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## Up To Now

### The Younger Generation

One of the most popular of American indoor sports is decrying the "younger generation." The particular manifestation that is presently evoking these jeremiads is the "hot rod job," a stock car, stripped down, "souped up" and otherwise altered so that it will achieve speeds and withstand combustion pressures that leave automobile manufacturers amazed.

It doesn't really matter, though, what the manifestation is—it might be jitterbugging, mode of dress or any other fad that becomes widely accepted and practiced among the youngsters. Whatever it may be, it will have one quality in common with all its predecessors and successors—it will evoke wailing and gnashing of teeth among a certain segment of the older portion of the population, the general intent of which will be that "these kids" are worthless, unreliable, inconsiderate undependable and just generally far short of what the lamenters were "when they were that age."

Our answer to these moaners is a raucous and inelegant "NUTS."

We heard the same things, for different reasons, at various times during the five year period preceding Pearl Harbor. According to the prophets of doom, the youngsters then were a bunch of coke drinking sissies. (Some years before, the same type of youngster was a cake-eater). Well, these coke drinking sissies went up against a bunch that had been trained, almost since infancy, for war and what happened? The sissies stormed beaches, mountain passes and deserts, died like flies, but never turned back. The old stuff was still there. It still is.

### Economy And The Veterans Administration

Despite the standing excuse for the various aspects of the fouled-up veterans administration program—insufficient personnel—word has been released that 13 contact offices in Illinois will close September 30.

Perhaps the standard excuse was a phony. Perhaps the contact offices were not sufficiently important to justify their cost. And on the other hand, perhaps it's the same old story—"When government economy is necessary, cut the veterans' services first."

Sure enough—the war is over.

### Automobile Horns

From California comes a story to the effect that a seven-year-old girl is believed to have been frightened to death by an automobile horn. At any rate, she died shortly after an unidentified motorist honked his horn at her as she was crossing the street. The theory that she died of fright is entirely credible. Some of the blasts that blare from certain types of horns are enough to scare almost anyone to death.

### Nurse Admits Moses Kidnapping Attempt To Be A Hoax

The case of the alleged attempt to kidnap 3-month-old Laurie Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Moses, 1005 Clinton Ct., of this town, has been solved. The child's nurse, Mrs. Elsie Margrethe Gerald, 26, a widow with two small children of her own, admitted the hoax when given lie tests, yesterday. Her motive was to claim a reward for rescuing the baby.

Mrs. Gerald was taking care of little Laurie Ann during the vacation of the parents and another child, Lynn in Charlevoix, Michigan. She had previously been employed as a nurse. The family left home August 8 and was due to return August 26, at which time Mrs. Gerald's duties would cease. At 12:15 a.m. on August 25, the police received a call from the Moses residence, a woman murmuring over the phone, "The baby, the baby." The nurse was found lying in an apparently semiconscious state, but able to tell of an intruder who tried to choke her, and who had taken the baby. The baby was found asleep in a downstairs room, uninjured.

Chief-of-Police Rex Andrews and Mayor Robert Patton were both dubious as to certain parts of the story, and as soon as she was able, the nurse was subjected to a lie test, when she confessed the hoax.

In inflicting self-wounds about the head, with a clothes hanger, the nurse had accidentally fallen, striking her head which accounted for her dazed condition. The rings, allegedly stolen, she disposed of in the toilet, she said, as they were of no value to her because of memories associated with them.

Mr. Moses thought that liability insurance would probably cover

### Lincoln School Book Sale September 9

Under the guidance of Mrs. James Curtis, chairman of the used books committee, the Lincoln School will have on its opening day a used book sale. All sales will be for cash and the profits made available to the individual child who is offering one or more sets of books. Each book must be carefully marked with the owner's name and price which he is asking. Money received during the sale will be available to the individual owners at the end of the day. Books must be brought to the gymnasium on Monday, Sept. 8, between the hours of nine and 12 o'clock and the official selling will also take place in the gymnasium on the following day Tuesday, Sept. 9 from one to four.

### Lions Enjoy Picnic Plan Golf Outing September 24

Their annual outdoor picnic was enjoyed by approximately 75 Lions, wives and guests, last week. The quantity and quality of the food served was most satisfactory. The food committee was headed by Ralph Sappe, and it did an excellent job. Games, pictures etc. aided in making the affair a highly enjoyable one.

Plans are being made for a golf outing on Wednesday, September 24. Golf, frivolity, eats, entertainment etc. will combine to make the occasion a success.

the loss of the rings, and said that the idea of a reward had not occurred to him, the case being, as yet unsolved.

Mrs. Gerald, who was not detained after admitting the hoax, is quoted as saying that if someone had saved her baby, she would be glad to pay them \$200. She was advised to consult a psychiatrist.

### Right Rev. Fulton J. Sheen To Speak At High School On Sunday, September 14th

The Holy Name Society of the Immaculate Conception Church will sponsor an address by the Rt. Reverend Fulton J. Sheen entitled: "Psycho-analysis and Psycho-synthesis", to be held at the Highland Park High School, 300 Vine ave. Sunday evening, September 14th at 8 p.m.

Monsignor Sheen is a famous Catholic educator and author of many distinguished books. He is a professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America and has been a Preacher on the Catholic Hour of the National Broadcasting System since 1930. Nationally known for his oratory and his writings, he is an ardent foe of Communism and has shown the falsity of the Communist way of life. His many converts to the Catholic Faith, most recent of whom is Claire Booth Luce, have brought him international fame. Speaking of Monsignor Sheen, Claire Booth Luce says: "There truly is a man of God."

The Holy Name Society of the Immaculate Conception Church is happy to have Monsignor Sheen visit the North Shore and give us this address. Everyone is welcome and most cordially invited to attend.

Tickets for the lecture may be purchased from the following stores in Highland Park. The price of the tickets is one dollar, tax included.

Henry C. Weiland, Florist Sunset Grocery and Market, Marchi Bros., Art Olson, Mens' Store, Central Hardware, Ravinia Shoe Store, Witty's Ice Cream Co.

### Primary Teachers of Dist. 107 To Visit Homes

Teachers of the primary grades, kindergarten through grade three, will visit the homes of their pupils during the afternoons of the first two weeks of school. Primary children will attend school only in the mornings of those two weeks.

**Home-School Partnership**  
It has long been recognized that the home and the school share in providing children with real learning situations. Ideally, the one reinforces and supplements the other. The home, where father, mother, brothers, and sisters live, provides an educational setting that in some respects surpasses that of the classroom. Conscious of the partnership that exists between the home and the school in the education of the children, teachers of Elm Place and Green-bay Road School will make these informal visits.

**Home Visitation Not a New Practice**  
The practice of visiting parents early in the school year is not new. Last year, teachers of Green Bay Road School made such informal calls. The benefits reported by both teachers and parents of this early acquaintance with one another led to the extension of this practice to the Primary Department of the Elm Place School this year.

**President of Hospital Board To Speak At Hospital Convention**  
Frank F. Selfridge, president of the Board of Managers of Highland Park Hospital, will speak at the American Hospital Association's Forty-Ninth Annual Convention in St. Louis, September 22 to 25. Mr. Selfridge will speak on "Responsibility of the Governing Board for Raising Standards of Medical Practice."

Among other convention speakers will be Kay Kyser, nationally known entertainer and radio star, who will describe public education activities of the North Carolina Good Health Association, Inc., of which he is vice-president. Mr. Kyser has taken an outstanding part in public education for better health and more hospital facilities in his home state.

The convention program will be held in four sections, administrative practice, professional practice, hospital planning and plant operation, and special aspects, designed to cover all phases of hospital administration and service. Theme for the program will be "More Care for More People—NOW."

### Kiwanis Club To Hold Social Meeting September 8

The next meeting of the Kiwanis club, September 8, at the Sunset Valley club, will be a social one. The program has not as yet been announced.

## CHAIRMEN NAMED FOR CHEST DRIVE

Plans for organizing the solicitation work in Highland Park's important business district, during the forthcoming Community Chest drive, were made public this week by Woodward Burgert, General Campaign Chairman and Emmett Moroney, Assistant General Manager.

Henry C. Siljstrom has been named Chairman of the Business District Organization, and he will be assisted by Fred and Red Fell who will act as Co-Chairmen. Under the direction of this top-command, the Business District is being divided into five divisions: 1. Retailers; 2. Industrial firms; 3. Professionals; 4. Apartments; and 5. Residential. Each division will be headed by a Vice-Chairman to be named in the next few days.

This entirely new method of organization is expected to assure a complete and more effective coverage of every business firm and every resident of the area that comprises the Business District.

### Chamber Of Commerce To Have Cancer Program

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening, September 9th, at the Sunset Valley Club and a dinner served at six-thirty.

A program of current national interest will be presented to the Chamber membership with the showing of a sound motion picture on "Cancer." The Lake County Chapter of the American Cancer Society was recently organized and is co-operating in promoting an educational program of the public concerning the early symptoms of cancer and the importance of seeking prompt diagnosis and treatment of this disease; now causing the death of one in every eight persons.

Highland Park is the first city in Lake County sponsoring such an important educational program and the film portrays a dramatic story of the nation-wide fight against cancer. Dr. Douglas Boyd, President of the Highland Park Board of Health, will be present to supplement the film with comments from the medical man's views and to answer questions from the membership.

### Game Room At The Community Center To Open September 8th

The game room at the Highland Park Community center will open for the season on Monday, Sept. 8. The full program of center activities will start Sept. 15.

Starting Sept. 2, commitments are being taken for reservations of Community center space by outside clubs and organizations. Any group interested in making reservations may call the center, Highland Park 2442.

In a report covering the nine week playground and recreation program for the past summer, beginning June 2 and ending Aug. 8, the grand total attendance showed that 37,533 children and adults participated in activities. This represents an increase of more than 25,000 over the 10,922 record for the year 1944, the first summer the playground and recreation program was operated.

Other items in this summer's report indicate that 8,451 boys and 6,440 girls attended the total of 770 sessions. Last year 6,143 boys and 3,532 girls participated in 814 events, with a total adult and child attendance of 31,102.

### Rotary Club Plans Annual Barbecue Wednesday, Sept. 17

The next meeting of the Rotary club, under the direction of Earl M. Gsell, will be held Monday noon, September 8, at the Moraine hotel. There was no meeting on Labor Day.

Oscar Lundgren, chairman of arrangements for the club's annual barbecue, has announced that it will be held on Wednesday, September 17.

### High School Bookstore

All students who are going to attend the Highland Park High School this fall are urged to buy their books and padlocks before school opens.

The high school bookstore will be open on Saturday, September 6, from 9 to 12 and 1 to 3 o'clock. It will also be open on Monday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m. for upperclassmen who are unable to buy their books on Saturday.

## YOUR COMMUNITY FUND DOLLARS AT WORK

### Teachers Of Dist. 107 Attend Teachers' Institute At Waukegan

On Tuesday morning, September 2, teachers of District 107 adjourned their local workshop meetings to attend the Teachers' Institute of Lake County which was held in Waukegan. This institute is arranged annually by Mr. W. C. Petty, Lake County Superintendent of Schools, for the elementary and secondary teachers of the county.

**Institute Speakers**  
Mrs. Marguerite Dolch of the University of Illinois faculty gave the teachers an excellent talk on "Learning to Read, a Continuing Process of Growth." Mrs. Dolch, an authority on reading, has done much research in that field.

Mr. Oliver J. Muser of the United States Soil Conservation Service discussed with the assembled group the teacher's responsibility in conserving our soil and resources.

In the afternoon, Dr. William Atkinson Young of the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, using the topic "Places That Need no Book Mark", provided the inspirational talk of the day.

### Concluding Activities of the Educational Workshop

During this week, chairmen of the various committees within the workshop have been presenting their reports and recommendations to the general staff for their approval and suggestions. Inasmuch as many of the projects will be continued throughout this next school year, several committees are submitting progress reports.

### Educational Consultants

Consultants in the fields of reading, language, literature, and science met with committees during the week. Mrs. Roma Hiatt, Educational Consultant with the Scott Foreman Company, worked with the committees on reading and science. Mrs. Simpson, Consultant with the Houghton Mifflin Company, discussed ways and means of best utilizing our teaching materials in language. Members of the Literature Committee received help from Mrs. McAlvey, a writer and director of children's plays.

### Smoking Greatest Single Cause Of Fire

Fire Chief Hennig today said that smoking is still the country's largest single cause of fire. "For years," he stated, "fire protection experts have been urging smokers to be careful with matches and cigarettes. But records show that smoking carelessness is responsible for almost 44 million dollars fire damage each year.

The chief warned that any kind of match can cause a fire. "There are certain matches that are more dangerous than others," he added.

Strike-anywhere matches may start a fire by being rubbed together when carried loose in a man's pocket. Poor quality matches often have heads that are likely to fly off when struck.

"Paper or book matches should be the safest kind," the chief remarked. "But, too often, smokers fail to close the protective cover before striking. Every day serious fires are caused by such carelessness." He pointed out that conditions must be favorable before a discarded cigarette will start a fire. However, with billions of cigarettes being smoked the carelessly tossed butt remains the most common cause of fire in the country.

"Stores, institutions and public buildings in which smoking is permitted should supply plenty of ash trays," Chief Hennig emphasized. "In addition to this safeguard, several Underwriters Laboratories approve fire extinguishers should be handy in order to fight a fire caused by a smoldering butt or an overturned ash tray."

The Chief added "When it is remembered that 600,000 matches are struck every minute of the day, smoking safety takes on real meaning."

(This is the ninth 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).

The Northwestern University Settlement is the second oldest settlement house in Chicago. For over 56 years it has been serving an overcrowded and underprivileged area on Chicago's northwest side. Harriet Vittum became the head resident in 1906 and is still the Settlements guiding genius and an inspiration to the supporters of the work of human improvement that the Settlement carries on.

The Settlement has a notable record of achievement. Through

its pioneering efforts, milk stations for children were established in Chicago and later grew into what is now the Infant Welfare Society. Night study classes, first established at the Settlement, were the forerunners of the public night schools. Early recreational work which the Settlement sponsored has given Chicago the biggest playground system in the world.

The Settlement has its home at Augusta and Noble Streets, in an area containing some 150,000 people. It concerns itself with providing an activity center for the young and old of this teeming neighborhood — so that the children may be helped to grow into healthy, normal, self-respecting citizens of the community — so that the adults may be helped to provide the proper home and neighborhood atmosphere for all the families who make up this large community.

Among the many activities carried on at the Settlement are nursery and kindergarten classes, music classes, health clinics, summer and winter play groups, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, Ex-Service Men's Clubs, Mother and Father Clubs, Old People's clubs and variety of other neighborhood groups.

Classes in first aid and home nursing carry into every home important lessons of sanitation and modern housekeeping techniques. The faculty and senior students of the School of Medicine of Northwestern University examine the children periodically as one of the steps in raising the health level of the neighborhood.

For eighteen years, the Settlement has operated a Summer Camp on the DesPlaines River, where children of the neighborhood are sent in groups, for twelve day vacations. Much of the camp supervisory work is done by volunteers from the group of men and women who are members of the various Settlement Clubs.

The work of the Northwestern University Settlement is financed by contributions from public spirited citizens and various organizations, among them our own Highland Park Community Chest. (Next week the last article on the agencies which are supported by your contributions to the Highland Park Community Chest).

### Nature, Like Her Children, Goes On A Rampage

The new heat wave yesterday (Wednesday) which brought Chicagoan temperature to a record of 94.4 at 4:10 p.m., is just another tantrum to which Nature has treated us this summer. The heat was not so noticeable (so says the weatherman) on account of the low humidity.

Although the September 3 record of 93.4 was smashed, yesterday, this temperature was mild compared to that of Kansas City, where the thermometer stood at 109, and at Manhattan 117, and also at Junction City where it recorded 113.