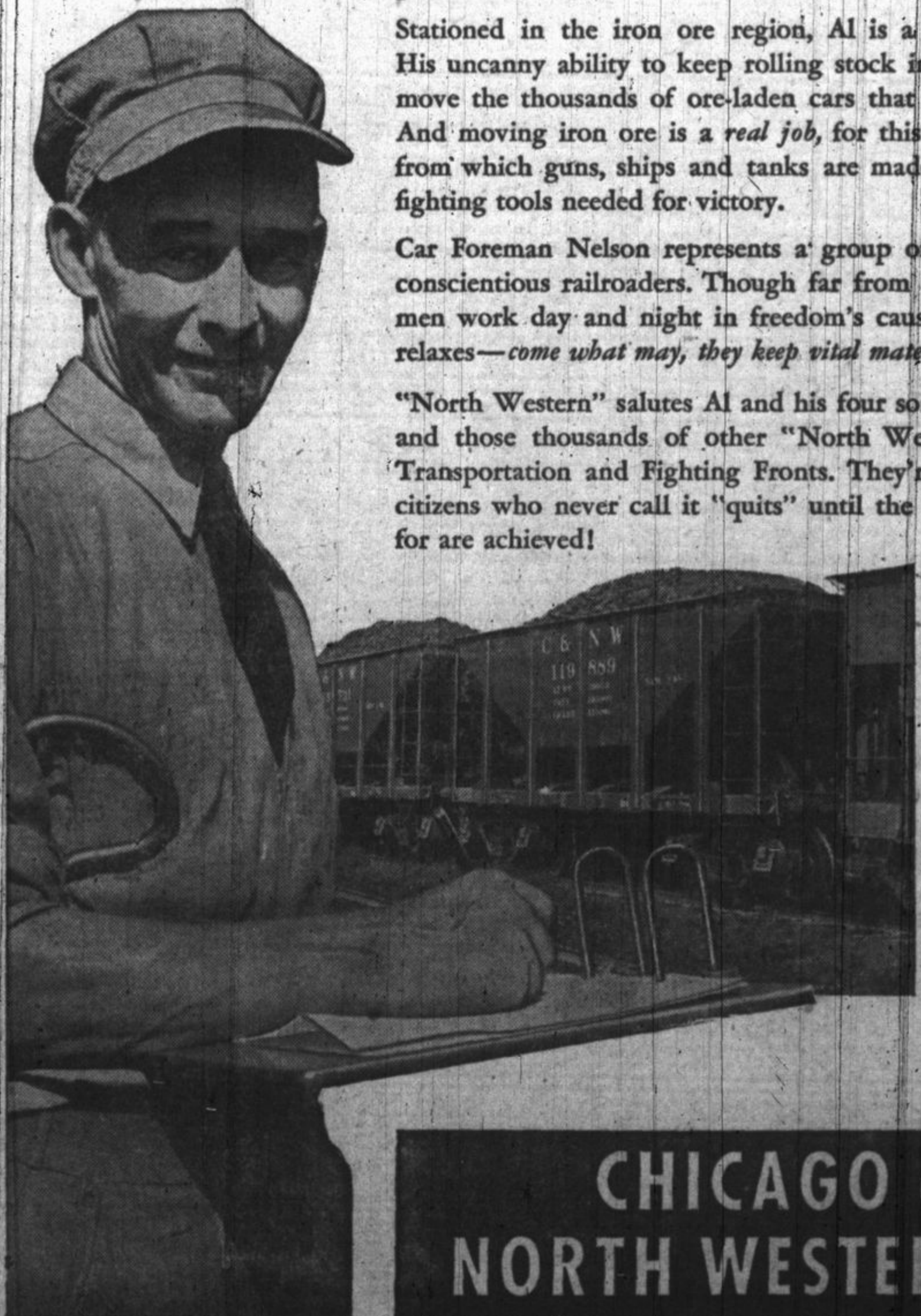
Alfred Nelson, up at Stambaugh, Michigan, is a "North Western" car foreman with a 30-year service record.

Men like Nelson have a deep sense of loyalty. Their country must be served. But Nelson has four other reasons for carrying on—his uniformed sons. Alfred, Jr. is an army lieutenant; Dick is a staff sergeant; Bob's a sergeant in the Coast Artillery; Don is a private first class.

Stationed in the iron ore region, Al is a mighty important man. His uncanny ability to keep rolling stock in top condition helps to move the thousands of ore-laden cars that pass through his yards. And moving iron ore is a real job, for this is the precious material from which guns, ships and tanks are made, as well as most other fighting tools needed for victory.

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