

Let's Take a Look

By

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This Fountain Pen Age

We suppose that when the Pos at their automatic portables to k before, they'll surely mention th too.

The nation suddenly has gone mad over pens — yep, the "click-click" type; those that write under water; and those that make six carbons perfectly.

Or, are they all the same? We're confused.

WE'RE FUNNY FOLK . . .

Americans are funny folk. We have fads. And we go all out for them.

For awhile, you'll recall, it was yo-yos. Then pee-wee golf courses. Then Benny Goodman "platters." Then saddle shoes. Then Frank Sinatra.

But now it's pens . . . and how we're buying them. But fast!

TERRIFIC EARNINGS . . .

Take a certain pen company in this area. It netted over \$1,500,000 in the first few months. It had a grip on the "write-for-two-years - without - refilling" market.

Now others are squirting the field.

We stopped at a big Chicago stationery store the other day and looked over all these wonder pens.

They're quite unique, you know. And if our Pre-Atomic-Age pen wasn't working so well, we'd purchase one of the streamlined jobs, complete with just about everything . . .

MEETS SALES LADY . . .

A pleasant, bi-spectacled sales lady waited on us . . . "Golly," she said, "do you want to see our pens, too?"

(Understand, she was weary after showing all the pen models to hundreds of curious customers)

"The American public has gone crazy over pens," she began, sighing

"They just can't get enough pens. Why some of my customers come in every time a new one is advertised. They've got all the models. They seem to get a curious delight out of scribbling with them."

EFFICIENT? . . .

Are these pens really so efficient? we asked.

"Yes," she replied, "they do write well. But now and then they get stuck, or something; then they won't write for a while."

Who do you suppose wants to write with a pen underwater? we queried, apparently very ignorant.

"Men in submarines," she snapped. "And people who work in aquariums, too."

"Oh," we said.

CAN'T RECALL FILLING TIME . . .

We explained that we could t Atomic Age historians sit down nock out a record-of-what-went at this was The Fountain Pen Age.

never remember when we filled our pen last. We added that we believed it'd be awfully difficult —if we had one of these new, write-75,000 words - without - refilling pens — to recall whether we filled it this year, or last.

She brushed over that one, saying: "These new pens are hard to fill; the ink is messy; I got some all over my dress yesterday." And so it goes.

DOUBTFUL . . .

Now we don't know whether to buy one of these pens, or not. We guess we'll wait — until we can get one for 12½c; or 15c.

But, by then, we'll demand that it write for a lifetime without refilling.

Yes, and it must solve algebra problems.

And have a radio in the case, too!

PRAISE WHERE IT IS DUE . . .

For a long time we've wanted to write a piece about Highland Park's efficiently-run Post Office . . . and the local telephone company . . .

It'd be hard to single out any person to praise at our post office. All the workers there are doing good work.

Most post offices we've used in other towns have been drab, unhappy spots.

HIGHLAND PARK POST OFFICE IS DIFFERENT . . .

Not so in Highland Park. Here the postal employees are a happy, pleasant group, always willing to help . . .

We just wanted to let you nice folks around our post office know that we Highland Parkers surely appreciate your courtesy and friendliness.

And we hope that you get that deserved raise, too! . . .

TELEPHONE COMPANY . . .

Now we've never met any of those sweet-voiced Highland Park telephone operators; but we'll wager they're a keen group of women.

They're alert; quick to understand; quick to assist. They're polite, too; and patient.

Here then is a word of thanks to you telephone operators who do such a splendid job of taking our numbers and completing our calls so promptly and efficiently . . .

Harriet Stanley — Pat Nell. Bert Jefferson — George Hiller. Lorraine Sheldon — Marjorie Nath.

Sandy — Stanmore Bennett. Beverly Carlton — Robert Smith. Banjo — Michael Bertolini. Prof. Metz — Bert Wells. Expressman — William Casey. Westcott — Dean Dickenson. Choir boys — Tom Athanas. Frank Casario, John Sears, Victor Lubke, Edmond Nickols and Pal Santi.

Robert Schumacher is stage manager and Dick Bauer radio technician.

"Pretty As a Picture" Will Be High School Style Show

Play suits, house coats, dresses, coats and formals will be modeled by girls of the home economics department of the high school at 3:30 on May 22 in the auditorium of the high school. All garments to be displayed were designed and fashioned in the home economics department.

The style show is an annual affair. In charge of stage and lights are Rosalie Marquart and Mike Bertolini. Music will be furnished by Mr. Harold Finch, director of music. Programs will be designed by Ruth McNutt and printed by Erwin Stuart.

In charge of the program are Ruth McNutt, Phyllis Owen, Loretta Werhane, Nancy Rabattini and Jean Troxel, under the supervision of Miss Dora Dean and Miss Gladys Cairncross.

Tea will be served in the home economics department to mothers, faculty members and guests, preceding the show.

Wilson Richardson Joins Peacetime Navy

Among the latest to respond to the rallying cry, "The Peacetime Navy Is a Great Life," was Wilson Richardson, 644 Michigan avenue.

The recruiting rate for the regular navy must be increased to meet the navy's peacetime obligations. The United States navy needs thousands of men to man its ships and shore stations. Young men enlisting in the navy have an opportunity to serve their country, and at the same time learn a trade or complete their education. Men can now enlist for two, three, four or six year hitches. Investigate the opportunities in the peacetime navy. Go to 321 S. Plymouth Ct., U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Chicago 4, or telephone Harrison 6886.

NORA BATTAGLINI WILL TAKE NURSE'S COURSE

Miss Nora Battaglini, 208 Burchill avenue, Highwood, is one of six senior cadet nurses who enrolled May 1 in the three-month course in orthopaedic nursing offered by the University of Illinois. The course is given in the Orthopaedic - Surgical institute of the university's research and educational hospitals in the Chicago Medical center.

Miss Battaglini will receive special training in the treatment of deformities and of injuries to the bones, joints, muscles and nerves. The university's orthopaedic program for cadet nurses started May 1, 1944, and is the first of its kind in the country.

Miss Battaglini received her basic training at St. Joseph's hospital in Alton.

Ravinia School Children Present May Day Program

On Wednesday afternoon, May 1, a May day program was presented by the Ravinia school children in the Village house.

The stage was banked with a variety of colorful spring blossoms for the special assembly, and two children from each grade were chosen to read their original poems.

Highlighting a program of songs and readings, Co Co Clogue, an 8th grade pupil, was chosen, with due ceremony, as queen. At the close of the program she presented the poets with awards of flowers.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is one of the seasons of the year when people living here are happy to be in a small community surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubs, flowers, birds. Only a short drive west from the city are dense woods filled with trilliums, violets, wild crab apple trees fragrant with a profusion of blossoms.

If you are interested in learning more about nature the Highland Park public library can supply books of all sorts, inspirational books, Lost Woods by Teale, Many Happy Days I've Squandered by Loveridge. Mention of the name Teale reminds me, don't miss his book about bees.

Now that the foliage is not so dense, it is easier to see the birds. Helpful in distinguishing the different kinds are many different

titles including a guide to bird songs.

This area is rich in different kinds of trees. The library offers many different guides. One book alone would inspire one to further study, the work of a life time by Walter Rogers, with drawings from nature by Olga Smith—Tree Flowers of Forest, Park and Street. Knowing Your Trees by Collingwood is an excellent guide.

Perhaps in a walk through the woods you have seen a mushroom which you dared not touch for fear of its being poisonous. There are guides with-colored plates, among them Common Edible Mushrooms by Clyde Christensen of the University of Minnesota.

If you are a fisherman, in addition to a book about the fish of this part of the country, Northern Fishes by Eddy, there is a fascinating life of the salmon, Return to the River, a story of the Chinook Run by Haig Brown.

One might go on at much greater length, enumerating books on all sorts of subjects from the life of a mere ant by Maeterlinck to a description of the largest telescope in this country. Better yet, come to the library and look over the shelves, including the valuable collection on the Venning Memorial self.

Announce Engagement of Jean Steward Cady

Mr. and Mrs. Hearst Wadham Cady, 339 E. Park, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Steward, to Orwin Schimmel, son of Mrs. Rudolph Schimmel, of Toronto, Canada. Miss Cady was discharged in December from the Marines, in which she served for two years. Mr. Schimmel has recently been released from duty in the army, in which he served as captain, with 25 months of overseas service. He attended the University of Toronto.

The wedding will take place in August.

Rites Held Monday For Highwood Resident

Rites were held Monday at St. James church, Highwood, for Desiderio (George) Cassai, 216 Railway, Highwood, who succumbed to a sudden heart attack last Saturday, about midnight, as he was going on duty at Great Lakes naval training station as night watchman.

Born in Italy 52 years ago, he came to America in 1910, and to Highwood about 25 years ago. Surviving are two sisters, Rosie, living in Argentina, and Candida, in Italy. A cousin, Joseph Cassai, lives in Highwood.

Friendship Club All-Day Trip on May 23

The Friendship club has planned an interesting all-day trip for May 23, including visits to Bowman Dairy in Chicago, the Planetarium, Chinatown (including the Temple) and dinner in Chinatown.

The bus will leave at 11 a.m. for the trip. Contact Miss Agnes Gunlan, H.P. 4877 for reservations.

Ravinia Gardeners to Enjoy Program By Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson

The May meeting of the Ravinia Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. Frederick Mudge, 160 Deere Park court, May 10 at 2 p.m.

The program will be given by Mrs. Dudley Crafts Watson, who will show kodachrome slides of "Flower Gardens of South America." Dr. and Mrs. Watson spent several months in South America the winter of 1945, when he took many pictures of historical importance and rare and unusual beauty.

He uses these pictures to illustrate his well-known and very popular lectures at the Art Institute. Mrs. Jack McDowell will arrange flowers for this meeting, and assisting Mrs. Mudge as co-hostess will be Mrs. L. F. Harza, chairman, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mrs. Arthur Durand and Mrs. Robert Prosser.

The club is proud to announce that Mrs. Willard Ewing won a blue ribbon at the recent "Fashions in Flowers" show held by the

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Emilio Almada, consul for Mexico in Chicago, is assisting Mrs. Remy Hudson, theme chairman, in perfecting plans for the Mexican Fiesta which the club will sponsor Map 25 at Ravinia park.

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Highland Parkers Support "Seeing Eye" Project

Highland Park Seeing Eye committee members received up-to-date information on the Seeing Eye Tuesday, May 7, when Herbert Geisler, prominent Chicago attorney, spoke at the Chicago Woman's Athletic club on his recent visit to Morristown, N. J., school.

Mr. Geisler, who is accompanied everywhere by his handsome dog guide, Tina, graphically described the work of the Seeing Eye in providing the means of independent travel for blind men and women. He explained the progress the school has made during the past year, and the importance of the fact that five new apprentice trainers have been added to the staff since the ending of the war. "This means," said Mr. Geisler, "that more dogs can be trained to guide blind people. With increased production," he continued, "more blind people benefit from the independence the Seeing Eye dog provides."

Committee members from Highland Park are Mrs. Ellsworth L. Mills, chairman, Mrs. Gordon Adanson, Mrs. Ralph C. Archer, Miss Jean Butz, Mrs. Robert M. Cobb, Mrs. J. P. Conley, Mrs. H. J. D'Ancona, Mrs. Charles E. DeLew, Mrs. Howard F. Detmer, Mrs. C. Longford, Felske, Mrs. Leslie R. Gage, Mrs. Edwin M. Hadley Jr., Mrs. Robert H. Herbst, Mrs. W. J. Hodge, Mrs. Ben Lazard, Mrs. Elwood B. Low, Mrs. George A. Mason, Mrs. Willard Medway, Mrs.

Baldwin Newman, Mrs. George W. Ross Jr., Mrs. W. H. Rutherford, Mrs. Jackson W. Smart, Mrs. John T. Snite, Mrs. J. K. Tyson, and Mrs. R. R. Wible.

May 18 Is Date Of High School Spring Play

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" will be presented in the high school auditorium Saturday evening, May 18, by high school students under the direction of Miss Marquart. This three-act comedy has been a universal success on the stage, on the screen and on the air.

Scenery will be constructed by the drama class, with Nick Bertolini in charge. Anne Smith is student director and Harriet McNeal and Joan Sheahan will act as prompters. There will be a six-boy choir, under the direction of Chester Kyle.

The complete cast is as follows: Mrs. Ernest W. Stanley—Anita Van Auker.

Miss Preen—Gretchen Wiltberger.

Richard Stanley — William McCulloch.

June Stanley — Mary McNeal.

John — Charles Baker.

Sarah — Barbara Bailey.

Mrs. Dexter — Barbara Weil.

Mrs. McCutcheon—Laurel Rosenthal.

Mr. Stanley — Richard Kaufmann.

Maggie Cutler — Gail Whitehead.

Dr. Bradley — George McNutt.