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## UP TO NOW

BY BILL THOMAS

### RUMOR AND FACTS

Up to now it would appear that only rumor has been the basis for the near-hysteria that has characterized the comment and conjecture concerning recent changes at the city hall.

We do not feel that the interests of Highland Park are well served by the instigation of a community-wide guessing contest. If there are any unrevealed facts in the case, we think that they should be ascertained and presented. We don't think anything is to be gained by prefacing a guess with the statement "It is believed" and then inviting a general guess as to whether the guess is correct. We think such statements should be further amplified by stating who "believes" and why.

Until someone—anyone—is willing to retract, change or add to statements already publicly made, we think there is no justice in assumptions that the facts are other than as stated by ALL involved.

### NEW CHIEF

Mayor Patton has stated that applications for the job of police chief will be received from all interested persons, whether or not they are members of the force or present residents of Highland Park, so long as they desire the position as a permanent one and can qualify in all respects.

The mayor's purpose in making the job a "wide open" one is to obtain the person best qualified for the appointment.

When the final decision is being made, we think, assuming that Captain Edward Patten applies for the appointment, that his long experience and faithful service to Highland Park should weigh heavily in his favor. We think "Eddie" Patten's years of service, during which he has demonstrated his ability as a hardworking and thoroughly efficient law officer entitle him a chance to handle, officially, the job he has so often taken over unofficially.

### Ginger Gillard, Magician Clown Featured At Community Center

Traditional Open House will be held at the Highland Park Community Center, on Friday, October 31st, as was announced today by Howard F. Copp, Supt of Recreation.

The program will start at 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., for the smaller children and lower grade schools, who will be accompanied by their parents. Their program will consist of movies, costume contest, games, and the refreshments will be cider and doughnuts.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade grammar school age children's program will be from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. and will consist of Costume Parade, Juke Box Dancing, Games, and an outstanding nationally known Clown Magician will furnish the floor show entertainment, followed by cider and doughnuts.

The High School Open House will start at 9:30 to 11:30 P.M. For the Teen-Agers costumes, if desired, Juke Box Dancing, Games, and Ginger Gillard, famous Clown Magician, will furnish the floor show entertainment. The Coke Bar will be opened for refreshments of cider and doughnuts.

### Highland Park Boys' Boxing Club

There are 44 boys registered in the Highland Park Boys' Boxing Club so far this season. They have been working out three nights a week, Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

The Senior Members of the Boxing Club have been working very hard in preparation for the CYO Tournament to be held in Chicago.

According to Mel Mullins, Athletic Director, boys will be awarded sweaters at the end of the season, according to their attendance at workouts as well as participating in the bouts.

Any boy, nine years or older, who is interested in boxing, may register at the Highland Park Community Center.

### SCHOOLS REPRESENTED ON COLLEGE DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL, OCT. 29

Among the colleges, schools and universities to be represented on "College Day", October 29 at Highland Park high school are the following: Illinois, Purdue, Notre Dame, Wesleyan and DePaul universities; Maryland, Wabash, Lawrence, Stevens, Monmouth, Radcliffe, St. Olaf, Albion, Pomona, Bryant and Stratton, Connecticut, and Indiana State Teachers colleges; Vogue school and MacCormac school of Commerce.



### TENTATIVE DATE SET FOR MEMORIAL RITES FOR SGT. GEORGE BOWDEN

Memorial services honoring the late Sgt. George W. Bowden, USMC, will be conducted at the Immaculate Conception church, with 10 a. m. Saturday, October 25, set as the tentative date. Full military honors will be accorded at both church and the Northshore Garden of Memories, where the body will find its final resting place.

The first Highland Park casualty of World War II to reach the home town, the body will be escorted by a special guard of honor consisting of six Highland Park marines in full uniform: George Keller, Henry Boilini, Ray Mann, Neil Lorimer, Robert Lorimer and Robert Schwall.

As a child, George attended the Immaculate Conception school and was later graduated from the St. George high school in Evanston. Prior to entering the service he was associated with his father in the grocery business. Enlisting in the Marine corps in January, 1942, he left for the Pacific war area the following October, and was lost in action, at the age of 23, during the invasion of Tarawa, on November 20, 1943. His father had preceded him in death two months earlier.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bowden of 625 Central avenue, two brothers, James and Robert, and two sisters, Margaret Ellen and Ruth Mary.

For valor and outstanding service Sgt. Bowden was awarded citations by Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commanding general of the U. S. Marine corps, and the late Frank Knox, secretary of the Navy.

It is especially requested that anyone desiring further definite information concerning the funeral arrangements contact the Seguin Funeral Home, H. P. 3878.

### New Executive Board Members Of The Friends Of The Highland Park Library

At a recent meeting of the Friends of the Highland Park Library, the following persons were either newly-elected or re-elected to the Executive Board of the Friends.

New Executive Board members are: Mrs. James H. Becker, Mrs. John A. Bigler, Miss Elizabeth Bredin, Reuben D. Cahn, Miss Mary A. Egan (librarian and ex-officio member), Louis P. Haller, Julian L. Harris, Thomas B. Hart, Mrs. Eugene Hotchkiss, Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. George R. Jones, Herbert M. Lautman, James T. MacMurchy, Mrs. Arthur Raff, William H. Savin, Whitt N. Schultz, Wilfred J. Seguin, Harry A. Sellery, Jr. (newly-appointed President of the Friends), E. M. Sincere, Donald S. Trumbull, A. J. Weiss, and Mrs. Henry Spero.

A nominating committee headed by Charles F. Grimes and including Edward M. Knox, Samuel R. Rosenthal, Mrs. Richard Loewenthal, and Mrs. James O. Clarke, selected the above board members who were unanimously voted into office.

### COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSN. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

The Community Concert association of Highland Park announces a change in schedule for the last two concerts of the series to be presented at the high school auditorium.

Rudolf Serkin, pianist, will appear on Wednesday, March 3, instead of March 2, as previously announced. The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra will present a concert on Wednesday March 31, instead of on March 30.

The Association is still short of its goal of 72 scholarships for use of music students desiring to attend these concerts. Anyone interested in purchasing a membership for this worthwhile cause should contact Mrs. Lester Britton, H. P. 1921.

### WOMEN OF THE MOOSE INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

At the October 15 meeting of Women of the Moose, the guest speaker was Mrs. Edith Turner, from the Lake Forest orphanage, who gave an outline of the life of the children in that institution.

Two new members were initiated, and refreshments were served by Mooseheart chairman Jessie Bousson and her committee.

The next meeting will be held on November 5 at Witten hall at 8:00.

### KIWANIS TO HEAR DR. T. S. PROXMIER OF LAKE FOREST

At the Monday dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club at Sunset Valley Golf club, pictures prepared by the Society for Prevention of Cancer will be shown. Dr. T. S. Proxmire of Lake Forest will also give a talk.

## MEN OF THE HOUR SERIES HERE NOV. 21

Joint Announcement has been made by Harold O. McLain, President of the Highland Park Men's Republican club and Mrs. Wm. L. Winters, President of the Deerfield Township Woman's Republican club that the two organizations will inaugurate a series of programs featuring "Men Of The Hour" beginning Friday evening, November 21, when Gov. Harold Stassen will speak in the Highland Park High School Auditorium.

In making this announcement it is stated that it is planned to conduct not less than six such programs during the 1947-1948 season presenting figures of national importance. Senator Robert Taft has indicated a willingness to try and arrange to appear on the program in December, and Cecil B. De Mille has been invited to be the speaker shortly after the first of the year. Among others who are listed as probable speakers are Kurt von Schussnig, last Chancellor of Austria, Congressman Karl Mundt who has just returned from Russia, Ernest Gruening, Gov. of Alaska, who will tell what is being done to arm the Arctic and why, and Clare Booth Luce, author, playwright and leading figure in national Women's affairs.

It is further stated that the main objective of the series will be to promote good government, Americanism and to combat radicalism. Speakers will not be those with a political message alone, but rather any of national prominence with an important message bearing directly on the welfare of the Nation. Season tickets for the entire series will be sold and mail orders filled through the office of Harry Eichler, Treasurer, 378 Central avenue, Highland Park.

### Inter-Faith Group To Hear Of Work Of Chicago Round Table

An informal attractive Tea will open the 1947-48 season of the local Inter-Faith Group, Wednesday, October 29th, from 3:30 to 5:30, at the woodland home of Mrs. Benedict Goodman, 306 Hazel avenue. Invitations are being sent to other local women's organizations and to all the schools in the community to attend the Tea and to hear the interesting accounts of two dynamic speakers of the Round Table of Christians and Jews in Chicago.

After the end of the most destructive war in history, fought to maintain a democratic mode of life, there is a real urgency to continue to promote racial and religious understanding throughout the country. Much is being accomplished in a quiet way by such organizations as the "Inter Faith Group" in Highland Park, but the group is eager to bring its message of good will to everyone in our community.

The Chicago Round Table is sending out two of its most interesting women speakers, Mrs. Stella Counselbaum and Mrs. Benjamin Getzoff, who have both long been active in American Brotherhood work in Chicago. They will tell of the accomplishments of the Round Table in Chicago in this democratic venture.

### HANS BAHR TO OPEN NEW FLOWER SHOP

Saturday, October 25, will mark the opening of the new Hans Bahr Flower Shop in Ravinia, at 462 Roger Williams avenue.

Hans Bahr, son of the late Fritz Bahr, and associated with his father in business from 1930 until his recent death, received his formal training in floriculture at the University of Illinois, where one of the text books used had been written by his father.

The floral display on Saturday will consist of tasteful arrangements of cut flowers, colorful flowering plants and dainty corsages, besides which the shop will carry a complete line of attractive pottery.

### North Shore Citizens' Committee To Meet Monday, October 27

At the first fall meeting of the North Shore Citizens' Committee, which takes place on Monday night October 27, at 8:00 p.m. at Winitka Community House, the main speaker will be Dr. Homer A. Jack, Executive secretary of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination.

Dr. Jack, who is also a member of the race relations committees of the City Club of Chicago and the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, is a well-known author and race relations adviser.

## PLAN FOR PARKING METERS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

### OPEN LETTER

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To the Editor:

A threat hangs over our North Shore communities which calls for united and intelligent action. The proposed North Shore Line bus route in itself would be an advantage; but inevitably in its wake will come the abandonment of the North Shore Electric's rail service. And, believe me, that blow will really hurt this area.

The Northwestern can't afford to give us good trains except in rush hours. The proposed buses will be 30 per cent slower than the present slow North Shore Electric. They will offer us a snail-like ride to the loop. Transportation to Milwaukee will be almost non-existent. Along the Lake Shore, where we should have the best, we will have the worst public transportation imaginable.

Shouldn't we set up a joint committee of the North Shore communities to study this grave menace to our welfare and to our property values? No one demands that the North Shore Line should continue to operate at a loss, but I am sure that other possibilities must exist.

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### Community Badminton Classes Opened In Highland Park

At the initial sessions of the Badminton groups held in Highland Park last week, under the sponsorship of the Playground and Recreation Dept. many players turned out. At Braeside Grammar School each Tuesday evening, the classes will be under the supervision of Instructor Harry Kubalek. On Wednesday nights at Ravinia Grammar School the classes will be under the supervision of Dudley Dewey, and on Thursday nights, at Lincoln Grammar School, the classes will be under the supervision of Vincent Viasieky.

Instructions for beginners will be given the first part of the class to all who wish them.

### TOM WILDER TO TEACH FALL AND WINTER PAINTING CLASS

The fall and winter art class taught by Tom Wilder will begin Thursday evening, November 6, and continue through January, meeting every Thursday except during the holiday weeks. From 7:30 to 9:30 at the YWCA the members will paint from previously made sketches, still life, models, photographs or memory. Most of the past work has been in oils, but Mr. Wilder has no objection to the use of water colors or pastels.

Those interested in joining should call the YWCA at once as enrollment is limited.

### BENEFIT PARTY TO BE HELD OCT. 29

A benefit Card and Bingo Party under the combined sponsorship of the local Moose Lodge and Cuore Arts Club will be held next Wednesday, October 29, at Witten's Hall, Highland Park, starting at 8 p. m. Proceeds from this affair will go to the family of a member of the two named societies who was seriously injured last month.

Co-chairmen of the committee in charge are Tony Porco, Moose governor, and Anthony Biagi, president of the Cuore Arts Club. The bingo and a variety of card games with prizes to the winners assure a most enjoyable evening to those who will attend.

### BENEFIT BINGO PARTY TO AID IN OPERATION FOR CRIPPLED CHILD

An interested group in Highland Park have planned a Bingo party to be held on October 31 at the Masonic temple, to help in raising funds for an operation of a crippled child, a former Highland Park, who is now living in Chicago, with an aunt. Her parents are dead.

Anyone interested in donating or contributing to this cause, or in buying tickets, may call Highland Park 415 or Highland Park 3474.

Many fine prizes await buyers of tickets, but the date of their award must necessarily await the selling of the final tickets.

On Thursday of last week a sub-division of the city parking committee, headed by E. A. Belmont, expressed its approval of plans to install parking meters in the central business district of town, stating that the installation of parking meters is desirable and helpful to the problem of off-the-street and all-day parking.

Locations Recommended  
Erection of parking meters was recommended as follows: Both sides of Central avenue, Green Bay road to Witten building, So. St. Johns avenue, Central to Laurel avenues. Both sides of Sheridan road, Central to Laurel avenues. Both sides of First street, Larson's garage to Elm Place. Both sides of North Second street, Central avenue to Press Paint Shop.

Privately Owned Parking Lots  
Consideration was urged of a plan by Paul Phelps, realtor, for the construction of privately owned parking lots. It was reported that private capital could be interested for construction of a parking area on Park board land lying between Elm Place and Central avenue, providing permission was granted to operate a gasoline station and parking lot business.

Use Of Excess Funds  
Funds from parking meters, in excess of cost of installation and maintenance would be used, it was suggested, for cutting back street parkways and establishing parking lots. Areas suggested for street parking lots, were North Sheridan road, east side of First street, and both sides of So. Second street.

Reports of surveys of other subdivisions of the traffic committee, having to do with the Ravinia district and outlying areas were designated as incomplete.

The entire committee on city parking will meet on November 20.

### Correspondence Nook, A New Gift Shop, Open At 34 N. First St.

"Something different" is the delighted comment of those who have already visited the "Correspondence Nook" that opened last Saturday on North First street, two doors north of Jonsson's. This bright little shop carries, besides a full line of exclusive brands of writing paper, note paper and cards for every occasion, mechanical toys of all descriptions, with GI Joe in the Jouncing Jeep heading the list.

Betsy-wetsy dolls, dolls with magic skin, birthday dolls, and the handmade topsy-turvy doll, really two in one. Bride and bridesmaid dolls stand dressed ready for the wedding.

There are fascinating games of many kinds. And something appealing in memory books are the pine pheasant products with their durable wooden covers, appropriate for weddings, baby books, snap shots etc.

And there is, of course, a complete line of tasteful cards, including a rack of colorful Christmas greetings ready for an early choice.

### WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

Our busy season is here again. We of the Fire Department appeal to all to use care and caution in the Fall clean-up. Do not burn leaves and rubbish on windy days. Let's not endanger our neighbor's property by our carelessness.

Highland Park came through Fire Prevention Week with a very good record. Our continued caution should be practiced every week throughout the year.

Please cooperate with your Fire Department and do not overtax them with these unnecessary grass fires. When all our equipment is out on these fires; your home or business house may be destroyed before we can get fire equipment to the fire.

William J. Hennig, Fire Marshal

### Lions Clubs Sponsor Quiz Kids Program October 26

On Sunday, October 26 at 3 p.m. over WMAQ the Quiz Kids program will feature Lions Club activities in support of Child Health week in a coast-to-coast broadcast. Don't forget to tune in for this interesting program.