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I DON'T WANT HER, YOU CAN HAVE HER—



Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

THE TAXPAYERS' GAIN

Intelligent administration of city finances in Highland Park is putting a bonus of from \$30,000.00 to \$43,600.00 in the city coffers, a check of recent increases in bond interest charges discloses.

Mainly by netting all bond issues through last year, the city was able to dispose of them at the advantage rate of 1.39 per cent. What this means in bond interest charges is explained below.

On the bonds, at the 1.39 per cent rate, the city would have paid \$76,099.00. This cost was reduced by \$5,945.62, representing the interest received by the city on \$453,000 of the funds received from the bond issue which were put into government bonds pending the time when the actual cash would be needed for the projects approved by the voters. Thus, promptness had already paid off to the tune of some \$6,000.00, but this saving, although certainly not inconsiderable, is relatively small in view of the savings which result from the city's being able to take advantage of the 1.39 per cent interest rate.

The interest rate charged by bond houses now buying similar issues has risen to between 2 and 2 1/4 per cent.

At the 2 per cent rate, the interest cost to the city would be \$101,040.83. The difference between that figure and the \$70,223.38 the city has actually paid, is \$30,817.45. If, as is entirely possible, the city had been forced to pay the 2 1/4 per cent rate, the cost of interest would have been \$113,670.94, or \$43,477.56 more.

Briefly, the administration's action in getting the bonds for all projects through at one time, and in disposing of the bond issues promptly, has saved the taxpayers a sum ranging between \$30,000.00 and \$43,000.00.

We think that this was a particularly well-managed piece of good business and good municipal administration. We think the city fathers deserve a hand.

OUR RIGHTS

Daily papers recently reported that the Supreme Court has voided the conviction of a couple of black marketeers who were convicted on evidence illegally obtained.

It appears that the two under-the-table dealers were riding in a car which was stopped by police, and that when they were searched, counterfeit ration coupons were found on them. (The arrest, of course, took place some time ago).

Their conviction was voided on the grounds that the Constitution protects all citizens against search and seizure without due process of law.

It is easy, under the circumstances, to feel that in view of the fact that they were obviously guilty, the conviction should stand.

Thoughtful persons, however, will feel otherwise. The guaranty of any right provided under the Constitution must be impartially universal, or sooner or later, it will disappear entirely. In that respect, it is like tolerance. We aren't tolerant when we are "tolerant" only of a certain group. We either are or we aren't. So it is with constitutional rights. Either they are inviolable or they aren't worth the ink it took to print them.

Pollution of Beach Water Found To Be Definite Hazard

On Wednesday evening, January 7, the Lincoln School P.T.A. members gathered in the gymnasium to hear Mr. T. E. Philbin, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, State District 2, give a most enlightening talk on the sanitary conditions along the north shore in Lake County, especially as concerning the problems of the bathing beaches for our children. The State Department, Mr. Philbin said, made an extensive survey as the result of a complaint made by the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. The conditions of the sewage disposal were carefully studied by chemists and bacteriologists and such alarming conditions were found to exist as, for instance, one plant with 1,000 employees having but one sewer for their waste disposal. The pollution was so bad in many places that sewage was actually being washed up on the beaches, and the sewage treatment in many industrial plants as in North Chicago, was of a very dated and antiquated variety.

The result of these studies showed that the drinking water supply is no hazard at all but that the pollution in the water at the beaches is a definite hazard to bathers. Mr. Philbin feels that Highland Park has made a progress of about 50 per cent in taking steps to correct the bad use of septic tanks, broken sewers and ravine pollution. The P.T.A. members present at the meeting expressed a feeling that if Lake County had a much needed Health Department, steps might be taken with much more effective results. The League of Women Voters has long been taking an active part in trying to help create a feeling of the need of such a department. It would surely seem that we as parents and P.T.A. workers might band together and urge our city to make its efforts not 50 per cent but 100 per cent effective in trying to remedy this astounding condition for the health and safety of our children.

City-Wide Skating Races Friday, January 16th

With good ice promised by the weather man, the Highland Park Recreation Department in conjunction with the Parks and Schools will hold the annual city skating races Friday, Jan. 16.

The races will start at 7:30 p.m. Members of the High school faculty headed by Superintendent "Deke" Wolters will act as finish judges. City, park, school and recreation department members will act as officials.

Plans are under way to have the two Highland Park Senior teams play an exhibition hockey match immediately following the races.

The Hockey Teams are sponsored by the Highland Park Playground and Recreation Department.

Elm Place PTA Changes Meeting Date

The second meeting in the series of discussion meetings for parents of Primary Grade children at Elm Place School will be held Thursday evening, January 22nd at 8 p.m. at the Green Bay Road school.

The subject of the meeting is "The World Comes into our Home," and will be led by Mrs. Walter Neisser, past president of The Association for Family Living.

On Monday the 26th the third and last meeting, for parents in this group, will be on "Creative Activity in Daily Living."

The soundness of Mrs. Neisser's approach to child raising is widely recognized and parents other than those immediately interested will want to hear the two closing meetings of this worthwhile series.

Women Voters Sponsor Open Town Meeting

An open town meeting to discuss city affairs, sponsored by the League of Women Voters will be held Monday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. at Lincoln school. The Mayor and City Council members will report on current civic issues. The meeting will afford an opportunity to ask and receive answers to important questions about the community. League officials said today. Everyone is urged to attend.

London To Appear Here January 19

Community Concerts Assn. Presents George London Monday, January 19

George London, who will appear at the Highland Park high school auditorium Monday evening, January 19, is a young singer with a double gift—for music and the stage. His voice of rare rich quality and exception range, enables him to sing with success and ease works in both bass and baritone repertoire. His fine acting talent has brought him leading roles in both light and grand opera as well as straight dramatic parts.

George London was born in London, May 30, 1920. When he was 10, the family moved to Hollywood, where he grew up, attending Los Angeles City college. His first teacher was Nathan Stewart; at present he is studying with Enrico Rosati.

During his first concert tour of United States and Canada his notices were superb. In Chicago, Claudia Cassidy of the Tribune characterized him as "a fine actor, whose liquid base has a smooth flowing magnetism to hold any audience captive in its spell." The Times in Los Angeles reported: "Young London was received with cheers." In New York, Robert Coleman of the Mirror called him a "show stopper". In Texas the Dallas News spoke of his "voice of extraordinary beauty and style that should be the envy of most basses."

Council To Discuss "Your Schools In 1948" General Public Invited

The winter meeting of the Coordinating Council will be held today, Thursday, January 15, 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The topic for discussion will be "Your Schools in 1948". The three school board presidents will make short reports to the Council and public. The three presidents are: Mr. Harold Norman, president of the High School Board; Mr. Horace Vaile, president of the District 107 Board; and Mr. J. M. Maxwell, president of the District 108 Board. Each Board president will outline some of the accomplishments, plans, and problems of his district. Following this presentation, a panel consisting of the three board presidents and A. E. Wolters, principal of the High School; Dr. C. O. Dahle, superintendent of District 107; and Lester B. Ball, superintendent of District 108, will serve as a panel to answer questions raised by the meeting in regard to the reports presented and questions of the community in general about the schools. This will be in the nature of an informal discussion period.

The Coordinating Council feels that this is one of its most important meetings of the year and urges all persons in the community generally interested to attend. A special invitation is extended to the chairmen of various youth and children's committees of community organizations.

Mrs. Robert M. Watrous Slated To Address Inter-Faith Group

The first meeting of the Inter-Faith Group in 1948 will be held Tuesday, January 20th, promptly at ten o'clock at the local YWCA on Laurel avenue. In line with the inter-racial interest of the Group will be the subject of the coming meeting, "Chaka—the South African Napoleon", a talk illustrated with slides, depicting the influence of the culture of the time upon personality, will be given by a local resident, Mrs. Robert M. Watrous.

A graduate of Northwestern U., she also studied at the University of Chicago, and is now writing her doctor's thesis on her field work among the Chippewa Indians on the Indian Reservation at Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin. This work involved the testing of one hundred Indian children with the Rorschach tests on personality.

Her informal talk on the powerful Zulu chieftain of the early 19th century should be very interesting and enlightening. As always, interested members of the community are welcome to attend and informal discussion will follow the program.

Men Of Hour Series Will Present Political Debate

Yacht Club Warns Of Ice Floe Peril

Recent Lake Michigan storms have built large icefloes along the shore which are attractive but dangerous for children to play on, the Safety Committee of North Shore Yacht Club warned this week.

In recent years the Wilmette station of the U. S. Coast Guard has made numerous rescues of youngsters stranded on floating icebergs, according to Wellington Quirk, Deerfield, chairman of the club's safety committee. Now, he pointed out, the inactivation of the Wilmette stations leaves no nearer Coast Guard rescue service than Chicago or Kenosha. The yacht club's motor safety raft, he said, is not practical for service of this type.

"The icy mountains along the lake shore make a fascinating playground," Quirk added. "But they often break off, and a child or even a grown person swimming in the frigid water can last only a relatively few minutes until overcome by numbness. We warn parents and venturesome young people—stay off the ice!"

Lack of a harbor and Coast Guard station at Highland Park, Quirk declared, makes the danger most acute in that area.

Rev. Donald B. Runkle Replaces Father Skoner At Immaculate Conception

Rev. Donald B. Runkle of Chicago has been chosen to replace Father Skoner as assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception church of Highland Park, taking charge of the Teen-Age club and directing other youth activities of the church, which were Father Skoner's special charges. Father Runkle was graduated from Our Lady of Mercy Grammar school and Quigley Preparatory school of Chicago, and from St. Mary of the Lake seminary in Mundelein. He was ordained in 1935.

Seven years a curate at Our Lady of the Lourdes parish, Chicago, and two years at St. Christina's parish, Mt. Greenwood, Ill., he has, for the past three years been at St. Hilary's church, Chicago.

He was selected by Rt. Rev. Magr. Joseph P. Morrison because of his experience in dealing with youth work.

Men's Fellowship Group To Hear Chicago Speaker

Mr. Wade, a representative of Best Seller Publicity, will present a talk concerning this group at the monthly meeting of Men's Fellowship, First United Evangelical church, Green Bay and Laurel, Monday, January 19 at 8 p.m.

Best Seller Publicity, a non-profit Christian organization which places posters in streetcars and buses in cities here and abroad, was unknown 10 years ago, but is now active throughout the world. It has 10,000 posters placed in buses and streetcars in 160 of America's leading cities and hundreds more in foreign cities.

Mr. Wade, the head of a rug-cleaning concern in Chicago, spends much time speaking about Best Seller's work.

The meeting will be in charge of Lloyd Moon, president. All men and boys over 15 are invited to attend.

Green Bay P.T.A. To Meet January 22

Thursday, January 22, at 8:00 p.m. members of the Green Bay Road P.T.A. will hear Mrs. Walter Neisser, who has changed her date of Monday, January 19 to the above, in a talk entitled, "World Comes Into Our Homes." This discussion will be of interest to all parents of primary children.

Refreshments will be served, with second grade mothers as hostesses.

Norman Thomas To Debate Against N. U. Professor On "Foreign Policy"

The next offering on the "Men Of The Hour" series, to be presented Thursday evening, January 22, in the auditorium of the Highland Park High School at 8:15,



Norman Thomas

will be a debate on "Our Foreign Policy" staged by Norman Thomas, well-known socialist, and Prof. Wm. McGovern, of the Economics department of Northwestern university. Harold A. McLain will act as moderator.



Prof. Wm. McGovern

"Men Of The Hour" series is sponsored by the Highland Park Men's Republican club and the Deerfield Township Women's Republican club.

Police Marshal Patten Believes Bird Guilty

Returning early Monday morning by plane from Walla Walla, Wash., where he interviewed Jake Bird, 6-foot negro, confessed slayer of Alta Fulkerson of Highland Park, on June 24, 1942, Police Marshal Patten declares himself convinced that Bird is the real criminal. Details of Bird's confession tally with details of the crime, Patten adds, however, that he believes Bird's story of an accomplice is false. He describes Bird as a criminal psychopath, now seeking to delay execution by professing knowledge of many unsolved murders throughout the country. Bird has already been proved to be linked with eleven slayings.

Cleared of connection with the Petersen murder, Feb. 12, 1947 in Waukegan, by the fact that he was in a Michigan prison at the time, Bird is believed to be connected with the Evanston murder of Mrs. Lillian Galvin and her maid, Edna Sibilski, October 22, 1942. Again his stories of having an accomplice are discredited by the evidence of a lie detector. He is thought to have played a lone hand in his crimes.

North Shore Fortnightly Will Hold Third Dance

On Saturday, January 17th the North Shore Fortnightly will hold its third dance of the season at the Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette.