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Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

In view of the fact that we are now well into winter and can expect heavy snows at any time up until April (June, if you are a pessimist) we think that the information on snow removal, furnished by the city street department, is of prime importance to Highland Parkers.

To keep Highland Park's streets clear, the street department has a crew of seven men and equipment consisting of three plow-equipped trucks and one sidewalk plow. During and immediately after a snow storm, men work around the clock, in 12-hour shifts until all streets are open and free from the danger of being closed by drifts. Additional labor is, of course used, when obtainable.

The problem of snow removal is complicated by the fact that it is frequently necessary to pull one plow-equipped truck out of snow removal service for use in spreading cinders, sand and calcium chloride to eliminate the hazards of slippery hills, intersections, turns, bridge approaches and viaducts.

We think the department is to be commended for two improvements, one already under way, the other still in the planning stage. The first is construction of a number of boxes to hold cinders, the boxes to be placed in locations throughout the city where experience has shown that such material is most often needed. The boxes are being constructed under the direction of Mr. Walter Durbahn of the high school's vocational department. The second projected improvement is a plan, details of which are being worked out with the Chicago and North Western Railroad to control traffic and relieve congestion at the station. Arrangements are being worked out to keep the parking area at the station clean, plowed and more readily accessible.

Delivery is expected shortly on additional equipment which will improve the efficiency of the department in its snow removal operations.

Citizens can render important aid by avoiding parking on the streets until after they are plowed, as it is, of course, impossible to clear the streets while they are being used for parking.

The problem is receiving intelligent attention from city authorities. If the citizens will cooperate, they can help in solving one of Highland Park's most serious traffic problems.

New Year's Eve Train Service

Special early morning trains for celebrants observing New Year's Eve will be operated between Chicago and Milwaukee by the North Shore Line.

North bound, the last train will leave Adams and Wabash station, Chicago, at 3:00 a.m., (Jan 1), operating over the Shore Line Route, making all express stops in suburban communities along that route, and stopping also at Waukegan, Zion, Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee.

Southbound, the last train will leave Milwaukee Terminal at 2:00 a.m., operating to Chicago, also over the Shore Line Route, making same stops as the northbound trains.

Auto Crash Fatal To Maurice Scheemecker

Maurice J. Scheemecker of 1880 Lyman Court, Highland Park, and of the Union League club, Chicago, met instant death on Thursday of last week when his car collided with a light standard at Lake Shore drive near 39th street, Chicago, at 5:30 a.m. He had apparently dozed at the wheel.

Vice-president of the Standard Insurance company, Chicago, he had, of late years, spent his winters in Chicago and his summers in Highland Park.

Surviving are his widow, Delora Louise, and two daughters.

Craft Shop Open During Christmas Vacation

The Craft Shop at the Community Center will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday mornings during the vacation period (December 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and January 3) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Miss Ella Rasmussen, Art and Craft Instructor at the Center, will be in charge.

The Shop is open to Highland Park children of all ages.

Lions Postpone Meeting Until December 30

On account of the Christmas holiday this week, the meeting of the Highland Park Lions club will be postponed until Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 12:15 at the Moraine Hotel.

Vivien Kellems To Appear January 6

Third "Men of the Hour" Series at High School Auditorium

For the third lecture of the "Men of the Hour" series, the featured speaker will be Vivien Kellems, who will use as her subject "Old Man of the Sea", on Tuesday, January 6 at 8:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

President of a manufacturing plant in Connecticut, she has distinguished herself as the leading woman in American industry. Petite and vivacious, she is also a dynamic speaker.

A native Iowan, she holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oregon, and has done graduate work at Columbia university.

During World War I she worked for the Ordnance department in Washington. In 1928 she started the Kellems Products, Inc., now a large industrial project. Her company supplies a wide range of utilities throughout the world. Among the more modern inventions developed was a shell-lifter perfected during the last war.

An aggressive advocate for good government, besides her public activities Miss Kellems maintains two homes, and has three times been voted one of the country's ten best-dressed women. She is also one of the three women members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

An energetic worker for improving the status of women, Miss Kellems is at present devoting herself to tax reforms and other progressive ideas for national prosperity.

Adult Education Classes Start January 12, 1948

Registration For Term Starting January 12, 1948

Registration for the Adult Education classes during the second term starting January 12 will be held January 5 and 7 from 7-9 P.M. in the main office of the Highland Park High School.

All classes offered last semester, with the exception of Square Dancing, will be continued.

Another attempt is being made to organize Wednesday night recreational Volleyball and Badminton groups. The fee is 50c a night or \$5. for the 10-week term of exercise, competition and enjoyment.

Business Mathematics, Business English and Correspondence and Public Speaking are courses designed primarily for those people who feel they need improvement in the three basic skills required of everyone working with other people.

Considerable interest was shown in the first semester course for Camera enthusiasts given by Mr. Ward and Mr. Harris. If you received a new Christmas camera, this course will help you in perfecting your amateur photography.

Several requests have been made for a course in Contract Bridge on Wednesday nights. If there are others who are interested in this or other courses please notify the Adult Education Director at the High School.

The other classes to be offered include Americanization, Mon. and Wed.; Art and Drawing Workshop, M.; Badminton, M. and W.; Blue Print Reading and Drafting, M.; Copper Crafts, M.; Furniture Refinishing, M. or W.; Sewing, M. or W.; Shorthand, Intermediate, M.; Slip Covering, M.; Spanish Intermediate, M.; Typewriting, M. or W.; Upholstery, M.; Volleyball, W.; Woodworking, M. or W.

A fee of \$5. per course is charged all resident adults of District No. 113. Outside residents pay double fees.

Dad's Smoker To Be Given at High School January 27

The next Dad's Smoker will be held in the English club room on January 27 at 7:45.

Mr. Finch, the chairman of the Smoker, hasn't as yet planned the topic to be discussed, but it's sure to be of great interest to all fathers.

Recreational Program For Young Men Being Planned

Attorney Behanna Clarifies Bus Question

December 22, 1947

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Gentlemen:

In view of your recent solicitation as to attitudes upon the North Shore Bus Company application for certificate of convenience and necessity, it is believed proper that the basis for the city's position should be clarified.

The testimony introduced to date at the hearings upon the application reveals that the rail line for the last year has sustained an operating deficit of approximately \$600,000.00. The bus operation proposes to parallel the present rail line. It seems obvious that the competition of the bus line will result in a further deficit in the rail line operation. The officials of the rail line, however, deny this upon the basis that the bus line will operate as a feeder to the rail service. At the same time the officials contend that the schedules of the rail line will be accelerated. They deny that stops will be eliminated. It is proposed by them that the rail line will ultimately become devoted to long haul traffic, while the bus line will carry short haul traffic, all without resulting loss of revenue to the rail line and without elimination of rail line service.

All of this seems inconsistent to the North Shore cities and villages, which resist the petition. Each of these municipalities believes that there will be a partial or total decline or abandonment of the rail line as a matter of economic necessity. This apprehension is further induced by the appearance of officials of the Greyhound Bus Lines upon the directorate and in the ownership of the rail line and proposed bus line. It is feared by the municipalities that by reason of the transfer of the passenger traffic from the rail line to the bus line the burden of maintaining the right of way for such traffic will be thrust upon the cities and the rail line be relieved of this duty of maintenance.

It is revealed that the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce has recently adopted a resolution favoring the bus line. An inquiry has revealed that this opinion is predicated solely upon the theory that any additional transportation will bring to the merchants of the city additional potential customers. This is without reference to the increased traffic difficulties which will be encountered and the further possibility that the bus operation may carry away from the city buyers who would otherwise be inclined to do their shopping locally. It is to be hoped that the decision of this association, which always has the best interests of the city in mind, will be reconsidered. Various residents of Highland Park have also appeared at the instance of the North Shore Line and testified as to the added convenience which the proposed bus line will afford. While some measure of convenience is incontrovertible, it is believed upon an examination of the over all picture that detriment rather than benefit will result generally.

Yours respectfully,
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Corporation Counsel

Highland Parkers Head '48 AVC Slate

Increased activity of the American Veterans' Committee in Highland Park is foreshadowed by the choice of a slate of officers well sprinkled with names of Highland Park ex-servicemen at the North Shore chapter's annual election meeting in Winnetka last week.

Richard Ettlinger, 1228 Broadway, is the new chairman of the North Shore's AVC, succeeding William Steel of Winnetka. In the Pacific fleet Ettlinger rose from enlisted sailor to Aviation Radioman and was finally commissioned an officer. The chapter's new vice-chairman is Everett Millard,

Organization Meeting At Community Center January 21

Highland Park—An organization meeting of the Young Men's club of Highland Park will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Community center at 8 p.m. All young men interested in joining the club are invited to be present.

The club is being formed in an effort to promote a recreational program for the young men in the Highland Park high school district, which includes Highland Park, Ravinia, Braeside, Deerfield, Greenwood, and a part of Lake Forest. Baseball, basketball and football teams will be organized and the group will sponsor games in order to raise funds for other recreational facilities.

In order to establish a treasury, which now contains only a small amount from the Young Men's club which was disbanded during the war, letters will be sent to all residents asking for donations. It is hoped then to be able to keep the club running without further donations from citizens or business men. Each member will be charged a small initiation fee.

At the first meeting, questionnaires will be distributed to all present, asking the young men to name their preferences along the sports line. With the support of the community, a program will be planned for the older boys and for those who are just out of school.

Acting as adviser to the group is Howard Copp, recreational director of Highland Park, and serving on the organization committee are Darwin Inman, James Golden and Michael Miotti.

A basketball team has already been formed by the Young Men's club and is a member of the North Shore league, which is playing a round robin tournament. Former high school and college basketball stars and two former Big 10 players are members of the Highland Park team. A game was played Friday night by the Highland Parkers against the Norman Ross club of Evanston in the Nichols school gymnasium, Evanston.

Sycamore Place, a fourth-generation Highland Parker, Millard was at sea as a gunnery officer during the submarine campaign of 1942-3.

Secretary Leon Schuler and Treasurer Ted Winzer are also Highland Parkers among the new officers, as are delegates to the Chicago Area Council Harry Selery and Ralph Ettlinger, and Membership Chairman Art Baldwin.

Other committee chairmen are Ned Levinson, Wilmette, Policy and Planning; Brooks Smith, Winnetka, Social; Edmund Grossberg, Glencoe, Veterans' Affairs, and Howard Kraus, Glencoe, Housing.

"The AVC do not practice the 'gimme' racket for veterans," declared Chairman Ettlinger in an inaugural statement. "Our motto is 'Citizens first, veterans second', which we translate into such action as leading the fight for Senator Taft's housing bill and our fighting opposition to racial prejudice, as well as in everyday local activities."

Although AVC has been attacked as an alleged radical organization, according to Ettlinger, actually it is strongly opposed to communist and all other tyrannies. AVC's organization, he said, is completely democratic, avoiding the "king-makers" and military titles of older veterans' associations. AVC is not to be confused with Amvets, he added, a World War II group active in Deerfield and elsewhere.

Meetings of the North Shore chapter will continue to be held at Winnetka Community House or third Tuesdays of each month.



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

Les Olson
Whitt Schultz
Norm Hoffman
Bill Cope

R. B. Olson
Bill Thomas
Alice Zabel
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