

Let's Take a Look

By

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Let's Make Highland Park A Safer Town!

In the mail this week we received a carbon copy of a letter written by Mr. Peter F. Weber to Mayor James B. Garnett. Mr. Weber, a long time Ridgewood Drive resident of Highland Park, advocates a plan to make the North Shore Beech St. station one of this city's most hazardous spots—a safe place.

Mr. Weber writes: "I just wonder how many more people must be killed at Beech St. before something is done about the conditions which have existed there over a long period of years. "In the first place," Mr. Weber continues, "Beech St. is not a street (west of the tracks, that is); it has not been given surfacing to permit people to walk from Ridgewood Dr. to the station comfortably."

UNSAFE LOCATION

"In the second place, if there is any good reason why the North Shore station is just at that spot, I have yet to find the answer. "About 300 feet south of 'Beech St.' there is a dip in the road which would permit an underpass below the North Western tracks and the North Shore tracks so that people, including students attending Highland Park high school could board both south and northbound North Shore trains without having to pass over either the north or southbound North Shore tracks. Furthermore, it would then be unnecessary to cross the North Western tracks."

PLAN PROPOSED BEFORE: NO RESULTS . . .

"A number of years ago I advocated the installation of an underpass, but got nowhere fast even though the cost . . . was stated to be a comparatively small amount to be paid by Highland Park; the balance to be paid by the North Shore and North Western lines. "At the present time there may be some opposition to an underpass, but such opposition should be weighed against possible future loss of life. "All those who use the North Shore trains would appreciate whatever can be done by the City Council to take care of the present hazardous condition at Beech St. Respectfully yours, PETER J. F. WEBER."

BACK PLAN . . .

This column backs Mr. Weber. We know what he says is correct. We know the station is a treacherous one. Something must be done about it at once. We feel certain, too, that Mr. Garnett will believe in and push this safety plan.

A SIMPLE, IMPORTANT JOB . . .

It seems to us that building an underpass—and a new station, too; the present one is dirty, cold in winter, generally unpleasant—is a simple job. It's too bad we don't have some of our Seabee construction friends available. They'd do the job in a day or so. But we've been noticing the strong, young men working for the city this year. Quite a few are ex-GIs. They know how to get jobs done—and done well, too. Put about 20 of these capable lads on the construction job and we'll wager work would be completed in two weeks' time. And, too, the fellows would have something to show for their efforts: A safer Highland Park.

ADD PLEASANT PLACES TO EAT . . .

If you're ever in Chicago, around lunchtime, and you're near the Gold Coast, we suggest you stop in at the Wood Restaurant, corner of Michigan Blvd. and Walton. It's a fine, old-fashioned place to eat. Each tasty dish is cooked to order. And the waitresses are most courteous—still a rarity, we've noticed, despite the war's end. And, while we're thinking about eating, may we recommend the pleasant Hearthstone House located on Green Bay road, just south of Glencoe? This, too, is an excellent place to eat.

Socials

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MRS. EGAN CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Twenty-five relatives gathered on Sunday to help Mrs. William C. Egan of 300 Egandale celebrate her 90th birthday. Among those present were a daughter, Mrs. Sewell Truax of the same address, a son, William B. Egan of Chicago, a granddaughter, Mrs. Marvin Tippey of 711 Central avenue, and two great-grandchildren, Marilyn and Susan Tippey. William Egan's son, William C. Egan, of Syracuse, N. Y., was unable to be here for his grandmother's birthday, as was Mrs. Morris Everett of Cleveland, O. She and her husband visited here the week before, however. Mrs. Everett is the daughter of Mrs. Egan's son, the late Chandler Egan. Mrs. Egan, who is one of Highland Park's oldest residents, has lived here for almost 70 years. The former Sarah Chandler, she has three grand children and seven great-grandchildren.

IN CHINA

In China, is Captain Walter Steunkel, who recently re-enlisted in the marine corps. His wife, the former Laura Mae McMahan, will remain for a while in Pendleton, Calif., where they have been living while he was stationed there, before returning to Highland Park. She hopes to join her husband later in China. Captain Steunkel has been a member of the United States Marine corps since '42, most of his time of service being spent in the Pacific theater. Mrs. Steunkel's brother, Major John McMahan, of the army air corps, is now stationed in Mem-

phis, Tenn. He has been in the service since '41.

LAUTER-STRAUS NUPTIALS-SATURDAY

Only the immediate families and a few young friends will be present at the wedding ceremony of Miss Joan Betty Lauter, daughter of the George H. Lauters of 70 E. Cedar, Chicago, and L. Thomas Straus, son of the M. L. Strauses of 2315 S. Sheridan road, which will take place on Saturday evening, July 20, at the Drake hotel, Chicago. Rabbi Hertz will read the service. Mr. Lauter will give his daughter in marriage. The bride, who will wear a white gown trimmed with lace from the wedding gown of Mr. Straus' grandmother, the late Mrs. Charles Stonehill, will be attended by her sister, Miss Lucy Lauter, as maid of honor. Jill Henner, niece of the bride, will act as flower girl. Melvin Straus, Jr., will serve his brother as best man. Mr. Straus was released from the army this year, after four years' service. He spent a year in the European theater as a member of the Rainbow division. A former sergeant, he has been recommended for the bronze star medal. After a wedding trip by plane to Jamaica, Mr. Straus and his bride will reside in Chicago.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Week-end guests of the Russell Ahrgns of 202 Beech St. were Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Ryder and son, Tod, of Los Angeles, Calif.

BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Date and daughter, Marilyn, of 1726 Rice

St., returned from a week's steam-boat excursion from St. Louis, Mo., up the Ohio river, on the "Golden Eagle." Mrs. Date returned by plane, and Mr. Date—and Marilyn—came back by plane.

Back home after a two weeks' visit with their daughter and son-in-law, the Vernon Silks (Jean Vetter), are Mr. and Mrs. William Vetter and sons, Bob and LaFry, of 347 McDaniels avenue. En route home they visited in Washington, D. C., and with relatives in Bloomington, Indiana.

After a five-day stay at Manitowish, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Waggett of 325 Marshman avenue, have returned home. Their son, Warren, remained for another week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buhl, and their daughter, Nancy, stayed on with the Leo Edelmanns for an added week.

Released last week from the army, Francis Wing, a former corporal, is back home with his wife and daughter, Beth, who is three years old. The Wings reside at 227 Vine.

Mr. Wing, in the army for 22 months, received his discharge at Fort Sheridan. He had been stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif. He will return to his former position with the Dahl Auto Reconstruction Co.

ANN AMBLER WEDS

Trinity Episcopal church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Ann Ambler, daughter of the Harold Amblers of 645 Sunnyside, and Theodore Willard McCollum, son of the G. Willard McCollums of Downers Grove, at 3 o'clock, Saturday, July 13. The Rev. Christoph Keller heard the exchange of nuptial vows before an altar of white gladioli and candelabra. The bride wore a white organdy wedding gown with fingertip veil.

She carried a bouquet of white gladioli, carnations, gardenias and larkspur. Her father gave her in marriage.

The maid of honor, Miss Jennette McCollum, sister of the bridegroom, and the matron of honor, Mrs. Rossiter S. Simpson, were dressed alike in white net, and they carried yellow daisies and blue delphinium.

The bride's mother wore a beige crepe dress with black accessories, complemented by a corsage of picardy gladioli. The mother of the bridegroom wore a print dress and her corsage was like that of the bride's mother.

Mr. McCollum plans to return to Knox college in Galesburg this fall, where he was a student at the time the war interrupted his education. A former sergeant, he served in the army for three years. Miss Ambler attended St. Catherine's college in St. Paul, Minn.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, following the ceremony.

After a two weeks honeymoon in the Ozarks, the young couple will reside in Downers Grove.

VISITING HERE

A house guest this summer of the Charles R. Perrigos of 278 Cary, is Miss Elizabeth Hervey of Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Hervey and the Perrigos' daughter, Jean, were room-mates this past year at Stephens college in Missouri.

Former Highland Parkers, now residents of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Carrie Vetter and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Vetter's son and daughter-in-law, the Walter Vettters of Lake Forest.

Mrs. Edward Gillilen and son, Edward, of 685 Central avenue, will return to Washington with them for two weeks. Mrs. Gillilen, the former Dorothy Loomis, is a niece of Mrs. Vetter.

RETURNED HOME

After a visit at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, the John Kellys of 880 Roslyn lane, Tom Kelly, a former Highland Parker, returned to his home in Albuquerque, N. Mex., last Friday.

Betty Kelly, the John Kellys' daughter, who has been at the Tom Kelly home in Albuquerque for the past two weeks, plans to remain with them until next summer. She will enter the University of New Mexico in the fall.

ENTERTAINED

Leon Fleisher, pianist, who appeared at Ravinia park this past week, was the honored guest at a party at the home of the L. F. McClores of 333 Woodland road, following the concert last Thursday night. Twenty guests were present.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Bellows of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Highland Park, who are guests in the David T. Welch home at 2292 Lincolnwood road, many parties have been given.

The Welch's entertained at dinner in their honor last Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Looney of 779 Oak Grove, were hosts at a dinner party for them on Saturday night and the Robert Paris Walkers of 779 Oak Grove honored them at dinner the following night.

Mrs. James E. McClellan of 738 Marion avenue, will give a luncheon in Mrs. Bellows' honor tomorrow. The visitors plan to remain (Continued on page 3)

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