

Let's Take a Look

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"You're Closer to God in a Garden!"

This has been an interesting week. Let's start from the beginning. To the Founder's Meeting of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park where popular C. Eugene Pfister and other founders were honored for their superior work in guiding this fine organization during its early days.

Gene Pfister was the club's first president. And now he's reached the peak: He's president of the Men's Garden Clubs of America, a top honor for a top man who sincerely believes that one is closer to God when he's in a garden.

ROSE EXPERT . . .

"Men all over the nation are finding their way back to the soil," Mr. Pfister, one of the nation's leading authorities on roses, told the large group of Highland Park leaders.

"By getting your hands in the soil you feel you are touching a part of God. You're building, you're creating, you're making this world a finer place to live," he continued.

"Keep up your splendid work. Keep your club strong. It is one of the most democratic and most positive organizations I know. Your unselfish interest in bettering and beautifying your community is highly commendable. You are making Highland Park a better place to live in," he concluded.

GIVEN HIGH HONOR . . .

Later Bruce Krasberg, likeable present president, gave Gene Pfister a honorary certificate, making him a member of the club and a director for the rest of his life.

Our scout reports that he saw the following well known Highland Parkers at this meeting: Mort Schamberg, Harry Aiston, Ed Seese, Larry Abt, Oliver Turner, Bert Leech, Bill Wenninger, Dorsey Husenetter, Harold Pfister, James Garnett, Carl Stith, Art Olson, Marshall Johnson, Bob Leopold, Herman Zischke, Roswell B. Swazey and many others.

MEETS S. J. HARRIS . . .

Later in the week I met (though I didn't shake his hand; nor will I remember that we met) Sydney J. Harris, widely-read columnist and theater critic of the Chicago Daily News.

Earlier Mr. Harris had told a group of theater-lovers that: "I didn't come here to praise Chicago's theater, I came to bury it."

The sharp-tongued, highly critical (and rightly so, I think) Harris told us that technically (lighting, design, etc.) the theater has reached near perfection. But, he added, playwrights are doing second rate work and turning out poor plays wallowing in vulgarity, and other things.

GOOD CRITIC'S JOB . . .

"A good critic acts as a watchdog over theater-lovers' purse strings," Mr. Harris said. "He selects the best plays and recommends them. He tries to make his readers think, discriminate, appreciate good theater. If a play is bad, he says so. If it's good — and that's seldom! — he says so."

Harris continued: "I'm just intellectually snobbish enough to believe it's my job to help raise the standards of the theater. So long as Chicagoans support trash like 'Good Night, Ladies,' 'Follow the Girls,' and some other turkeys, good critics will be needed."

"Every vulgar play like this should be panned, shunned, closed. It should never have opened. But until theater lovers start to think, start to demand top plays, we're going to have poor theater."

HARRIS' RECOMMENDATIONS . . .

"Encourage playwrights with talent. Avoid shows your favorite critic pans. Support plays like 'Lute Song.' Start demanding quality plays and that's what producers will send us. They want to make money. They'd have to send a first rate show to Chicago if that's the only kind that paid off!"

How about the future? "No really great plays are coming. 'The Ice Man Cometh' is

terrible. If any other writer but O'Neill had written it, the script would have landed in a wastebasket. 'Call Me Mister' is a pleasant musical. In fact, musicals seem to be the best form of entertainment on the stage today. As for the rest of the plays in New York, they're all poor, with few exceptions."

And what do you think of Ingrid Bergman, Mr. Harris? "Not much, I'm sorry to say." And that's that. It was an interesting lecture.

HEARS RICKENBACKER . . .

Later that same day to hear Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker who lashed out at Communists, denounced progressive education and strongly urged America to stop giving away billions to other countries and start spending billions on improving America and its schools.

Speaking about the youth of America, the World War I ace of aces said:

"Farmers spend more time and give their crops more attention than we give our children. And it takes even more work to raise children who will benefit our society," he told leaders of Boys Clubs of America.

SEES WAA-MU SHOW . . .

Friday night I took "my best gal" (yep, my Mom!) to see Northwestern's Waa-Mu show. It was good, as always.

Joe W. Miller, guiding hand behind these stellar shows, deserves great credit. It has always amazed me that Mr. Miller hasn't set up shop on Broadway. His productions are far superior to many plays coming out of New York today.

And Lloyd B. Norlin's music is excellent, I think. It's odd that his fine songs aren't No. 1 on hit parades.

Oh, well, talent is frequently overlooked by cigar-smoking hucksters in front offices . . .

ATTENDS WEBER WEDDING . . .

Saturday to the friendly, casual wedding of Pete Weber, popular Highland Park, and Bette Cameron, a sweet and beautiful bride.

And that pretty well summarizes the week.

Before we close shop today, I'd like to wish Norm Durmont, one of H. P. H. S.'s best all-around athletes, and Miss Mary Schwalbach, his pretty bride-to-be this Saturday, happiness all their lives.

And to good friend Stever Aubrey, who, on May 23 in New York, will marry charming Sally Etna Hixon.

The best of good wishes and all the happiness in the world, Sally and Steve. Wish we could be there. Know that we'll be thinking of you on that day.

And now one last word: A special thank you to George Patterson, the patient, able craftsman who sets this column each week.

You do a fine job, Mr. Patterson. And I want you to know how much I appreciate it.

Whitt Straps on Parachute and Takes to the Air

This is the week that Whitt straps on a parachute and takes to the air with Dick Higgins, ex-Highland Park, and veteran of some 1700 hours of flight. A lieutenant, sg. on inactive duty, Higgins was an instructor for fighter plane pilots during the war. It is said he handles a plane as the average person handles a car.

These practice missions include protective maneuvers over the suburban areas, and pretty rugged stunts are indicated. Let us hope that Whitt is one of those lucky individuals blessed with "a strong stummick."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday, May 16—
8:00 pm. Rifle and Pistol general meeting. Deerfield range.
8:00 pm. Sunset Terrace association. Community center.
- Sunday, May 18—
3:30 pm. High school concert. High school.
- Monday, May 19—
10:00 am. Trinity church guild. Parish house.
10:00 am. Woman's association, Presbyterian church. Parish house.
12:00 m. Chancel service, church.
12:30 pm. Luncheon, parish house.
2:00 pm. Program, parish house.
12:15 pm. Rotary at Moraine hotel.
1:30 pm. Musart club. Homes.
6:30 pm. Kiwanis at Sunset Valley.
7:30 pm. Rifle and Pistol (pistol). Deerfield range.
7:30 pm. Rebekah lodge at Masonic temple.
8:00 pm. Braside PTA annual meeting. School.
8:00 pm. Men's Fellowship. 1st Unit. Ev. Church. Home or church.
8:00 pm. City council at city hall.
8:00 pm. Infant Welfare Wing. Home.
- Tuesday, May 20—
10:00 am. Interfaith group. YWCA.
2:45 pm. Ravinia PTA board. School.
7:45 pm. Hospital board. Hospital.
8:00 pm. Elks. Elks club.
8:00 pm. Bethany Philathea class. Church.
8:00 pm. H. P. Library board. Library.
8:00 pm. N. O. Suburban Philatelic. Community center.
- Wednesday, May 21—
10:00 am. Sewing group. YWCA.
8:00 pm. Eastern Star card party at Masonic temple.
8:30 pm. Women of the Moose. Witten hall.
- Thursday, May 22—
12:15 pm. Lions club. Moraine hotel.
8:00 pm. Annual meeting of Coordinating council at Community center.
8:00 pm. American Legion. Legion hall.

Spring Dance Sponsored By Campbell Chapter O. E. S.

On Saturday, May 17, the Campbell chapter, Order Eastern Star, will give a spring dance for members of the A. O. Fay lodge, Royal Arch Masons and friends at the Masonic temple, at 8:30 pm.

The committee for arrangements includes Dorothy Gillilan, Victoria Iverson, Vera Witten, Capt. Ralph Ebersole, Arthur Holland and Joseph Lambert. Tickets may be obtained at the door or from members of the committee.

Redeemer Guild Rummage Sale

The guild of Redeemer Ev. Luth. church, 587 Central, conducts a rummage sale at the church hall Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm. Thursday morning the sale will open at 9:30 and close at noon. A variety of material will be on hand. Mrs. Charles Pantle is chairman of the sale committee.

Council of Catholic Women to Meet at Buffalo Grove, May 21

Lake county district of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its final meeting of the current club year, Wednesday, May 21, at 2 pm, at St. Mary's church, Buffalo Grove. Mrs. Alex Rafferty Jr. of Highland Park, district president, will preside. Rev. George Ballweber is pastor of the host parish.

Miss Helen M. Ganey, Chicago, ACCW president, who recently represented the National Council of Catholic Women at the meeting of the national commission on UNESCO in Philadelphia, will speak at the business session on "Our Responsibility to UNESCO."

Women from the following communities will be in attendance at the sessions: Antioch, Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Fremont Center, Fox Lake, Grayslake, Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Mundelein, North Chicago, Round Lake, Volo, Wadsworth, Waukegan, Wauconda, West Lake Forest, Palatine.

High School Junior Prom at Woman's Club Saturday, June 7

The Junior Prom, which will be held Saturday, June 7, will end the social season for H. P. H. S. The dance will be held in the Highland Park Woman's club at 9 pm and end at midnight.

The king and queen of the junior class have not as yet been elected, but the nominations were made early in May. The final results of the election will be announced at the dance.

George Burrent's orchestra, now playing in the Pump Room, will furnish the music.

The junior class executive board has not as yet made all of the final plans, but committees are being appointed to work out details. Tickets will be on sale before the final examinations.

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2. Birth certificate must be shown to principal or teacher at time of registration. Acceptable certificates are those issued by the city, state or county hospitals.

3. Must live in the Lincoln school area: Deerfield avenue and Ridgewood drive and north of Ravine drive on the north, Beech St. on the south.

Mrs. Frank Wales, chairman of the hospitality committee, is making arrangements for the tea. Committee members are Mesdames Crowder, Tighe, Sprout and Daggitt.

Braside will have a similar tea on the same day at Braside school for the purpose of registration.

QMC Operates Army's "Lost-Found" Bureau

More than \$8,000,000 in personal funds which had either been lost by army personnel or found among the effects of deceased soldiers has been returned to the proper owners since Decembr, 1942, by the army effects bureau at Kansas City, Mo., the war department announced today.

This sum, dispatched along with personal effects valued at thousands of dollars, was part of the operations of perhaps the largest lost and found agency of its kind in the world. The bureau is operated by the office of the Quartermaster General.

Former Highland Parker Is Partner in Interior Decorating Shop

Announcement has been received of the opening of Cota Interiors, Inc., interior decorators, at 55 W. Schiller street, Chicago, on May 17. Irma Bowden, formerly a resident of Ravinia, now living in Chicago, is a partner in the firm.

A Better Hospital Means Better Health!



Natural Gas has reached Mundelein, Diamond Lake, and the northern part of Libertyville this week. As fast as one area can be converted to Natural Gas, it will be turned into Grays Lake, Russell, Wadsworth, Zion, (South) Libertyville, Deerfield, (West) Glencoe, etc. until the entire district is completed in approximately sixty days.

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