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Up To Now

Confusion

These are confusing times, especially for the one who strives to maintain an open mind and to listen to both sides, or, rather to many sides, of current questions. The difficulty is, of course, heightened by the natural propensity of each side to stress what it considers favorable points and to ignore or pass over lightly points which do not favor it ends.

The question of prices is a case very much in point. Price increases continue to be recorded. Food, rent, clothing, cars, continue to become more and more expensive.

The price control boys say, "See? We told you so. Under OPA prices were 10, 20, even 40 per cent lower than they are now." They ignore the shortages and black markets that went hand-in-hand with OPA.

Industry says, "Labor is much higher priced than it was. We can't pay higher wages without getting more for the product."

Labor says, "The cost of living is going up. We must have more money to meet the rising costs of living."

The joker in the deck is the fact that sooner or later (probably sooner) the consumer is going to say, "Prices are just too high. I'm not going to buy anything that I don't absolutely require."

And the cream of the jest is that the consumer is a composite creature, made up of the price control boys, industry and labor.

The whole question of government control of industry is a complex one. Americans traditionally believe in what they are pleased to call "free enterprise," but each group, when it finds itself in a disadvantageous position sets up the cry "There ought to be a law!"

Eventually we probably are going to have to sit down with ourselves and admit that the more complex and inter-locked the various facets of our industrial and political life become, the more controls we are going to have—and the more controls we have, the more expensive government is going to become, the heavier taxes are going to be and the less we are going to like it!

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks Entertain Yachtsmen

Officially, the North Shore Yacht Club was host at its members' beach picnic supper last Friday night. As it turned out, Edward and Helen Weeks, longtime members of the local club, stole the show with their talents for entertainment.

Introduced by Commodore Avery Jones, Mr. Weeks put on a show of fancy and trick knot tying that had the sailors in stitches. Before an audience of more than 60 members, children and guests who jammed the upper "deck" of the Park Avenue clubhouse, Weeks made the seaman's familiar overhand knot appear in ways few sailors—unless they were magicians too—ever tied it before. Long after the demonstration was over, groups of the audience were seen trying to emulate the simple motions with which Ed Weeks had made the overhand knot "without letting go of the ends of the rope," as he said.

Afterward, gathered around a campfire on the twilight beach, Mrs. Weeks led the singing of familiar favorites with the persuasive notes of her accordion.

Announcement of nearly-completed negotiations with the Highland Park Park District for resumption of the club's lease featured a brief business session. Complying with the Park Board's request, club officials presented to members a set of house and ground rules designed to assure the proper usage of the beach and other facilities by boatmen. Discussion of plans for improvements followed.

Members are receiving in this week's mails the draft of a revised constitution providing for an enlarged executive committee of 15 to include chairmen of other committees, and making other changes as part of the club's current reorganization. According to the present constitution, this notice of proposed amendments must precede a formal vote on the question which will follow at the next meeting on Friday, September 5.

Milton Stein's Naisid, with Mike O'Brien as crew, won a second informal race Sunday afternoon over a triangular course off the Park Avenue beach. The Sinclair-Embach-Cygnel, with Gunnar Schwandt as skipper and Dan Sinclair and Tom Stein as crew, unsuccessfully split tacks in an effort to overhaul the leader, and finished well behind, followed by the Quirk-Jones Nereus skippered by Commodore Avery Jones with Hank Holmes and Jean Peters crewing.

Parade, Contests, Magic, Top Attractions For V.F.W. Picnic Day, Sept. 1

Plans are being completed for a Family Picnic Day to be held at Sunset Park on Labor Day, Sept. 1st, under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post of Highland Park.

The program will include a bicycle parade with prizes awarded the owners of the best decorative bikes. Races and games, for young and old, will be played during the afternoon and evening.

An hour show of magic will be demonstrated by the well known magician, Nick Tomei. A refreshment booth will be operated on the grounds, and picnic tables will be available for all who wish to bring their picnic baskets. The days events will be topped with free dancing and a baseball game under the lights.

Woman's Auxiliary Turns Out Fine Supply of Bandages

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Highland Park Hospital was held on Wednesday in the parish house of Trinity church with the president, Mrs. George O. Strecker in charge.

The surgical dressings chairman, Mrs. Maurice Graves thanked the members who had taken dressings home to work on in their spare moments. There are even those who have taken bundles of material to their summer camps and returned the finished dressings at the monthly meetings.

One faithful member who wishes her name withheld, has turned in during the last two weeks, nearly four thousand (4,000) dressings beside many boxes of smaller ones. These she has completed with the aid of her housekeeper, Ellen Carr.

The meeting was adjourned and luncheon was served by Mrs. Charles O. Hustling and her committee.

Kiwanians to Hear Talk on Mining Of Coal

On Monday evening, August 25, members of the Kiwanis club will hear a talk by Wm. C. McCulloch, mining engineer, of the Roberts & Schaeffer Company of Chicago. His subject will be "The Egg (coal) and I," which will deal with the mining of coal.

Mr. McCulloch is a member of the club.

Howard F. Copp Appointed Supt. Of Recreation By Playground Board

At a special meeting of the Highland Park Playground and Recreation Board held Monday evening August 11th, Howard F. Copp was appointed Superintendent to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Mr. George "X" Scheuchenpflug.

Howard Copp needs no introduction to citizens of Highland Park as he has lived in Highland Park for over fifteen years.

He taught in School District 108 from 1926 to 1939 in the Physical Education Department. During that time he spent a number of summers directing the playground program when it was conducted by the Park Department. Mr. Copp went to Glencoe in 1939 as Coordinator of a Community Recreation program under Dr. Paul Misner. During the war he spent a year on Amchitka Island in Alaska as Field Director for the American Red Cross. After returning to this country, he taught high school in Los Angeles and then returned with his family to Highland Park. For the past three years he has been Supt. of Recreation and supervisor of the physical education program for the village and school of Wilmette, where he has carried on a very satisfactory recreation program.

Mr. Copp was born in Canada and went to George Williams Physical Education College in Chicago. He graduated from the School of Education at Northwestern University and later received his Masters degree from Northwestern. The Cops reside at 1255 Sunnyside Lane Highland Park. Mrs. Marjorie Copp worked at Great Lakes during the war for the American Red Cross. Miss Phyllis Copp is now a senior in the school of Education at Northwestern University.

Mr. Copp has been a close friend of Mr. "X" for a number of years and hopes to carry on in his footsteps with wholesome recreation for children and adults of Highland Park.

Members of the Recreation Board are: Art Olson, George Hartman, Bruce Krasberg, Elmer Skidmore and W. J. Hodge.

Walter N. Hiller Is Honored By Penn Mutual

Walter N. Hiller, of 210 Belle Avenue, Highland Park, has been notified that he has been awarded membership in the Million Dollar Round Table—the leading insurance group of the country. He is associated with the Stumes and Loeb Agency of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, One North LaSalle Street, Chicago.

Mr. Hiller has scored a phenomenal record by qualifying fifteen consecutive times for coveted membership in the Million Dollar group. To achieve this distinction he has sold more than \$15,000,000 of insurance protection and potential family income in the Chicago area.

A native of Chicago and a veteran of the first World War, Mr. Hiller served as a factory manager for fourteen years before launching his insurance career with Penn Mutual in 1925. He has won frequent company honors and also has won wide recognition in insurance circles. He formerly served as president of the Chicago Association of Life Underwriters as well as president of the Chicago Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters. He is now treasurer of the Chicago Life-Trust Council.

Active in civic and community affairs, Mr. Hiller served as chairman of Division A of the Chicago Payroll War Bond Committee during the war, and while president of the C.L.U. he organized life insurance men in the war bond sales effort. He also was active in local Community Fund and Red Cross drives in Highland Park. He serves as vice president of the Standard Club and holds membership in the Illinois and Lake Shore Country Club of Glencoe. He formerly taught insurance courses at Northwestern University.

Highwood City Carnival September 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 At Prairie And Railway Aves.

The location of the Highwood city carnival to be held September 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, has been changed from the Oak Terrace school grounds to the corner of Prairie and Railway avenues.

All books and money for the Stewart-Warner Television console

SYMPHONY OF FLOWERS AUGUST 23-24

The Annual Community Flower Show, under the auspices of the Men's Garden Club, to be held this coming weekend at Ravinia Park, offers an opportunity for the amateur gardener to exhibit the fruits of his horticultural labors. The public is urged to exhibit specimen flowers, vegetables, flower arrangements and table settings in the spacious and beautiful setting in Ravinia Park.

The thrill of winning an award ribbon no doubt will induce hundreds of amateur gardeners to enter this flower show. A new feature will be introduced—all the champion awards will be separated into a special group—a special section will exhibit the "Table of Champions."

A complete schedule of exhibits will be available for the public and can be obtained upon request at Art Olson's Men's Store on Central avenue and at Husenetter Hardware Store on Roger Williams avenue. Obtain and review this schedule, then check your garden and plan to enter your "pets"—an award could easily be your reward.

Exhibitors are requested to bring their entries as early as possible Saturday morning and will be received by the chairman of reception, Carl Stith from 8:30 to 11 a. m. Use the Sheridan road entrance to Ravinia Park.

The community is cordially invited to attend the "Symphony of Flowers" which in itself will be a melody of color in the wooded section of Ravinia Park. The attractive rustic exhibit hall will be open to the public (without charge) from 3 p. m. Saturday afternoon to 9 p. m. that evening, and on Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The extensive group of committee members, who have been working for several weeks to bring to the community one of the finest flower shows held in years, deserve much credit for their labors. The committee members who have done this big job are:

General Co-chairman Bert Ray and Wm. Riddle; Construction and Layout Robt. Bridges, Bill Clausen Tom Browning, Dr. F. M. Yager; Reception and Placement of Exhibits Carl Stith; Publicity Jim Sachs, Harold Pfister; Judges Jesse Strauss; Prizes Robert L. Leopold; Secretary to Judges Roswell Swazey; Posters George Staub; Annuals Dr. A. L. Berg; Roses Wm. Clausen; Perennials Larry Abt; Tuberoses Begonias Lorents Knouff; Gladiolas Tom Browning; Dahlias Mort Schamberg; Vegetables and Fruits Frank Miller. Flower arrangements and Table Settings Mrs. Hugh Riddle, Chairman.

West Shore Water Producers' Association Meets August 14

On Thursday, August 14, the West Shore Water Producers' Association, a group of water men of the community on the west shore of Lake Michigan, met in Highland Park. There were 60 present, representing 18 communities.

Gathering at the local Water Works at about 5 p. m., they had dinner at Sunset Valley club at 6:30.

Mayor Patton and Commissioner Lyle Gourley welcomed the visitors, and George B. Prindle, secretary of the association, acted as official host. Oscar Gullous, director of Laboratories at Chicago's new 320 million gallon filter plant, was chairman of the meeting.

The speaker, Kenneth E. Damann, principal filtration Bacteriologist of Chicago's new filtration plant, chose as his subject, "Seasonal and Annual Cycles of Lake Michigan Plankton."

Prominent guests present were: W. W. DeBerard, City Engineer, Chicago; Fred G. Gordon, Asst. City Eng. Chicago; John R. Baylis, Engineer of Purification, Chicago; Ralph E. Noble, Princ. Bact. Chi. Bd. Health; Louis H. Kessler, Prof. Sanitary Eng. N. U.; A. S. Hathaway, Ass't. Prof. Civil Eng. N. U.; M. Starr Nichols, Prof. Sanitary Chem. Wis. U. G. A. Rohlich, Prof. Sanitary Eng. Univ. Wis.; James G. Weart, Chemist State Board Health, Springfield.

to be given away at that time, should be turned in to Somenzi & Sons, 336 Railway avenue, Highwood, where the sets is now on display.

YOUR COMMUNITY FUND DOLLARS AT WORK

Educators Address Teachers of District 107

At the opening sessions of the Educational Workshop on Monday, August 18th, Mr. W. C. Petty, Lake County Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. E. T. McSwain, Professor in Education and Director of the Summer Session at Northwestern University, addressed the teachers. Both educators stressed the need for developing a Philosophy of Education which looks towards the inner development of the child to meet the requirements of his immediate and future environment.

A Statement on the Aims of Education

In discussing the goals of education, Mr. Petty quoted a recent summarization made by an English educator: "The aim of education is to make one feel at home in the environment in which he lives." In attaining this goal, Mr. Petty urged that the experiences which are provided within the curriculum for children be carefully selected from life's activities. The speaker stressed the need for avoiding duplication, the need for leaving those things which can appropriately be taught there. Such procedure would save much time for effectively teaching the remaining items at school.

Interest the Key to Learning

"Teachers must learn to know their children—must know each child as a person, and regard him as an individual of real importance. Through such knowledge teachers can set the stage so as to arouse intense personal interest on the part of each child. Intense interest makes for genuine learning. The things we remember in life are those which grow out of intense interest."

Schools Have a Legal Responsibility

In his opening talk, Dr. McSwain developed the point that the school as a federal and state agency has a legal responsibility toward the children of the state. He stressed the need for carefully studying the new role of education in the Post-War world in order that schools might meet the immediate needs of children and the needs of adults some twenty-five years hence.

Mental Adequacy

Indicating that Mental Adequacy is the overall objective of education, the speaker stated that this "adequacy" is developed by the child in the same manner as he develops adequacy in other fields or subjects. In working with children, it is important, he continued, that teachers understand the psychology of individual growth.

Curriculum Must Be Reduced

In his plea for more meaningful learning, Dr. McSwain urged that more time be allowed—that more concrete materials be used. To do this, the curriculum of necessity must be reduced.

Our Schools Cannot Be Easy

Let anyone misinterpret his statement, the speaker made clear that our schools cannot be easy. The activities of the school are important and serious matters and must so be considered by the children. He made it clear that mental adequacy does not emerge without serious and sustained effort on the part of the child.

In closing, the speaker reminded those responsible for the development of a statement of philosophy that a good, wholesome educational philosophy cannot ignore how children learn nor the effect of method on children. The feeling or tone of a child while he learns cannot be ignored.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE ELM PLACE AND GREEN BAY ROAD SCHOOLS

Children who did not complete their dental and physical examinations last year should have them completed prior to the opening of school on September 9. Miss Hansen, the school nurse, requests that the Examination Record cards be brought to school at the time of enrollment.

(This is the seventh of a series of articles describing the activities of the various health, welfare and recreational organizations that are supported, in part, by your contributions to the Highland Park Community Chest.)

HIGHLAND PARK-RAVINIA Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

The Infant Welfare Society of Chicago is the outgrowth of the work begun in 1903 to reduce an appalling rate of infant death, by the distribution of pure milk to babies in poor and badly overcrowded sections. The present Society was organized as such in 1911 to provide doctors and nurses for the babies, and advise and help to their underprivileged mothers.

The program, at first, was limited to babies under 2 years of age and a staff of 23 doctors and nurses carried on the work. In 1917 health work with expectant mothers was added; in 1919 the program was extended to include children up to the age of 6, and a corps of nutritionists was added to the staff. A mental hygiene service was added in 1925, making this the first public health organization in the United States to make mental hygiene an integral part of its program.

The Infant Welfare Society operates 21 stations, all located in the most congested sections of Chicago. During the past year, these stations have served over 12,000 infants, pre-school children and expectant mothers. During this period also over 60,000 home visits were made by nurses and nutritionists to teach the mother, in her own home and with her own equipment, how to carry out instructions she has received from doctor and nurse at the station.

The vital importance of this work is attested by the fact that, from a death rate of 42 per 1,000 babies in 1911, the rate has been brought down to 2.7 per 1,000 babies cared for. Beyond this, the Society gives good health and a sound mental and physical foundation for good citizenship to more than 12,000 children every year.

The Highland Park-Ravinia Center is one of 35 in Chicago and Suburbs whose members, numbering over 3,000, make infants' clothing which is given to the needy families, and who assist as volunteers in weighing babies, keeping records, and otherwise relieving the nurses. This Women's Auxiliary also contributes approximately one-half of the budget needed for the operation of the Infant Welfare Society.

The Highland Park-Ravinia Center has 280 members who meet regularly every month and produce approximately 500 garments a year in addition to providing approximately 500 hours of volunteer work at the stations. The work of the local Center is financed by dues and subscriptions, the operation of a Thrift Shop, conducting rummage sales, fashion shows, etc., and by an annual contribution by the Highland Park Community Chest.

Highwood Appoints John McNellis Director Of Community Center

John McNellis, of Spooner, Wisconsin, has been appointed full time director of the Highwood Community center by the Highwood City council. He will take charge of his duties on September first, and the grand opening of the Center has been planned for September 14.

Mr. McNellis, who acted as USO director in Texas during the war, is at present athletic director of Spooner, Wisconsin, high school. His appointment to the new post was made last Friday.