

Let's Take a Look

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Random Jottings

It's early Sunday morning. Church has been attended. A good night's rest is behind us. And now we're ready to talk to you for a few minutes.

Some of you folks prefer that we fill the column with random jottings, we're told. So, here goes...

Friend Gilbert Gardner, able Chicago newspaperman, passed this thought our way the other day:

"I wonder," Gil asked, "how many 'Men of Distinction' you can find on West Madison Street, Chicago?"

TOO MUCH SPACE...

Perhaps we're a bit late with this, and maybe it isn't worth the space, but it seems Chicago's news editors tossed aside good taste recently when they devoted so much space to Al Capone, the man who devoted his life to negative thinking and doing.

Here, in our opinion, is the story that should have been run about Capone:

"Al Capone, the man who helped ruin the reputation of Chicago, died today."

That's all.
And that's enough!

ADD-LOOK ALIKES...

Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Chicago's fearless publisher, Col. R. R. McCormick.

ENCOURAGING...

We were right encouraged recently when we read that the No. 1 movie of 1946 was "Bells of St. Mary" and the No. 1 actress was Ingrid Bergman.

It's refreshing indeed to see that the nation's moviegoers prefer clean, positive movies and talented actresses to suggestive movies and second rate performers. Hollywood, please copy!

ADD STUPID

MOVIE TITLES...

"Nobody Lives Forever."

CURRENT COMMENTARY

Last week we wrote about a planned air trip to Toledo, O. "Well, we went to Toledo—but not by air. Remember the weather? Instead, we went by slow train. It was a dirty train, too. And the lunch and dinner were poor."

It seems strange, but you'd think that a nation that can afford a five billion dollar bomb designed to kill ought to have enough money to put its railroads in shape!

PARTING THOUGHT

Remember, it doesn't cost any more to be an optimist.

And you're so much happier if you are!

Presbyterian Churches

Plan Lenten School
The Highland Park Presbyterian church, in cooperation with the Deerfield Presbyterian church and Lake Forest Presbyterian church, has planned a Lenten school on the six Thursday evenings from February 20 to March 27 inclusive. The Bible study will be given by Dr. V. D. Melconian of the Presbyterian College of Christian Education in Chicago. Following this, there will be departmental group meetings with

instructions and methods of teaching. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Scoutmasters Dinner

Feb. 20 at Cong. Israel

North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America, held its annual meeting Tuesday night in the Highland Park American Legion hall.

Elected officers for the coming year were the following: Honorary president, Gen. Robert E. Wood, Lake Forest; honorary vice-president, Albert P. Snite, Highland Park; honorary vice-president, William E. Webster, Libertyville; honorary treasurer, Otto F. Fisher, Highwood; president, Harold J. Peacock, Glenview; vice-presidents, Roland D. Feltman, Kenilworth, Raymond Ryan, Highland Park, and Fred MacKenzie, Wilmette; scout commissioner, Milton H. Wright, Lake Bluff; commodore, Will C. Huggins, Wilmette; trustee, John W. Davis, Highland Park; treasurer, Dr. C. V. Nichols, Highland Park, and secretary, George R. Boardman, scout executive.

Among national council representatives chosen was Raymond L. Ryan, Highland Park.

The council applied for a new charter, approved the new constitution and received annual reports

from the various committees at the meeting.

Kenneth L. Fox of Glencoe told of the plans and program his committee have been working on for the annual Scoutmasters appreciation dinner, which will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 20. The dinner will again be held in the North Shore Congregation Israel.

SUDDEN THOUGHT

Labor would be respected a lot more, we think, if it had able leaders like Cordell Hull, Bernard Baruch and young Henry Ford.

SMART DECISION

We were pleased to learn that in 1947 you women are going to dress "more femininely"; that you're going to "be yourself" in your choice of clothes; that your skirts, thank goodness, are going to be longer.

You've made a smart decision, Ladies!

Now if you can only remember that your charm is in just being a woman, and not a "career girl," and so on, the happier you'll make us men.

And we who were lucky to be born males assume that it's not your intention to displease us. Not all the time, anyway!

SOME QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE ANSWERED...

What is the circulation of Coronet magazine?

Why do waiters disappear when you're in a hurry and want them to bring the check?

They say Hildegard is incomparable.

Incomparable to whom, might we ask?

How much valuable radio time are we going to give the novelty tune, "Open the Door, Richard!" we wonder?

Too much — of that we're certain.

Why can't Highland Parkers support their fine library with contributions?

(Ed. Note. They can if they join the "Friends of the Highland Park Library." More about this at a later date.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday, February 7—**
7:30 pm Rifle and Pistol (rifle). Deerfield range.
- Saturday, February 8—**
8:30 pm Bethany Charisma club. Homes.
8:30 pm Swing club. H. P. Woman's club.
9:00 pm Saturday Evening club. YWCA.
- Sunday, February 9—**
11:00 am Miss Lois Kramer, missionary from Tokyo, at Bethany church.
- Monday, February 10—**
9:30 am H. P. Woman's club board. Club house.
10:00 am Woman's Assn. board. Presbyterian parish house.
10:00 am Trinity church. Parish house.
12:15 pm Rotary. Sunset Valley.
1:30 pm Mussart club. Homes.
4:30 pm H. P. Social Service. Office.
6:30 pm Kiwanis. Sunset Valley.
7:30 pm Rifle and Pistol (pistol). Deerfield range.
7:30 pm St. Johns Youth Fellowship. Church.
7:30 pm Kaper Kadettes. YWCA.
7:30 pm Park board. City Hall.
8:00 pm Braeside Back to School Night. School.
8:00 pm Royal Arcanum. Masonic temple.
8:00 pm Moose. Witten hall.
8:00 pm City Council. City Hall.
- Tuesday, February 11—**
10:00 am YWCA board. YWCA.
6:30 pm Chamber of Commerce. Sunset Valley.
7:30 pm School board 108. Lincoln school.
8:00 pm Mothers club. YWCA.
8:00 pm West Ridge Community club. Ridge school.
8:00 pm Berean Women's class. Homes.
- Wednesday, February 12—(Lincoln's birthday.)**
No school.
9:45 am Girl Scout council. Office.
10:00 am H. P. Hospital auxiliary. Trinity church.
1:30 pm Ravinia Woman's club card party. Village house.
2:00 pm H. P. Service Mothers. Community center.
6:30 pm Pi Delta supper meeting. YWCA.
7:30 pm Royal Arch Masons. Masonic temple.
8:00 pm Royal Neighbors. Masonic temple.
8:00 am V.F.W. Witten hall.
- Thursday, February 13—**
10:00 am Sewing group. YWCA.
12:15 pm Lions club. Highland House.
1:30 pm Bethany Missionary society. Homes.
2:00 pm D.A.R. Mrs. John Wilbor.
2:00 pm St. John's Women's guild. Homes.
6:30 pm H.G.A. Father-Daughter banquet. High school.
7:30 pm Painting class. YWCA.
8:00 pm American Legion. Legion hall.

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Better Living Began with Edison's Birth a Century Ago

WITH the birth of Thomas Alva Edison the greatest period of progress in the history of the world began. Many men of vision have, of course, contributed to this scientific advance, but Edison more than any other one man, personifies the progress of the era.

In 1847, when Edison was born, America was still a vast pioneering country. Adventurers, lured west by gold, jogged overland by stagecoaches. In the cities of the east flickering gas lamps lit the drawing rooms, but oil lamps flourished throughout the parlors of the "back country." This was the world of the youthful Edison.

Today, through the development of his 1,110 patented inventions, Edison is a dominant influence in all of our lives. During the century since his birth, we have come to accept as commonplace the incandescent and fluorescent lamp, talking pictures, movies, phonographs and scores of other direct results of his genius. Less well known, but of great importance, were, for instance, Edison's development of the basic principles of electronics and the invention of the long rotary kiln

which made large scale cement production a reality.

Even during Edison's lifetime, standards of living throughout the world rose spectacularly. As Edison's work went on, his inventions created jobs, not only in the electrical industry but also in many other industries. A recent estimate shows that about one working person in nine now owes his job to an idea which originated in the mind of Thomas Alva Edison.

Only by imagining oneself living in this world without the wealth of advantages bestowed by Edison can we fully understand and evaluate the personal legacy which this great American left to each of us. Businessmen charting the advance of their firms, homemakers flicking the switch which takes the gloom out of washday . . . people everywhere, at movies, listening to radios, phonographs or merely reading in their homes, enjoy a better life because of him.

Today, we join the world in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the birth of Edison. We are proud to be among the industries which today carry forward the developments he started.

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