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Up To Now

Consistency

Highwood tavern owners, who have been forced to toe the mark very carefully with regard to selling to minors would have been interested in an incident that occurred about 10 o'clock Saturday night at the carnival sponsored to raise funds for the new community center.

Two youngsters, hardly past sixteen, and already showing the obvious effects of previous libations, were served beer, with no questions asked, at the carnival refreshment stand.

Of course, we don't think that the taverns should be allowed to do likewise, even if they wanted to, which most of them do not, but the action does seem a bit inconsistent. One tavern owner, however, when told of the incident, showed little surprise.

"Sure," he remarked, "It all depends on who does it."

"Free Ride" Veterans

Last week we remarked that the war surely must be over, what with cuts in veterans service (the closing of several Veterans Administration contact offices) already putting in their appearances. We were referring to the established precedent of starting "economy" with the veterans.

This week we refer to a situation that will make cuts, even cuts which abrogate pledges to veterans, ever easier for the lawmakers to approve. We're talking about the small, but despicable group of vets who have taken advantage of their status to collect unemployment benefits while drawing income from other sources.

Of course, some of them have been apprehended, of course, more of them will be caught. Of course, those caught will suffer some sort of punishment. But—the damage has been done to some extent already, and further revelations of more vet cheaters will increase the damage many fold.

The veteran's strongest weapon in protecting his rights and benefits is public opinion. Any action that tends to weaken public approval of the benefits afforded veterans is a stab in the back for deserving veterans who need help. Any cheating veteran is not only chiseling, he's betraying his former comrades.

Punishment for cheaters should be severe, and based on the formula an old-line top sergeant, who rose to a captaincy during the war, applied to GI's who were consistently guilty of going AWOL.

"Listen!" he used to roar, "I can't stop you from going AWOL, but, blast your eyes, I can sure make you wish you wish you hadn't!"

Committee To Study Launching Of Yachts

Formation of a special committee of the North Shore Yacht Club to prepare plans for a new and improved boat launching system was announced this week by Avery Jones, Commodore. Chairman of the group, to be known as the club's "Construction Committee", is Dan Sinclair, engineer and manufacturer.

"Visitors to the Park Avenue beach may see remains of five separate and distinct structures designed to land boats, dating as far back as the jagged piles which mark the site of the 19th-century Fletcher's pier," Sinclair said in reviewing the background of his assignment. "After the boathouse was moved to its present site north of the pumping station, rails were laid down to launch the rescue boat; these were dug up recently during improvements. In 1939 the Lake Front Safety Committee constructed the hoist and launching davits which appear, somewhat damaged by ice last winter, off the beach. Next came an overhead tram rail built for motor boats. Shifting sands put this out of action after one season. Finally, there's a wooden ramp buried under the sand, from which our boats were floated by means of dollies, and of which only the associated steel cable and winch remain in use."

The goal of the new committee, according to Commodore Jones, will be to devise the best possible system for landing boats in the immediate future. A permanent Harbor Committee, headed by Grant Brown is studying long-range plans to build a harbor at Highland Park, for which federal aid has been promised. John Seabury of Winnetka, and John Mordock, formerly also of Winnetka, are

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Man Of Peace Proves Able Defender Of Hearth And Home

James Kilbane, 26, of Chicago, a 3-year veteran with a good army record, fortified by beer and whiskey, entered the home of James Mauri, 1909 County line road last Thursday at 1:50 a.m. and demanded money.

Mauri, a man of slight proportions, awakening to the sound of a crashing screen, found a man "like a horse, big as Primo Carnera" in his kitchen, who demanded money. Hand in pocket, he gave the impression of being armed, and threatened to shoot if the lights were turned on.

Disliking violence, Mauri promised him two or three dollars and told his wife, Irene, who had appeared upon the scene, to get the money. Taking a pistol from the bureau drawer, she gave it to her husband, who was seized by the intruder. In the following struggle, Mrs. Mauri was thrown against the wall, and left to call the police. They arrived to find Kilbane unconscious in the yard, where he had collapsed from the effect of a single shot in the chest.

Mauri, who came to this country 27 years ago from a town near Naples, Italy, insists that he dislikes trouble, and never had any in this country until last Thursday. Kilbane had just re-enlisted in the army, and was due to be sworn in on Thursday. Ft. Sheridan authorities state that he is recovering satisfactorily from his wound.

Upon recovery he will be turned over to civilian authorities as his re-enlistment in the army was incomplete at the time of the attempted robbery.

Claims North Shore Well Able To Afford Small Cost Of Safety

Following the recent verbal refusal by Dwight L. Smith, General Manager of the Chgo. North Shore & Milwaukee Railway Co. to grant the requests of the Highland Pk. Traffic Commission for elimination of safety hazards at the Beech St. Station and Braeside after more than a year of effort and in spite of record of accidents and fatalities over a period, Mr. Edwin L. Gilroy, Chairman of the Commission states that the urgent need was established through record and survey and that the small cost is well within the ability of the North Shore to afford. In so advising he further states:

"There was a period prior to World War II when the North Shore was really hard pressed. At that time the North Shore Ry. might have had a financial excuse for not making or delaying much needed small safety improvements. The very opposite is now the case. "The financial position of the North Shore has improved tremendously since 1940, and they came out of their reorganization this Spring in an exceedingly strong financial condition. Some of the reasons for this were that in the reorganization, they wiped out all claims of the common stockholders, preferred stockholders and even the unsecured note holders. Further all bondholders were given common stock and all certificates of indebtedness (for equipment) were paid off at less than face value.

"Hence the new corporation started out this Spring with \$2,000,000.00 cash in current assets plus \$3,000,000.00 cash and government bonds in their contingency fund, a total of approximately \$5,000,000.00. What is more all of this cash was accumulated while some \$2,000,000.00 was being spent for improvement and rehabilitation of operating facilities.

"The total cost to the North Shore covering the improvements at Beech Street and Braeside requested by the Traffic Commission is estimated to involve an expense of less than \$4,000 or a little over one tenth of one per cent of what is in the contingency fund, surely a small amount to ask for the safety of the citizens of Highland Park."

Lincoln School PTA Committes Plan Work For Year

Mrs. Carol Baker Summers, president of the Lincoln school PTA, has completed plans for a well-rounded program for the coming school year with the assistance of the following board members: Mesdames Edward J. Sherry, vice president; Marion Laurents, treasurer; James Moore, secretary; Walter Pagenkoph, room mother chairman; James Shannon, publicity; Walter Hjlden, membership; Walter Crowds, social; Wilfred Johnson, hospitality; David Cox, finance; Hugh Seyforth, health and safety; Charles Sempler, delegate at large; Miss Helen Boyce, teachers' representative; Mr. F. S. McOmber Jr., dad's committee chairman; and Mr. Vincent Vierzicke, representative to Highland Park Recreation board.

A meeting was held early in the summer at Mrs. Summers' home to outline plans for the new year, and work has already been started by various committees over the summer months. The PTA will canvass its membership to see what phase of work each one is most interested in.

Used Book Sale
The first project, the Used Book Sale, held on the opening day of school, proved most successful and will probably be instituted as a permanent thing to be held each year. Mrs. James Curtis, chairman, conducted the sales with Mrs. Richard W. Owen and Mrs. Fred Bishop assisting.

Square Dance
Plans are being furthered already with much enthusiasm for the Square Dance to be held September 26. Information has just been received from Mrs. Maude Haase, pianist for the evening, that her partner and "caller", Mrs. Wilkening, has just completed a course under Dr. Lloyd Shaw at the Cheyenne Mountain School of Square Dancing. Mrs. Haase and Mrs. Wilkening have been participating in square dancing as a team for the last ten years.

Costumes
The spirit of a real square dance is the best felt when the dancers

CONCERT ASS'N WILL BEGIN CAMPAIGN

The Community Concerts Association of Highland Park announced that they will begin their membership campaign with a complimentary kick-off dinner for volunteer workers 6:45 P.M., Monday, September 22, at the Moraine Hotel. This dinner will mark the beginning of an intensive five day membership drive by the membership committee of the Association, consisting of: Mrs. L. F. McClure, Chairman, and Mrs. C. W. Schaff, Mrs. F. F. Patton, and Mrs. H. L. Canmann—Co-Chairmen.

The Community Concerts Association of Highland Park confidently expects to secure approximately 1600 memberships from residents throughout this area to fill the Highland Park High School Auditorium to capacity for the fall and winter series. The price of memberships is set at \$5.00 plus \$1.00 federal tax for the entire series of four or five concerts. No tickets to individual concerts will be sold.

The artists who will appear will be announced in detail as soon as the campaign is successfully concluded. Arrangements have already been made for the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra to appear for one of the concerts in the series, and other well known artists and groups have been tentatively scheduled by the program committee, Mrs. J. V. Spachner, Chairman.

It is strongly urged that anyone interested in purchasing a membership in the Community Concerts Association of Highland Park do so at their first opportunity on or after September 22—as considerable demand for tickets to the series has already been evidenced. Memberships will be available on or after September 22 at the special headquarters of the Association at the Community Center. Membership sales will close Saturday, September 27, and no memberships will be available after that time. The reason that memberships must be purchased and paid for during the period of the five day campaign is that all funds must be in the hands of the Association Treasurer, Lyle Gouley, before final commitments to the artists are made.

Including recent additions, the following is a full list of the officers and directors of the Community Concerts Association of Highland Park:

President, Renslow P. Sherer.
Vice President, Charles Z. Henkle.

Vice President and Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. L. F. McClure.

Co-Chairmen of the Membership Committee, Mrs. C. W. Schaff, Mrs. F. F. Patton, Mrs. H. L. Canmann, Mrs. Samuel Hynes, Mrs. Edward Mack, Mrs. Conrad Schrier.

Vice President and Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. J. V. Spachner.

Co-Chairmen of the Program Committee, Mr. H. N. Finch, Mrs. Hal Crews.

Treasurer, Lyle Gouley.
Secretary, Mrs. Lester Britton.
Publicity and Public Relations Committee, Mr. Edward Sonnenschein, Mr. David Cox.

Mr. Jacques Barr Attends Business Conference Of Mutual Life

LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA.—Jacques Barr, of 618 South Greenway Road, Highland Park, a representative of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, attended a business and educational conference of the company's Top Club, held here last week at the Chateau Lake Louise. The Top Club is composed of The Mutual Life's outstanding field underwriters from all over the United States. Mr. Barr is among the principal speakers at the conference.

The conference brought together Club members and home office officials for a series of meetings designed to develop ideas for increased efficiency in operations and improved service to policyholders and the public. Mr. Barr is a member of The Mutual Life's Chicago (Persons) agency.

All come in the proper garb, so all the ladies plan to don their calico dresses or dirndl skirts and blouses, and bring their partners in blue jeans or cotton slacks.

Burgert Names Chairmen To Head Chest Drive

Women Voters To Hear Northwestern Economist At Open Meeting

William H. Blaisdell, associated with the Economics department of Northwestern university will be the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the League of Women Voters September 17 at the Community center.

Mr. Blaisdell, who will discuss "World Trade and World Peace", is thoroughly experienced in the field of economics. Before the war he was employed in various agencies as an economist, primarily with the Temporary National Economics committee, the Bureau of Labor statistics and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. He served 51 months with the Army Air Forces, including a 5-month tour of duty with the Army of Occupation in Germany, investigating German cartels.

After the war he was employed by the State department as an economist until last fall when he accepted a position as an instructor in Economics at Northwestern university.

The League meeting will start at 1 P.M. when the program for the year will be presented to the membership. Mr. Blaisdell's address will follow at 2 o'clock. Tea will be served at the conclusion of the program.

The Highland Park League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, composed of 458 members, will again this year be divided into small, intimate discussion groups which will meet once a month in the homes of various members. Group leaders will lead the discussion on governmental subjects and problems important to all Americans.

In addition to the monthly meetings, the League sponsors a group of workshops or special study groups, organized for persons interested in making a detailed study of important current problems. These groups are open to the public.

For further information regarding the workshops, the following chairmen may be contacted: Education—Mrs. David Levinson, H.P. 2081. Fair Employment Practices Commission—Mrs. Lester Ball, H.P. 6177. Health—Mrs. Eugene Hotchkiss, H.P. 3642. Economics—Mrs. Clarence Goelzer, H.P. 3978. Housing—Mrs. Maurice Polak, H.P. 2246. City Survey—Mrs. Charles Puestow, H.P. 437.

New Permits Show Building Increase; 15 New Homes Started

A total of 188 permits have been issued so far this year by the building department of Highland Park, as compared to 166 for the same period in 1946.

Included in last month's permits were those for the construction of 15 family dwellings, amounting to \$260,000. Permits were also issued for seven private garages, and alterations on eight one-family homes as well as on one apartment building.

Philathea Class To Meet September 16

The Philathea Class will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, September 16th, at the home of Mrs. Fred C. Noerenberg, 140 South Second St. Assisting the hostess will be members of Circle Number Four.

Rotary Club Members Hear Discussion Of Marketing Research

Thomas Robb discussed Marketing Research at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Highland Park, Monday, following the Club's usual luncheon gathering at 12:15 at the Moraine Hotel.

Mr. Robb is the Director of Public Relations of the A. C. Nielson Company which is the world's largest marketing research organization. He discussed the development of the research idea, and the service extended to scores of the leading industrial companies of the nation.

Completing the "top command" appointments in the forthcoming Community Chest Drive, Woodward Burgert, General Campaign Chairman, has announced the following names this week.

Appointed as Vice-Chairmen in the General Campaign are: Franklyn W. Chaffee, districts 1 and 2; Francis D. Weeks, Districts 3, 4 and 5; Bruce Krasberg, Districts 6 and 7; Charles C. Looney, district 8; John E. Vollertsen, Districts 9 and 10; Gregory M. Sheehan, districts 11, 12 and 13; John L. Robinson, districts 14 and 15.

Highland Park Man Takes Active Part In Helping Alcoholics

Walter O. Cromwell, 548 Central, is a director and vice-president of the Chicago Committee on Alcoholism which will present a series of weekly lecture-discussions at Roosevelt college, 430 So. Michigan avenue, Chicago, Sept. 15 through October 20. Mr. Cromwell will be a member of the discussion panel at the final lecture.

In studying the pamphlet issued by the organization we find that alcoholism is a medical problem, regarding which science has, in the last ten years, turned from punishment and prejudice to lay the foundation for a scientific approach. That in addition to the estimated 26,000 alcoholics in Chicago there are a large number of problem drinkers who are not alcoholics in a medical sense. That alcoholism is more than an individual disaster; whose consequences are suffered in varied form, by all members of the community.

This lecture series will cover the latest research on the subject, and will present, at the final meeting, the discussion panel consisting of Hon. J. M. Brande, Judge, Municipal Court of Chicago; Dr. Paul Hietko, Chief Medical officer, Division of Medical Care and Treatment Illinois department of Public Welfare, and Mr. Cromwell, Associate Director, Juvenile Protective association of Chicago.

Mr. Cromwell, whose home is at the Highland Hotel, of which Mrs. Cromwell is the manager, is well known on lecture platforms and has written many magazine articles on this subject.

American Legion Auxiliary Officers Installed

Mrs. Alma Callanan, 10th district president of the department of Illinois, installed the officers of the Highland Park Unit at an open meeting on Thursday evening, September 4. She was assisted by Mrs. Frances Marks, past president of the North Chicago unit, as sergeant-at-arms.

The following officers were installed: President—Catherine Gilroy.

1st Vice-president—Ivy Harvey.
2nd Vice-President—Betty McCaffrey.

Treasurer—Mary Picchiotti.
Chaplain—Isabel Kortendick.
Historian—Bernice Ohlwein.
Sergeant-at-arms—Crystal Leuer.
Secretary—Violet Cole.
Corresponding secretary—Helen Ewell.

The installation ceremonies were followed by a social hour and refreshments.

The Highland Park unit is represented in the 10th district by Ivy Harvey, historian, and Ann Halterman, Finance chairman.

Chicago Rockets To Entertain Scouts Of Troop No. 33

Pat Leahy, who plays right end for the Chicago Rockets plans to attend the opening meeting of Boy Scout troop No. 33 on Tuesday, September 16, at Lincoln school at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Leahy will talk about some of his experiences during his football career, and show moving pictures of some of the Rockets' games.

Lloyd Moon, scout master of the troop, and the committee from Highland Park Lions club invite all boys of scout age and their parents to attend.