

## UP TO NOW

BY BILL THOMAS

### • MAN

One of the characteristics, so we are told, that distinguishes man from beast, is the ability to think. James Branch Cabell, in his BEYOND LIFE, states that another distinguishing characteristic is the ability to make a thing true simply by believing it. The first characteristic, it is hinted, is a result of the second.

With this thought in mind, it is interesting to compare the actions and reactions of the "lord of creation" with those of the dumb beasts under his dominion.

A dog, for instance, buries his bone in a hole in the ground, whence he can retrieve it for future use. Man, being a reasoning creature, does not, of course resort to any such primitive . . . we just remembered the U.S. supply of gold and a hole in the ground in Kentucky.

### • BALANCE

A sense of balance in evaluating the situations that go to make up everyday life, probably is at once the most important and the most difficult attribute for most of us to acquire.

The truth is, that most of us don't particularly like to think, and the simple process of cataloging things as black or white, good or bad, is much easier than their careful evaluation. So it is, that most of us shy carefully away from anything that might tend to make us think. Particularly, of certain books, we are likely to say—aloud or mentally—"It's good, of course, and no doubt important, but very deep. Some other time, perhaps . . ."

For this reason, we don't think that the book, HUMAN DESTINY, by Lecomte Du Nouy will be very thoroughly read by very many people.

Yet, here is a book with a message for everyone who has ever speculated—even idly—of the "conflict" between science and theology.

The book isn't easy reading. Much of it—paragraphs—even single sentences—require reading, rereading and contemplation.

Frankly, we haven't finished it yet, but—"sometime, soon, perhaps . . ."

### Local Artist To Highlight Music Club Program

The November meeting of the Highland Park Music Club has been moved forward one week because of Thanksgiving Day, and will be held Wednesday, November 19th, promptly at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Florence Thomas Dingle, 515 S. Sheridan Road.

Two young local artists of great promise will provide the program of the afternoon. Patricia Laegeler began her career in Victoria, B.C. Canada where she took part in many operas and oratorio programs, in 1939 was granted a full scholarship at the Cosmopolitan School of Music in Chicago, made her debut at Kimball Hall in 1946, and is now soprano soloist at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. Mrs. Laegeler will be accompanied by Miss Olga Sandor in a program of French and English songs. Katherine Kerrihard, whose brilliant piano playing has been admired throughout her school days in this vicinity, is now a senior at Northwestern University, studying with Professor Wanick, head of the Music Department. Her program will include classical and modern piano compositions. These two gifted young women will provide a delightful afternoon's entertainment for the members of the Music Club and their guests.

### "Fair Employment Practices" Topic of Women Voters

"Pros and Cons of Fair Employment Practices", will be the theme for discussion at the group meetings of the League of Women Voters to be held Wednesday, November 19th.

"Discrimination because of race, creed or color is being applied to persons seeking jobs today", said Mrs. Lester Ball, chairman of the F. E. P. workshop, a study group of the League.

"By employing unfair discrimination we do not use our manpower to best advantage," Mrs. Ball continued. "It is a practice that is economically wasteful and morally undemocratic. At our group meetings on Wednesday," Mrs. Ball added, "we will discuss legislation as one of the mediums to overcome unfair employment practices."

### Yachtsmen to Elect, See Sailing Movies

The North Shore Yacht Club of Highland Park, claiming a postwar season of solid achievement behind it, will hear the annual reports of officers and elect a new slate for the coming year at the annual meeting to be held this Thursday evening, November 13th, at eight o'clock in the Highland Park Public Library auditorium.

Mixing pleasure with business, the sailors will see a 30-minute color movie of the international championship Lightning races. Guests and those interested in yachting are welcome to attend the meeting and see this film.

Expressing confidence in the officers who have carried through the postwar reorganization of the club, the group's executive committee has nominated for re-election most of the present leadership. The list includes Avery Jones, Commodore; Wellington Quirk, Vice-Commodore; Everett Millard, Rear Commodore; Elsie Quirk, Secretary, and Hubert Kelley, Treasurer. Kelley, at present chairman of the House Committee of the club, is the only new name among these suggestions. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

### Free Lecture On Christian Science, Nov. 18

"Christian Science; The Religion Which Teaches True Spirituality" is the title of a free lecture on Christian Science which is being given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist of Highland Park, on Tuesday evening, November 18th at 8 o'clock. The lecture will be delivered in the church edifice, 387 Hazel Ave., by Elisabeth R. Norwood, C.S.B. of Brookline, Mass., a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Meeting of American Legion Tonight

Highland Park Post No. 145 will hold its regular business meeting at 8:15 this evening at the Legion hall.

All members are requested to be present as business matters of importance are scheduled to be presented.

Don't forget to bring cigarettes for the patients at Downey.

## GOV. STASSEN TO DISCUSS WORLD AFFAIRS

By Whitt N. Schultz

Hundreds of season tickets have been bought by Highland Parkers for the new "Men of the Hour" series slated to feature, at the opening session Friday, Nov. 21, Presidential Candidate Harold E. Stassen.

The series of perhaps 10 discussions will be held at the Highland Park high school auditorium.

As winter eases in, other world famous personalities like Adm. Byrd, Sen. Taft and Clare Booth Luce will speak under the auspices of the Deerfield Township and Highland Park Men's Republican Clubs.

Gov. Stassen, first to declare himself available for the Presidential nomination, will nudge the thinking of townsmen with his international approach to world affairs and peace.

These thought-provoking speakers whose daily roles in national and world affairs are significant to all can be heard by Highland Parkers for a \$4.00 season ticket.

Tickets can be purchased from Harry Eichler, Treasurer, 378 Central Ave., or at a booth set up at Garnett's store today and Friday.

Because the number of season tickets is limited to the auditorium's seating capacity, the 82 members of the general and ticket committees urge subscriptions be purchased promptly.

### Three Generations of Highland Park Family Engage In Insurance

A little booklet entitled "A Chicago Story", has been gotten out by H. S. Vail & Sons of Chicago. It is a story about a man named Vail who took up residence in Highland Park in 1871. He worked in Chicago in the life insurance business and was followed in that business by his three sons, Carleton, Roger and Malcolm, who were born in Highland Park, all married and brought their wives to Highland Park and raised their families in Highland Park. Carleton and Roger are deceased.

Carleton had two children, Edith and Carleton, Jr. Edith is single and living and working in New York at the present time. Carleton, Jr. is married and is training to be a missionary to China. He is living in New York.

Roger had three sons. He lost one but there are two surviving, Roger and Henry Bloss. Both these boys are married; Bloss having been married this past August and he is now living in Highland Park. Roger is living in Glenview and has one daughter.

Malcolm has three children. Katherine Lewis Vail, married to Raynor F. Sturgis, Jr., and living in Highland Park. They have two children, a boy and a girl. Malcolm D. Vail, Jr., is married and living in Glencoe. He has two daughters. Henry S. Vail, II is married and living in Highland Park. He has one daughter.

The four Vail boys entered the life insurance business that was started by their grandfather, following the example of their respective fathers, and they are now carrying on the name of H. S. Vail & Sons down into the third generation. Most important, the wife of the founder, Jennie C. Vail, who will be 91 years old on November 8 is still alive and living in Highland Park.

### Formal Dance Nov. 22

Mrs. Roland G. Maus, Chairman of the committee on arrangements for the Highland Park Woman's Club formal dinner dance at the Club House, on Saturday evening, November 22, advises that approximately 90 per cent of the available reservations have already been subscribed for. Mrs. Maus, together with her assistant, Mrs. Carl Howard, urges that those desiring to attend the dinner and dance make their reservations immediately in order to avoid disappointments. Music for the dance will be furnished by that ever popular George Burnett and his orchestra. Table decorations will be arranged by Mrs. Loren C. Moore.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Thanksgiving service will be held in First Church of Christ, Scientist, 387 Hazel Ave., on Thanksgiving morning at 11 o'clock. An invitation to attend is extended to all.

## DRAMA GROUP OPENS SERIES NOV. 18

### Artist To Demonstrate Make-up To Drama Club

The Drama Committee of the Highland Park Woman's Club will hold the first of a series of study group sessions at the Club House, beginning at 10:15 a. m., Tuesday, November 18, when Elizabeth Gage will demonstrate and lecture on the art of make-up.

Mrs. Gage, an outstanding authority and drama leader well known to Highland Parkers, first became interested in drama while attending a school in Ravinia, the first in this community to offer drama studies to its students. She later attended Highland Park High School, Ferry Hall, Evanston Academy of Fine Arts and Northwestern University School of Speech. An outstanding leader in dramatics at all of these schools, she has been a member of the Ravinia Players and the Threshold Players and is now assisting the Deerfield Players in stage settings and make-up.

All members of the Club and their guests are invited to attend this and subsequent meetings of the Drama Group, which will be regularly scheduled the third Tuesday of each month from 10:15 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. in the Club headquarters at Sheridan Road and Elm Place.

### "Capt." Billy Bryant To Describe Showboating

At the annual members, husbands and sweethearts meeting of the Highland Park Woman's Club, Tuesday, November 18, at 8 p. m., Billy Bryant, showboat humorist, actor and author will relate interesting experiences in his forty years of showboating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

"Captain" Billy, as he is fondly known to his host of friends and acquaintances, will describe his many dramatic and adventurous years on these mighty rivers of America. His parents, immigrants from England, landed in New York in 1884—practically penniless. After a series of jobs and with two small children, they went westward by covered wagon as a medicine show. In 1900 they were stranded in Buffalo when a chance reading of an advertisement brought a showboat engagement and from this beginning grew the famous Bryant showboats—"The Princess" and the "Belle of the Bends." The fame of this river troupe spread to the cities and a first "big city" appearance at Cincinnati resulted in a fourteen years' stay and then on to the Studebaker Theatre in Chicago and, at last, famous Broadway, where they presented "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" to a capacity audience at the John Golden theatre, for a six months' run.

To hear Billy Bryant tell about the showboat and the river, is to live again a colorful romantic era in our history. In the words of Chicago's well known drama critic, Ashton Stevens, "Billy Bryant is great—a Will Rogers of the river!"

Bryant's appearance before the Highland Park Woman's Club on the occasion of this members and their husbands evening meeting promises to be one of the banner occasions of the Club's entertaining and educational program for the year.

### Put Statesmanship Above Politics: AVC

Asking Representative Ralph Church and Illinois' senators to set an example of constructive legislation at the coming special session of Congress, the North Shore Chapter of the American Veterans' Committee this week urged enactment of far-reaching legislation in support of the Marshall Plan.

Letters to the three legislators from chapter Chairman Bill Steel of Winnetka predicted that good statesmanship will also prove to be good election-year politics.

"Despite surface complacency, at heart people are uneasily aware that American life is in greater danger now than ever before," Steel wrote. "Democracy and dictatorship cannot live side by side. A free, democratic, self-respecting Europe is the first step toward world unity and peace."

"The special session will offer many opportunities to play partisan politics. There will be new appeals to the selfishness of human nature. But today Europe's fate enters into every man's pocketbook and home."

## OPERA STAR JENNIE TOUREL TO APPEAR HERE ON NOV. 19

### Bids For Visit By Freedom Train

An effort to bring the Freedom Train to Highland Park began this week when Harry A. Sellery, Jr., newly elected president of the Friends of the Highland Park Library, wrote a letter to the train's sponsors.

"The Freedom Train's presence in Highland Park would be of great educational value to all, and I believe that with a persuasive and direct approach to the officials by Highland Park's leaders, we could bring the train here," Mr. Sellery told this newspaper.

Initial attempt to bring the famous train to this town failed, however, when Mr. Sellery received the following multigraphed form letter from J. Edward Shugrue, National Director of the American Heritage Foundation, the group behind the Freedom Train.

"It is with sincere regret that we must inform you that a Freedom Train visit to your community will be impossible.

"Due to the limitation of time and technical difficulties, we have been forced to restrict the number of stops made in each state. The towns and cities to be visited were chosen sometime ago by a special committee, and the schedule so carefully worked out that no changes or additions are possible at this late date.

"We understand and appreciate the patriotic interest of the citizens of Highland Park and regret exceedingly that necessity dictates a negative reply to your request. Please be assured that if there were anything we could do to bring the Freedom Train to your community, we would be only too glad to do it."

Mr. Sellery wrote Freedom Train that Highland Park's railroad sidings were sufficiently large enough to hold the famed carrier of the nation's No. 1 documents. Also, it was pointed out that a visit here need not be long—"Just four hours: Two hours for the children after school; two hours for adults at night," Mr. Sellery said.

He also wrote that Highland Park is centrally located and therefore would bring crowds from neighboring suburbs.

Mr. Sellery has not given up hope.

"I'm certain we can get the train here if we want it badly enough," he said.

### MINISTERS MEET TO PLAN UNION THANKSGIVING

The Highland Park-Highwood Ministers Association will meet on Thursday morning November 20, at 10:15 a. m. to plan for the Union Thanksgiving Service. The meeting will be held in the Zion Lutheran Church on High Street in Highwood, with Rev. Herbert Linden as the host pastor.

The Union service this year is planned for Wednesday evening Nov. 26, at 8 p. m. in the Bethany Evangelical Church at the corner of McGovern and Laurel Streets. The speaker will be Rev. John F. Schaefer, pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Elgin, Illinois. Most of the Protestant Churches of the community will cooperate in the service, which is being held on Wednesday evening instead of the usual Thanksgiving Day, in order that the service will not interfere with special services held by some of the churches on that day.

Plans for the service will be completed at the ministers meeting. The matter of the gambling situation has also been referred to the Ministerial Association for discussion, and will also be considered at this meeting. The Association meets bi-monthly in various churches of the community, with Rev. Lester Laubenstein as the present Chairman of the Association.

### Women of the Moose To Meet November 19

A closed business meeting was held by Women of the Moose at Witten hall November 7, with senior regent Lillian Roberts presiding. Mrs. Louise Onesti reported on the conference attended by her and Mrs. Alice Coleman October 31—November 2 at Rock Island.

The singer who is well on the way to becoming a living legend as one of the greatest recitalists now appearing in our midst, is Jennie Tourel, world-famous mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera and star of the Paris Opera-Comique.

Miss Tourel, who will be heard here on November 19 in the first of the series of Community Concerts to be given at the Highland Park High School, was singing in Paris and all over France and Holland before the war, quietly upholding the traditions of the Opera-Comique and minding her own business. She might have continued that way, if it were not for the debacle of June, 1940, which caught her still in Paris just two days before the German occupa-



tion. But Miss Tourel got out all right and made her way to the United States via Lisbon and much hardship.

When she made her American concert debut with Arturo Toscanini and the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society in October, 1942, perhaps ten people in the whole of the almost 3000 who attended the performance at Carnegie Hall knew her name. The next day the whole town buzzed with it.

Virgil Thomson, voicing the opinion of all, wrote in the New York Herald Tribune: "She is a singer in the great tradition. Her voice is beautiful, her diction clear, her vocalism impeccable and her musicianship tops."

Before two months were out, Miss Tourel was also heard as soloist with Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony and Stokowski and the NBC Symphony, making it perhaps the first time that a new singer had appeared with three such eminent conductors in one season.

Now, in only a little over five years, Jennie Tourel has come to occupy a top-most place among the great concert attractions of the day. Besides her appearances with the major symphony orchestras, it took just one Town Hall recital to do it. When she made her debut there in November, 1943, the huge audience which packed the place, attracted by advance hosannas, raised the roof with their all-out approval.

Her second Town Hall recital in February, 1945, when every critic unanimously voiced the rave approval of the year before, firmly established Miss Tourel as one of the most complete all-around recitalists of the day.

And because La Tourel is not one to do things singly, to all her other laurels was added the history-making event of being the first mezzo-soprano ever to sing the role of Rosina in "The Barber of Seville" in its original version at the Metropolitan Opera, on March 14, 1945. It was one of those achievements whose scope embraces the legendary touch so evocative of everything—Jennie Tourel has done.

Since then, Miss Tourel has had the opportunity to have her Eastern fame corroborated all over the country. She is now making her third completely sold-out transcontinental tour of the U. S. and Canada. Last winter, in an article devoted to the Tourel success story and her great demand everywhere, Time Magazine called her "One of the four top recitalists singing in the U. S. today."