

# Let's Take a Look

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## Ex-GIs in Action

Our poetic editor suggested that this column visit the Evans Feed Store, 610 Central Ave., this week and have a chat with the four ex-GIs running the humming organization.

We were greeted by tall, dark, peppy, good-looking Gord Davis, ex-AAF soldier, and co-owner of the feed store.

Between the time we met and the time we sat down to chat — 10 minutes — 12 persons came in to the store and purchased; the telephone rang five times.

The store is a busy spot — and one of the reasons is the friendliness of the proprietors.

"We try our best to please these well Highland Parkers," Gord said. "They're might fine folks — and as honest as they come."

### PHONE RINGS . . .

The telephone rang again. This time a tall, blonde, studious-looking, be-spectacled young man answered and appeared the person on the other end, explaining:

"I'm sorry, sir. The feed hasn't come yet. But it'll be here next week for sure. I'll give you a ring as soon as we get some in. Goodbye." And he hung up.

"I only wish we could get more to sell," he said, shaking his head.

### MEET WALT . . .

Walter P. Strange, 25, the other new owner of the Evans Feed Store (formerly owned by John J. Lidicker) sat down, crossed his long legs, and began answering our questions.

"We bought the store back in November, 1945. We purchased it with the money we saved in the Army. So far business has been swell. We sell, for example, 10 tons of dog food monthly; you see, we're really in three businesses: Lawn and garden supplies, feed, and dog food.

"Yes, it's a pleasure working with Highland Parkers and with the people who live along the North Shore," Walt said.

### MORE CUSTOMERS . . .

More customers were out front and Walt left to wait on them.

"Walt is quite a man," Gord said. "He was a sergeant in the Army. He was in about four years. He's one of the five Yanks to be awarded the African Star from the British 8th Army. He also has the Bronze Star for heroism.

"He was blown out of his tank and was the only survivor. He was in all the tough battles over there — Tunis, Bizerte, and the rest.

"He was picked as one of the honor guards at the Cairo Conference attended by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin . . ."

### WALT RETURNS . . .

Walt returned from waiting on the customers . . .

"Tell us about the Cairo Conference," Gord said.

"Well," Walt began, "we'd just finished a battle and we were at a rest camp doing nothing. They needed some GIs to guard the celebrities so they picked us.

"We were there about one month. It was good duty because we didn't have too much to do and we had clean white sheets and de-

cent PX supplies, including beer, flown in for the conference."

"Tell us about the Big Three, Walt."

### ROOSEVELT SICKLY . . .

"That Churchill guy is quite the fellow," Walt began. "He always had that big cigar in his mouth. And every day he wore a different hat.

"President Roosevelt was very ill. He looked bad. He was carried everywhere. I didn't see him walk once. He had to be lifted into his specially-built, bullet-proof Packard.

"Stalin is a quiet, little man. He didn't say much. But he sure got most of the attention," Walt said.

### MEETS LEM . . .

"Lem, come in here," Walt yelled.

"Lem, meet the PRESS."

We met Lem J. Bingley, 38, ex-staff sergeant in the Marines, veteran of the toughest Pacific battles, and winner of the Bronze Star for heroic duty with the 5th Amphibious Corps.

"Lem is an important man in our organization," Gord said. "He keeps us informed about our stock on hand and sees to it that everything out in the warehouse is in good shape."

Lem, as modest as the others, said:

"We work like a team; it's fun working here. And our customers are so doggone fine. I wish you could tell the Highland Parkers how much we appreciate all they have done for us," he said.

### BOB PORTER . . .

More and more customers were coming in now and it was about time for PRESS to leave.

"Sorry Bob Porter isn't here; he's out delivering," Walt said. "He's our other man around here. He's an ex-GI, too. Army; infantry. He was in all the rugged African battles. He's a keen fellow and a wonderful worker. We couldn't get along without him," Walt concluded . . .

### HIGHLAND PARK MERCHANTS . . .

Readers will recall that there has been mention before in this column about the polite, friendly, co-operative spirit shown by Highland Park merchants towards their customers.

The same is true at Evans Feed Store.

These ex-GIs are about the happiest, friendliest, and politest we've met. It's easy to see why their establishment is so popular.

It's easy to predict, too, that they'll continue to be successful. Good luck, Walt, Gord, Lem, and Bob!

### OUR TOWN . . .

Credit Mr. Walter M. Heymann with finding this quote about our town in Saul D. Alinsky's "Reveille For Radicals," page 11:

"The people of America live everywhere, from Back Bay Boston to the bottoms of Kansas City. From swank HIGHLAND PARK, ILL., to slum Harlem, N. Y. . . .

## RELEASED FROM NAVY

Norman A. Malizia, RM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Malizia, 244 Highland Ave., Highwood, has been released from the navy. In service since 1943, he spent 20 months in the Pacific area.

E. L. Mills Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mills, 1915 S. Sheridan, has been released after 21 months in service. He was last stationed in the navy air base at St. Mary's, Calif. A graduate of Northwestern Military Academy at Lake Geneva, he will resume his education.

Also released are Earl D. Slown, SOM 2/c, 849 Osterman, Deerfield, and Wilson E. Richardson, MM 3/c, 644 Michigan.

## Walter Ballenger Plans To Resume Schooling

Walter Ballenger, veteran of 31 months in the armed forces, was recently released from service at Ft. Sheridan.

A technician fifth grade with the Army engineers in the Philippines, he was later hospitalized in Manila and Denver with severe attacks of jaundice.

Formerly a student at Northwestern, Ballenger plans to attend college in Wooster, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ballenger, 221 Vine.

## Hospitalized Veteran Meets Helen Keller

Hospitalization is an ordeal, but it has its compensations. T/5 Leo Nello Ori, of Highwood, hospitalized for the past 17 months at the Gardiner general hospital, where he has undergone a leg operation and treatment, after being wounded in action in Germany, 1944, recently met Helen Keller, world-famous blind deaf-mute, who toured the hospital.

## Bronze Star Awarded Pfc. Edwin Truthan

The Bronze Star, symbol of distinctive and meritorious service, has been awarded Pfc. Edwin J. Truthan, member of the "Red Diamond" infantry division during the European campaign.

The citation lists his services as expert driver, braving enemy fire to aid front line troops, assisting in evacuating the wounded, carrying ammunition, rations and salvaged vehicles. On one occasion he acted as rifleman to fill a gap in the lines.

His wife, Loraine, lives at 1219 S. Sheridan.

## Katherine F. Kuchlin Released from WAVE

Mrs. Katherine F. Kuchlin, former member of the WAVE, in which she served as MAM 2/c, was released recently from service in San Francisco, Calif. She entered the service in October, 1944.

She plans to accompany her husband, Herbert Kuchlin, coxswain, a member of the regular navy, to Seattle, Wash., where he expects to be stationed.

Mrs. Kuchlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weber, 619 McDaniels.

## Catholic Youth Organization

Shiel School for Social Studies, 31 E. Congress St., sponsored by the Catholic Youth organization under the direction of Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, will open a new seven-week term May 7.

Classes dealing with issues of current interest, in addition to courses in psychology, sociology, marriage, labor, art, drama, language and a special newspaper school conducted by the Chicago Newspaper guild will be offered.

## Men's Garden Club Observes Arbor Day By Donating Trees

The Highland Park Men's Garden club followed its annual custom last Friday by donating trees to six schools in Highland Park and three in Deerfield. Ravinia, Lincoln, Braeside, West Ridge, Elm Place, Green Bay, Bannockburn, Deerfield and Wilmot schools received trees for the Arbor Day planting.

## Robert Morley Is Released from Navy

Robert E. Morley, 20, has terminated 31 months in the navy, which he entered in September, 1943.

After studying radio in Indianapolis and San Diego, he spent two years on a training ship in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Morley, 502 Central avenue.

## Dr. Jack P. Cowen To Resume Practice

Comdr. Jack P. Cowen, 505 Maple lane, was recently released from the navy. In service since May, 1942, he spent the past year in the Pacific area, being last stationed at Hawaii.

An eye specialist, he expects to resume his practice in civilian life.

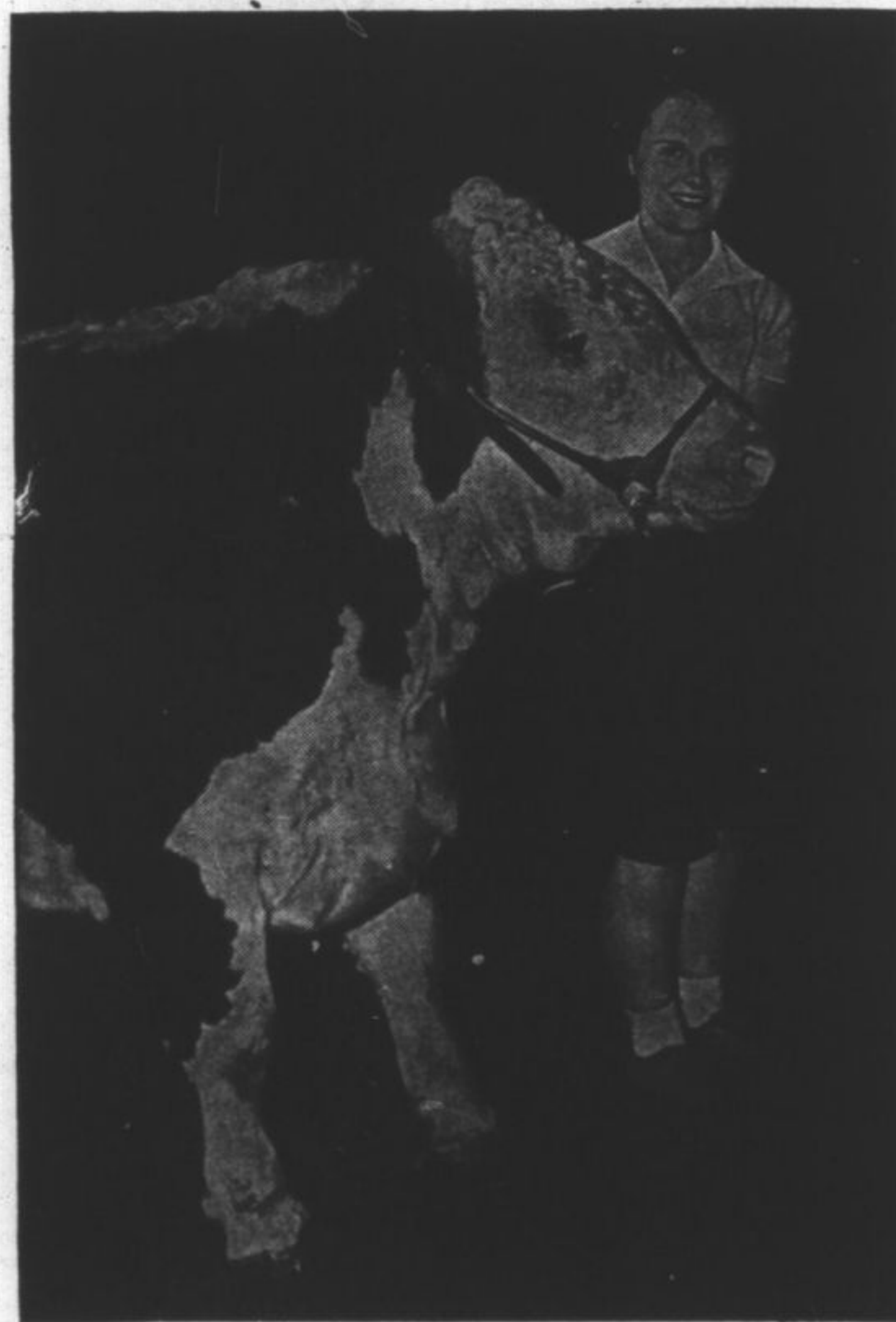
## NORMAN HIRSCH ON U. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Norman Hirsch, 2323 Lakeside Pl., Highland Park, has been named to the publicity committee for the Mothers' Day program May 3, 4 and 5, at the University of Illinois. Activities will include a professional and the crowning of the May Queen and a reception for mothers.

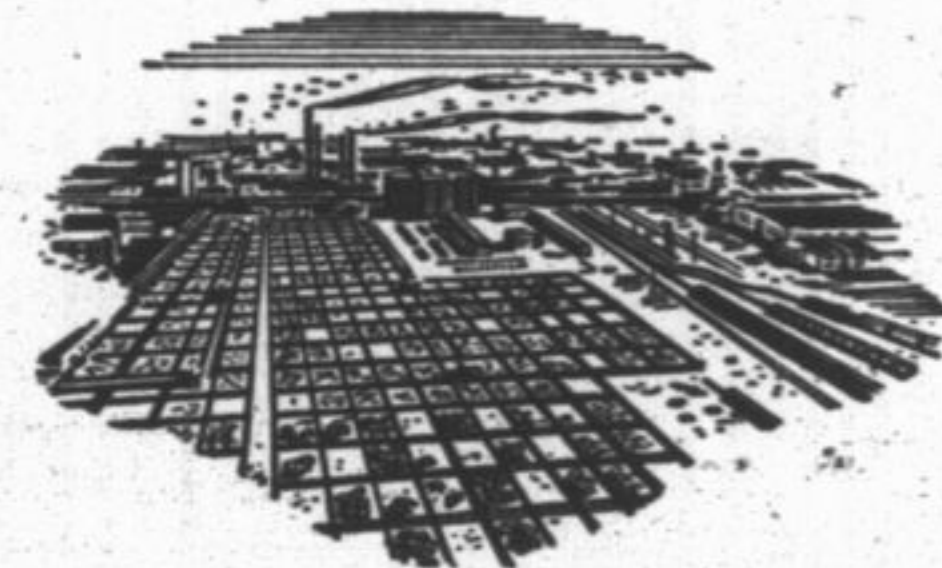
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Chicago's preeminence in this industry has placed it first in the production of fresh beef, mutton, lamb, pork, cooked hams, fresh and dried sausage, lard and oleomargarine.

Because the Middle West is the nation's granary, Chicago and Northern Illinois is a huge grain distributing center. The Chicago Board of Trade handles 86 per cent of the entire nation's trading in wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley and soy bean futures—the largest market of its kind in the world.

With its ideal economic balance among industries, trades, and agriculture, this area is indeed the heart of the world's richest inland empire.

The same natural advantages that have contributed to its importance in food processing have helped to build its leadership in industry, transportation, and marketing. No other center provides such easy access to as many other large markets. No other distributing point offers such economy of time and distance in serving the nation—and the entire world.

These are some of the reasons why this area is well launched upon another period of industrial progress. For industries contemplating location or expansion, the unequal advantages of this diversified area deserve thorough investigation.

## Chicago and Northern Illinois

### ...Center of an Agricultural Empire

It was inevitable that Chicago should become a world food center. Here in Northern Illinois a billion dollars worth of food products are processed annually. Here, a hundred thousand people are employed in this industry alone.

Forty per cent of America's farm output, in dollar value, is produced in—or within overnight ride of—Northern Illinois. Thus Chicago has become the largest packing and food storage center, as well as the largest

industries located in this area have these outstanding advantages: Railroad Center of the United States • World Airport • Inland Waterways • Geographical Center of U. S. Population • Great Financial Center • The "Great Central Market" • Food Producing and Processing Center • Leader in Iron and Steel Manufacturing • Good Labor Relations Record • 2,500,000 Kilowatts of Power • Tremendous Coal Reserves • Abundant Gas and Oil • Good Government • Good Living

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