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Up To Now

Rent Gougers

Although designed primarily for the purpose of getting an even break at vacant apartments for veterans, a federal drive now in process under the sponsorship of the Office of Housing Expediter will have the happy effect of benefiting non-veterans as well.

The drive is directed against landlords who attempt to evade rent ceilings by requiring a "bonus" for the privilege of renting one of their seldom-vacant apartments.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Leroy R. Krein, who has announced the second prosecution by his office of an alleged bonus-getting landlord, states that a landlord, if convicted of violating rent laws by taking bonuses or by other forms of overpayment, can be punished by a year in jail, a fine of \$5000 or both. Criminal prosecution, he points out, is an "added leverage" of enforcement, given by his office working in cooperation with rent enforcement officials. While his office uses criminal proceedings, rent enforcement officials use civil procedures against violators—suits for damages and injunctions to halt violations.

While Mr. Krein pointed out that "Veterans tell me that they cannot compete with people of larger incomes in bidding for apartments that have bonus tags attached," he might well have added that neither can a non-veteran who is not in the "larger income" bracket.

The difficulty that Mr. Krein's office staff must inevitably face is the reluctance of many renters who have managed to obtain an apartment by paying a bonus, to inform upon their gouging "benefactor." When you have been apartment hunting for a year or two, your judgment becomes warped to the point where if you agree to pay a bonus at all, you probably won't renege on your agreement.

That is probably why at least one gouging landlord in this area is fairly sure of escaping prosecution. The fact that he demands—and gets—an overpayment amounting to approximately 65% of the legal ceiling price for an apartment is not exactly a secret, but building up a court-proof case against him probably would be difficult.

Of course there is the landlord's side of the story. Without doubt there are cases of hardship resulting from too inflexible applications of regulations that are made to fit the general rule, but, human nature being what it is, it is inevitable that at least a sizeable portion of their discontent arises from the certain knowledge that without rent controls, an apartment bearing a \$27.50 rent ceiling tag can be rented for \$45.00.

How can their knowledge be so certain? If you are paying \$17.50 a month "under the table" in addition to a ceiling rent of \$27.50, you don't have to ask. If you didn't get that apartment, maybe now you know why.

If you didn't get it, and are indignant, ask yourself this question, "If I had known how to get it, would I have paid the 'bonus'?"

More About the Courtesy Traffic Measure

As stated in last week's issue of this paper, Chief of Police Andrews is formulating a plan to take care of the moving type of traffic violation in Highland Park. This plan is a courtesy measure, which, in a town of this type will meet, in most cases, with courteous cooperation.

Dividing traffic rule violators into two groups, we have the inadvertent offender and the consistent repeater. The former is not an intentional law-breaker, and a reminder, in the form of a warning, is usually sufficient. The latter, for some reason, gets away with whatever he can.

The plan in mind would follow this form: The carbon copy of a written warning is given the offender upon the first infringement of the rules. The original paper is filed. If the offense is not repeated within a reasonable length of time, the filed warning has little or no significance. But upon the second offense, a summons to appear in court is issued. Since valuable time is wasted in such a procedure, most people will be careful not to offend a second time. On the other hand, the repeater is discovered and dealt with accordingly.

Further information on the subject will follow in next week's issue.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL DOINGS

	Last Week	So Far This Year
Report week of 5-24-47 to 5-30-47 inc.		
Emergencies attended	16	466
Babies delivered	11	205
Operations performed	15	424
X-ray examinations	76	1681
Laboratory examinations	278	6242

HIGHLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	May 24-31-47	May 26-June 2-46	47 Total
Non-injury accidents	4	6	95
Injury accidents	3	0	19
Fatal accidents	0	0	0

Albert O. McLain Is Laid to Rest At Age of 85

Last rites were observed Monday at the Trinity Episcopal church, Rev. Charles U. Harris officiating, for Albert O. McLain, who passed away on Friday at the home of his son, Harold O. McLain, 639 Montgomery road, where he had for the past ten years made his home.

Born 85 years ago at Elm Point, Ill., Mr. McLain, as a boy, traveled with a covered wagon train, led by his father, to take up land grants in Kansas territory, the 11-year-old boy riding his pony alongside. McLain, Kansas, the town settled, is said to have been

named for the elder McLain. Coming to Chicago at the age of 29, he later became the founder of Railways Ice Co., and retired 10 years ago from the chairmanship of the company, of which his son, Harold O. McLain, lawyer and insurance man, is now president. He was a member of the Union League and South Shore Country clubs of Chicago.

Preceded in death five years ago by his wife, Mina Mayer McLain, he is survived, besides his son, Harold O., by a daughter, Mrs. E. P. Cole of Downers Grove; a sister, Mrs. Adolph Ruth of Grand Junction, Colo., and eight grandchildren. Interment was made at Oakwood cemetery, Chicago.

Open Letter to the Editor

June 2, 1947

To the Editor,
Highland Park Press.

We report that \$9,942.50 has now been collected or pledged by 244 individuals toward improvement of Morgan playground.

A total of 161 Elm Place parents, or 46% of the total parent body, have contributed.

To all who have contributed, we extend our thanks.

It is planned to start work on the playground when the underpass is constructed. Until our funds are needed they will be held in safe-keeping under the trusteeship set up for this purpose. It is our hope that work can begin within the next few months, but how far we can go in this development will be limited by the availability of funds.

We now have 57% of the total funds required.

Where are the 187 Elm Place parents who have not contributed?

It is a grim realization that so many interested parents have neglected to mail in their checks for a project as beneficial as this one will be for the boys and girls of Elm Place.

We want to finish the job. Will the planned Morgan Playground become a reality?

And when it does, will you have done your part?

Yours very truly,
MORGAN PLAYGROUND AND IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

Francis D. Weeks, chairman
Lee H. Ostrander
Edward J. Loewenthal

Reminder: Mail all contributions to Mr. Harry S. Temple, treasurer, 280 Laurel, Highland Park, Ill.

North Shore Citizens Elect New Members

At the annual meeting of the North Shore Citizens' committee on Monday night, May 26, members unanimously elected to the board of directors of the organization the 21 North Shore citizens whose names were presented to the body by the nominating committee. Re-elected for the coming year were: Highland Park—Lester Ball, Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Miss Elizabeth Bredin, and William E. Peters Jr.; Glencoe—Mrs. Abel Davis, A. L. Foster, Michael Greenebaum, Stanley Harris Jr., and Frank D. Loomis; Winnetka—Robert Carpenter, Abe Fell, Vic J. Killian, William H. King Jr. and Chandler Montgomery; Wilmette—Stanford Clinton; Northfield—Miss Agnes Lilley. The newly elected members of the board are: Glencoe—Edgar Bernhard; Winnetka—Mrs. Kenneth Rouse and Dr. J. Garner; Evanston—Graton Little and Curtis MacDougall.

The possibilities of the passage of Fair Employment Practices legislation now pending in the Illinois State Legislature were discussed at the meeting, and the ways and means of further cooperation of the Citizens' committee Fair Employment Practices law with the Illinois council for a State Fair Employment Practices law were enumerated to the members.

The retiring board of directors was commended on the work it had accomplished during the past year, and a unanimous vote of confidence was passed by the members who were assembled at the Winnetka Community house for the meeting.

The newly elected board of directors will meet in the near future to set in motion plans for the coming year. The next regular bi-monthly meeting will be held in July.

W. J. Seguin Honored By Lions International

Wilfred J. Seguin, local mortician, who attended the Illinois state convention of Lions clubs held recently at Springfield, was at that time elected governor of District IF Lions International.

A public-spirited citizen of this town, Mr. Seguin has held the posts of president, treasurer and program chairman of the Highland Park Lions, and is at present a director.

Since 1938 he has been a member of the organization, which marked its 18th anniversary on Tuesday, June 3. For the past two years a deputy district governor, he also served as zone chairman of District IF during the years 1943 and 1945.

Also delegates to the convention at Springfield were Fred Moon, Dr. James Butterworth, and Jules Laegerler of the Highland Park lodge.

229 WILL GRADUATE AT HIGH SCHOOL

"What's the Matter With Joe?" is to be the subject of three talks to be given by members of the senior class at the graduation exercises on Thursday, June 12, at 8:15 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

Three different phases of this question will be discussed by the students. Gail Whitehead will introduce the subject, Ray Collard will give a psychological analysis of the topic, and Bill Healer will present the conclusions.

Selections by Chorus

Besides the speakers, the program will include three numbers by the chorus: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," by Lutkin; "Oh! Wisdom," by Noble; and one other number, undecided as yet. Since the chorus is singing from the balcony, the senior members will not be able to participate.

The traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" will be played by the orchestra for the processional. At another place in the program, the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Finch, will play another selection, which will be followed later by McKay's "Under the Double Eagle" as the recessional.

The class marshals, Theo Zaeske and Charles Marty, who will lead both the processional and recessional, will read the names of the graduates as they step up on the stage to receive their diplomas. The class marshals were chosen by members of the senior class.

Award Diplomas

Mr. A. E. Wolters, principal, will give a short talk and present the 229 members of the class of 1947 to Mr. Harold Norman, president of the Board of Education, who will present the students with their diplomas. He will also award the Medal of Honor to the outstanding senior, and announce the valedictorian and salutatorian.

The Rev. R. S. Wilson, of the First United Evangelical church of Highland Park, will give the invocation and benediction. The latter will terminate the fifty-seventh commencement exercises of the Highland Park high school.

Photographs of 1947 graduates appear on other pages of this issue.

Elm Place School Graduates Class of 57

This evening (Thursday) a class of 57 Elm Place school graduates will receive their diplomas from Horace S. Vaile, president of the Board of Education. Dr. C. O. Dahle, superintendent of district 107, will present the class to Edward E. Burwell, vocational adviser, representing Highland Park high school, and Susan Ostrander, member of the high school graduating class of 1947, will extend a welcome.

Musical numbers will consist of songs by the class, the girls' septette, a duet, and a solo by Jane Graham. William Ostrander, class president, in behalf of the class, will present a parting gift. Other members of the class cabinet are Scott Vaile, secretary; Laurie Nath, treasurer; William Temple, Ruth Winkler and Carolyn Botker.

Members of the graduating class are as follows:

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Chamber of Commerce to Have Hunting Party

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce is to be held at Sunset Valley club next Tuesday evening and a dinner served at 6:30.

Mr. E. O. Sessions, a local resident since 1937, and owner of the Sessions Engineering company in Chicago, will show colored movies and add comments on his recent hunting expedition in Africa. Having hunted and fished throughout most of the United States and Canada, Mr. Sessions combined a business trip to Europe and North Africa last winter by making a flying trip via New York and various European countries and then finally to Kenya County, East Africa.

The film will show scenes of the air trip, some local scenes in Egypt and the actual hunting pictures where he bagged elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard, water buffalo, an 18-foot python and about 40 varieties of plains game.

Recreation Program To Last Nine Weeks

Hospital Drive Still Far From Goal, Says Chairman Murray

In announcing that contributions so far in the Highland Park hospital building fund drive total \$484,645.00, Howell W. Murray, executive chairman, sounded a sober note of caution:

"When the hospital enlargement costs were estimated a year and a half ago, prices of building materials and labor costs were quite a bit lower than they are today. It is obvious that our first goal of \$525,000 must be considered a bare minimum. Actually, we will have to raise a lot more money to be able to do all that was originally estimated at that figure.

"We must also remember that money will have to be provided for needed equipment after the building enlargement is completed. I urge everyone to give just as generously as his circumstances permit. I urge all workers in the drive to make it clear to every home in Highland Park that we will have to go far beyond our first goal, if the hospital drive is to be considered a success."

Public Service Co. to Exhibit Painting Collection At Local Store

The first public showing on the north shore of the "Our Landmarks" collection of paintings sponsored by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois opened this week in the utility's Highland Park store, 521 Central avenue.

The entire collection, comprised of fifty vivid water colors of famous historical landmarks in northern Illinois, was painted by John Dukes McKee, well-known Chicago artist. It will continue on display for the next two weeks.

Many of the fifty landmarks, now preserved by McKee's water colors, were originally featured as pen-and-ink sketches in recent issues of the company's Service Bulletin edited by Miss Bernadine Skeels.

Although McKee's work has been exhibited at Chicago's Art Institute, the Hoosier Salon and in Philadelphia, the landmark series is his first one-man show.

Born in Indiana, he attended DePauw university and also studied at the Institute and at Colorossi's in Paris. His native liking for middle-western lore led him to collaborate with Miss Skeels in her featured Service Bulletin series on the many "well-known" and "little-known" places of northern Illinois long ago.

More than 3000 miles of travel and hundreds of personal interviews over a 12 months period were required for McKee to paint the fifty pictures.

E. A. Menke, district superintendent for the utility, invites the public to see the exhibit and to vote for their favorite picture at any time during store hours, 8 am to 5 pm, daily.

Telephone Co. Votes No 2nd Quarter Dividend

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. board of directors today voted to declare no dividend for the second quarter of 1947. Except for two quarterly periods in the depression, this is the first quarter since 1882 in which the company failed to pay some return to stockholders.

The company had paid 50 cents a share for the first quarter of 1947, announcing at the time that surplus funds were being used in part. In 1946, the company paid dividends of \$6 per year, or \$1.50 a quarter. From 1909 to 1941, the company paid no less than regular \$8 annual dividends, with the exception of two depression years.

Railroad Men's Home Damaged by Fire

A fire, causing damage estimated by Fire Chief Hennig to the extent of \$500 was started early Monday morning in the Railroad Men's home on S. St. Johns avenue. The blaze is supposed to have started from a cigarette, smoked in bed.

The annual program sponsored by the Highland Park playground and recreation board during summer vacation gets under way next Tuesday with a complete program of outdoor and indoor activities. The program will continue for nine weeks at supervised playgrounds of the city's public schools and at Sunset Park.

Highlighting the program, in addition to play on the school grounds, will be classes in art and craft, sports, movies, hikes, bike trips and an all-day camp at Sunset park once a week.

Especially good programs have been planned for the two principal playgrounds, Ravinia school and Sunset park. Sunset playgrounds will be open Monday through Friday from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 5. Ravinia will be open daily except Wednesday from 9 to 12 and from 6:30 to 9. In addition, Community center will be open daily except Wednesday for special clubs and game room play.

The all-day camp, which has always proven one of the most popular of the vacation activities, will again be held on Wednesdays at Sunset park starting at 9:30. A typical camp program includes a flag raising ceremony, games and races in the morning, luncheon, story telling, the campfire circle, stunts, and the flag lowering ceremony. Children may bring their own sandwiches and buy milk at the park.

Boys 10 years and over are invited to join the Outing and Sports club, which will meet twice a week. A business meeting and play program will be held at Community center on Thursdays at 2 pm, and on Mondays the group will be taken on outings or trips to Chicago ball parks, museums, etc.

Informal softball will be organized for teen agers and for men 18 and over at Sunset park, evenings, Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9, and at Lincoln school evenings except Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 pm.

Other sports to be offered under the recreation program are tennis lessons at Sunset park, Ravinia school and Lincoln school; swimming lessons at the high school; cooking and sewing classes and a girls club at the YWCA, and a children's reading program at the public library.

A social program consisting mainly of informal dances will be held at the Community center on Wednesday nights for teen agers.

Programs giving in detail the activities planned for each playground, together with a registration form have been distributed at all of the city schools this week. The children have been asked to discuss the program with their parents, select the activities they wish to participate in, and return the signed registration blank either to their teacher, or to Community center.

C. Eugene Pfister Is Honored by Rose-Growers

C. Eugene Pfister, of Mundelein, recently returned from Portland, Ore., where he attended the national convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America. He was succeeded by W. H. Thorne, of Asheville, N. C., as president of the organization.

Visiting the International Rose Test garden, while in Portland, Mr. Pfister, himself something of a wizard where roses are concerned, was initiated into the "Mystic Order of the Rose." He was one of a party which toured the west coast, visiting outstanding gardens and greenhouses.

W. E. Mann Injured In Auto Collision

Two automobiles, one driven by William E. Mann, of S. Green Bay road and the other by John Leonard of Highwood, collided early Monday morning at 230 N. Green Bay road. Mr. Mann was treated at the Highland Park hospital for cuts on the month and the left knee.

Make a 3-Year Contribution to the Highland Park Hospital Building Fund Drive