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Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

• THE PROBE

As this is written (Tuesday night) the gambling probe is "in a state of flux," as various generals used to say in commenting on a battle still in progress.

L. Eric Carey, Zion city judge, who was named special prosecutor to conduct the probe has declined the position, which has been handed on to Okel Fuqua, a former assistant states attorney under Charlie Mason, during whose regime as states attorney, another gambling probe was carried on.

Alvin Ruesch, Zion chief of police, who had been appointed as a special officer to serve with the grand jury during the gambling investigation has indicated that he too, will take no part, but has not yet officially declined the appointment.

To restate our position on the gambling investigation:

We believe that partisan politics was the motivating force behind the "expose" conducted by the Chicago Sun.

We see no present reason to doubt the sincerity of those Lake County citizens who are now demanding an investigation.

• PRESENT FERVOR—PAST INDIFFERENCE

A reader commenting on our Nov. 27 editorial thinks we displayed a "fence-sitting posture." Frankly, we don't consider it fence-sitting to point out that for five years, NO ONE has been interested enough in gambling to try to stop it.

• RAILROAD TRAVEL

To turn to a less local topic:

Robert Young, who has been acquiring railroads right and left (to coin a phrase) has been kept busy pointing out the faults and inadequacies of railroad service in general. We'd like to add a small example to his imposing collection.

We expect to pay a premium for anything on a train. We know that they have to transport it, store it and serve it under difficult conditions. Nevertheless, when they divide the contents of a bottle of Coke, or one of the various substitutes therefor, into four paper cups, each cup containing about four times as much ice as beverage, and then charge 15 cents a cup for it, we think they are carrying the right of charging a premium to extremes. And it isn't just the principle of the thing either, it's also the 15 cents!

(We suppose that in Utopia, they pay boomtime wages and charge depression prices).

Exmoor Women Find Curling Great Sport

The executive board of the Exmoor "Highlanders" were only one jump ahead of the weather when they met on November 18 at the home of Mrs. John E. Morrissy, president, to make plans for a big season of curling. Last year the women, curling for the first time at Exmoor, found it to be fine exercise and wonderful fun. This year all the old players are hoping that many new prospects will come to the luncheon, December 5, and be imbued with their enthusiasm.

At present there are only two other North Shore groups—the Indian Hill "Squaws", who have been curling for two years—and the Glencoe "Thistles", who are opening their first season with a luncheon December 4.

On October 23, representatives from five women's curling clubs met in Milwaukee to form the U. S. Women's Curling association. The charter members are the Wauwatosa "Granites", Wauwatosa, Wis., the "Tam O' Shanter", Appleton, Wis., the "Squaws", Indian Hill Country Club, Winnetka, Ill., the "Thistles" of Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, and the "Highlanders", Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park. Other curling groups are being formed, and it is the object of this organization to promote inter-club curling among women.

Yacht Club Begins Seamanship Talks

Inaugurating a winter season of "How to Sail" sessions, the North Shore Yacht Club will present a talk on "small boat handling" by Gunter Schwandt at the Highland Park Public Library auditorium at 7:30 on Thursday, December 11th. Schwandt, a veteran member of the yacht club, is a mathematics instructor and aerodynamics engineer. All interested persons are welcome to attend the talk and discussion.

"We feel that this series will be a useful service to the community," declared Joan Peters, Chairman of the club's Education Committee. "Knowledge of boats, winds and water will increase the enjoyment of spectators and sailors alike. And good seamanship is a vital factor of safety."

The club has many new members and younger sailors, Miss Peters indicated, who need instruction. "But none of us is too good a sailor to profit by hearing the experts we have lined up for this series," she said. Later talks will cover knots and splices, boat rigging and piloting.

Elks To Observe Memorial Day

Elks of Highland Park will observe their Memorial Day on Sunday, December 7th, in accordance with the custom of the organization, it was announced by Exalted Ruler, Sam Bernardi, today.

The guest speaker on the occasion will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Morrison, an outstanding clergyman. Msgr. Morrison is now head of the Immaculate Conception Church in Highland Park, which he is rapidly building into an outstanding position in the diocese.

Gloria Linari, stage star, who during the last year reached stardom in the theatrical world, has again consented to be the vocalist for the occasion.

The services will be conducted by Past Exalted Ruler Mortimer Singer, who will be assisted by the officers of the Lodge. The annual candle snuffing ceremony will be observed in honor of the departed Elks and their names will be called.

Following the services refreshments will be served by the Emblem Club.

High School Team To Be Guests of Chamber

The monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club, and will be the annual occasion of the football program wherein tribute is paid to the varsity (High School) football team and members of the coaching staff.

Dave Floyd, head High School coach, will introduce individual team members and this will be followed by a film on one of this year's University of Illinois games, with commentary by Mel Brewer, freshman coach, at the State University.

The Chamber's annual election will also be held at this meeting with the following members slated to take office: George R. Stone, President, Martin C. Hart, Vice-President and Directors as follows: Henry Adler, Herman Anspach, Henry Bernard, John Corbett, Claude Mitchell and Charles Nichols.

Kiwanis Club To Honor G. I. Guests

At the Monday evening dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club at Sunset club, members of the club will observe G. I. night.

The speaker of the evening will be Dr. Hilton Ira Jones, PH. D., who heads the Hixson Products Laboratories of Wilmette.



Memorial Rites For Alexander S. Wolak Saturday At 9:30

Memorial rites will be conducted at the St. James church on Saturday, Dec. 6, for Pfc. Alexander S. Wolak, son of Mrs. Mary Wolak, 830 Deerfield road.

Born November 29, 1913, Mr. Wolak had lived all his life in Highland Park, graduating from the Highland Park high school. In June, 1943, he enlisted in the U. S. Army, and joined the 46th armored division of Co. C. Shipping overseas in 1944, he gave his life for his country in Germany on December 2 of the same year. His brother, S/Sgt. Matthew, was lost at Mindanao, in the Philippines, on May 9, 1945.

Surviving are his mother, three brothers; Fred, of Highland Park, A. J., of Waukegan and Henry William of Farnsworth, and two sisters; Mrs. Louise Radford, Pensacola, Fla. and Mrs. Lillian Vazulka of Chicago.

The body will be received at the Seguin Funeral home today.

Out-of-Town Christmas Mail Should Be Sent By Dec. 10

Postmaster Daniel L. Cobb today emphasized that your cheerful Christmas greetings won't come to grief in the Dead Letter Office this year if your Christmas cards are sent by first-class mail.

"Each year we have to destroy a large number of beautiful Christmas cards because they are incorrectly addressed and carry only third-class postage," the Postmaster said. Postal regulations do not require that more than one effort be made to deliver third-class mail. So if the address is wrong and there's only a 1 1/2 cent stamp on the envelope, your carefully-selected Christmas card is carted back and dumped unceremoniously into the dead letter bins.

Undeliverable third-class mail is not returned to the sender.

Cards bearing a 3-cent stamp are entitled to "directory service," which means that skilled post office clerks will seek to trace down addressees who have moved, try to figure out whether you mean "Elm Street" when you addressed a card to a non-existent number on "Oak Avenue," and decipher obscured or almost-illegible handwriting.

"Only cards that are sent first-class may be sealed," the Postmaster said. "You are permitted to sign your name on a card sent third-class, but if you decide to write a few cheery lines to an old friend or tuck in a little social note, be sure to put a 3-cent stamp on the envelope."

Every year some cards also are returned to senders because the stamps fell off en route, he reported.

The Postmaster asked that all Christmas cards and packages for out-of-state delivery be in the mails by December 10, and that local cards be mailed by December 15.

N. S. Hadassah Celebrates United Nations' Decision With Gala Tea

At the North Shore Congregation Israel temple at 840 Vernon, Glencoe, on Saturday, December 6, at 1:30 p.m., North Shore Hadassah will celebrate the advent of a Jewish State in Palestine with a tea for its entire membership, husbands and friends.

A Jewish State was born at 5:35 p.m. on Saturday, November 29. At that time the United Nations' General Assembly voted to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. This date will be engraved in Jewish history, and Jewish people all over the world feel privileged and honored to have witnessed the momentous decision in the path toward justice and freedom for all people.

A most interesting and inspiring program will be presented by the North Shore Hadassah on Saturday at the Temple. Everyone, including men, is welcome.

Parking Commission Makes Report

The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
City of Highland Park
Highland Park, Illinois
Gentlemen:

The Committee on Parking makes the following report on their studies during the past two months.

The Committee:
Business—Ernest A. Belmont,
George R. Stone, Howard Huber,
Fred Fell, Joseph Garnett, Oscar Lundgren.

Plan Commission—Edward E. Burwell, Marshall Johnson,
Andrew Beck, Supt. of Streets
Philip E. Cole, Engineer
Edward Patton, Acting Chief of Police

Edwin L. Gilroy, Traffic Commission
Chairman, Edwin L. Gilroy;
Vice Chairman, Edw. E. Burwell,
Secretary, Ernest A. Belmont.

In order to divide up the work, the Committee was sub-divided into four smaller committees.

Below, you will note that each group has made its own individual report of their recommendations and suggestions.

I. Report of Central Ave. Business District Committee:

Ernest A. Belmont, Chairman
Edward E. Burwell
Fred Fell
Howard Huber

The undersigned committee members have met weekly since our appointment, and after carefully considering the program of parking in the central business district, have arrived at the following conclusions:

Parking Meters
We are of the opinion that the installation of parking meters in specified area of the business district is desirable and will prove helpful, only if used as a supplement to create off-street and all-day parking areas.

Suggested Meter Locations
Both sides of Central Avenue from the Witten Bldg. to Green Bay road.

S. St. Johns Avenue from Central Avenue to Laurel Avenue.

Both sides of Sheridan Road from Central Avenue to Park Avenue.

West side of First Street from Larson's Garage to Elm Place.

Both sides of N. Second Street from Central to opposite Press Print Shop.

Suggested Parking Lots & All-Day Parking

East Side
Present parking facilities owned by Wm. Pearl & Howard Huber.

N. Sheridan Road from Park Avenue to Elm Place

West Side
Remove the two westerly tracks of the North Western Railway north of the freight station to Elm Place, fill in that area and make a two-lane diagonal space, using the existing cement lane as a turnaround.

Vacant lot of J. B. Garnett on So. First Street.

Cut back city parkway on east side of First Street from Laurel to Edward Hines and make diagonal parking.

Cut back both parkways on S. Second Street from existing points to Laurel Avenue for diagonal parking.

Cut back both parkways on N. Second Street from existing points to Elm Place for diagonal parking.

In addition to the above, we suggest the entire committee consider the proposal of Mr. Paul Phelps, wherein he believes he can again influence private capital to grade, pave, supervise and meet all safety requirements in establishing a parking lot between the two railroads in the park land between Central Avenue and Elm Place. This proposal will be a private venture and is contingent upon permission being granted for the construction and operation of a gasoline station within said area and for the privilege of charging for parking at their discretion.

Since the entire traffic subcommittee had previously agreed that funds from parking meters, in excess of their cost and maintenance, be used exclusively for parking and related traffic problems, we feel that sufficient revenues will accrue to consistently cover the cost of lot rentals and needed parkway cut-backs.

II. Report of Ravinia Business District:

Joseph Garnett, Chairman
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Artist Of International Fame On Community Concert Series

High School To Present 18th Annual Yule Concert

The music department of Highland Park High school will present its 18th annual Christmas concert in the school auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3:15 p.m.

All three music organizations, band, orchestra and chorus, will take part. The band and orchestra will play a varied program of concert music, while the chorus will feature Christmas music.

The direction of the school band and orchestra is under H. N. Finch, and the chorus under Chester Byle.

Approximately 300 students will play instruments or sing in the production. The concert is being sponsored by the music committee of the Parent-Teacher association, of which Mrs. H. A. Alexander is chairman.

For the first time, the concert will be recorded on a wire recording machine.

H.P. Community Chest Gets Contribution From Great Lakes Personnel

Pleasant surprises are always welcome, but never more so than when they demonstrate the innate goodness and generosity of human beings when funds are being collected for a worthy cause. An outstanding example is the contribution of \$150.00 received last week, without solicitation, by our Community Chest from the naval personnel at Great Lakes, accompanied by another check for \$28.50, representing the contribution from the civilian employees at the Naval Training Center.

With the first check, came the following letter from Rear Admiral J. Cary Jones, Commandant of the Ninth Naval District:

"I take pleasure in forwarding to you the enclosed check for \$150.00 for your Community Fund. This contribution is from the Naval Personnel stationed at the Ninth Naval District Headquarters and the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois. I extend best wishes for the success of your campaign."

In acknowledging the contribution, General Campaign Chairman Woodward Burgert wrote to Admiral Jones that "We think it is important for the citizens of this and adjoining communities to know that you, as Commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and the Officers and men who serve under you, have recognized the importance of accepting civic responsibility in connection with the problems of nearby municipalities and, without solicitation, have acknowledged this responsibility in the form of a generous gift."

Finds Hospital Life Lacking In Dignity But An Aid To Art

Frank Garrity, a former Highland Park, now living in Waukegan, whose brother, John D., has a grocery store on Deerfield avenue, Highland Park, recently spent a week in the Victory Memorial hospital. He was termed "a jolly Irishman" by the hospital attendants, and to prove it he penned this lyrical plaint:

"When you go to the hospital you really take a chance,
First thing they take your coat away, and then they take your pants;

They hand you a nice white gown that's ironed nice and neat,
It covers you in front, all right, but it's minus at the seat.

My mother never told me, and although I'm along in years,
This sad and new discovery—it fills my eyes with tears;

There is no use to holler, or put up a song and dance,
But I'll be the happiest boy on earth when I get back my pants."

The amateur poet has two sons living in this vicinity: Frank, of Highland Park; two daughters, Mrs. Edward Dunn of Lake Forest and Mrs. Nicholas Kapenberg of Alameda, Calif.

Four mementoes mark epochs in the life of Erica Morini, famous violinist, who appears here in the second of the Community Concerts series at the Highland Park School on Friday evening, December 5. If you go to her New York apartment, she will show you the large blond doll, presented to her by Emperor Karl of Austria, which commemorates her days as a child prodigy in Vienna. A gorgeous peasant costume presented by Queen Marie after a concert in Bucharest is a souvenir of her teens. Most prized of this collection is the embroidered linen handkerchief which hangs in a frame on the wall of her music room. This belonged to Sarasate; the Spanish violinist and composer always wore the handkerchief in his breast pocket when he played. On his death he willed it to the Musical Society of Madrid to be given to the violinist of a later generation whose playing best reflected the fire of his Spanish dances. The fourth souvenir is no longer in Miss Morini's possession. This was the Guadagnini violin owned by the late Maud Powell and presented to Miss Morini after her debut in the United States. Miss Powell had left the violin as a bequest to "the next great woman violinist." Unfortunately, the violin proved too big for Miss Morini's hands. Her own instrument is the renowned Davidoff Stradivarius.



Erica, the child, played her first orchestral engagement as soloist under the baton of that legendary figure among conductors, Artur Nikisch, an old man, full of years and the highest honors in his field. Erica was quite at the other end of the cycle. Tiny, dark-haired, wide-eyed, she stood at his side, her white dress standing out stiffly around her. The she began to play—and the audience knew that a tonal miracle was taking place before them. An admirer called her a "wunderkind." "No," replied Nikisch, "she is not a wonder child. She is a wonder and a child."

With this magic evening, Erica entered the glamorous but very difficult and demanding pathway of musical greatness. All the European capitals wanted her to play for them. Royalty attended her concerts, summoned her to make her curtsy in the crown-embroidered boxes. She received her blond doll after playing a command performance for the Emperor and his family at the Royal Palace in Vienna.

As Erica grew up, she now admits, she longed for the dances and parties that came to other girls her age. But, for her, a pretty new evening dress was a concert dress. Balls and teas were rare, but all the more wonderful to the young girl because she did not often get the chance to attend them. Even though she seldom practiced, Erica was a wonderful dancer. All her life, she has rated dancing as first on her list of recreations. One of the big moments of her life—outside of musical honors—was her meeting with Anna Pavlova at a ball in Australia when both artists were touring there. Pavlova complimented Morini on her grace of movement, and Morini admitted that as a little girl she had had ambition to be a ballet dancer before.

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