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Up To Now

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• THE MARKET

The market's nosedive has evoked varied comment, much of it, naturally from that well spring of comment, sage and otherwise, Washington, D. C.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson states that he wishes his department had the wisdom of Trader Maynard who, foreseeing the drop, and selling short, made "more than \$200,000.00" on the break in grain prices. To which Trader Maynard responds by administering what might be considered a neat back-handed slap at the current crop of "brain trusters" by observing that all anyone had to do to know that a price break was coming was to read the newspapers.

Another politician observes that the price break may herald a recession, which, because of lowered national income, would make it impossible to cut income tax rates. A couple of weeks ago we expressed ourselves to the effect that no income tax cut would be forthcoming if the politicians could find any excuse for avoiding one. The current "possible" excuse may not hold, but it points up the fact that the boys will be out there looking for excuses. We restate our belief that if a tax cut does come, it will come because the boys figure they just can't avoid it.

Labor leaders see in the possibility of lower commodity prices, no reason for modifying their proposed demands for wage increases.

To get around to the consumer (everyone gets to him last), all we hope is that the break means that sometime soon we'll be able to buy a T-bone steak without first arranging for financing on it.

Clifton Utley To Preside At Brotherhood Program February 24

"How We Can Improve Human Relations on the North Shore" will be discussed Tuesday evening, February 24, at a public meeting sponsored by the North Shore Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the North Shore Citizens' Committee, in observance of national Brotherhood Week. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at Skokie School in Winnetka on Glendale Avenue at Elm Street at 8 p.m.

Clifton Utley, noted Chicago radio commentator, and chairman of the Chicago area Brotherhood Week committee, will preside. Speakers will be Fred K. Hoehler, who directed the displaced persons program for U.N.R.R.A. from London, after serving with the State Department in North Africa in charge of foreign relief and rehabilitation. Mr. Hoehler is now Director of the Community Fund of Chicago.

The second principal speaker will be Dr. Earl S. Johnson, professor of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. The Inner Choir of the A Capella Choir of New Trier High School, a group of about 60 students, will present a musical program.

One of the features of the evening will be the announcement of the prize winners in the Brotherhood Essay Contest, sponsored by the Council and the Citizens Committee in which students of Highland Park High School, New Trier (Continued on page 6)

Walter E. Durbahn Receives High Award In Industrial Arts

Walter E. Durbahn, 158 Beverly place, head of the Trades department of the Highland Park high school, received an award in Epsilon Pi Tau, a national industrial educational fraternity, given by the National Committee, on Saturday night, at the Northern Illinois State Teachers' college, De Kalb. Professor Harrison, trustee of the fraternity, who presented the award, said it was given on the basis of Mr. Durbahn's past record of outstanding organization work in the field of building trades.

Among Mr. Durbahn's exceptional achievements was the winning of the National First Prize in "Better Homes American Campaign", which the high school boys, under his direction, received for a home built in 1931. The outstanding design and the building of Sandwick hall were also mentioned.

The three books on Carpentry, written by Mr. Durbahn, and articles written by him in national magazines, also contributed toward the award. "Tools, Materials and Practices of Carpentry", "Practical Construction in Carpentry" and "Dictionary Terms Used in Building Trades" are the books which he has authored. He was presented with an Epsilon Pi Tau key, centered with a zircon.

Y.W.C.A. Holds Its Annual Drive For Members

Club Offers Many Types Of Educational Facilities As Well as Entertainment

The Y.W.C.A. is making its annual request to its members to renew their membership for 1948 and is extending a cordial invitation to everyone to become a member. The purpose of the Y.W.C.A. is to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to realizing the highest ideals of personal and social living. Membership in the "Y" signifies a willingness to accept the spirit of this statement of purpose and it is open to anyone regardless of race, religion or social position.

The Community Chest has granted the Y.W.C.A. the privilege of asking for a \$1.00 annual membership fee and the number of members enrolled gives our local association a proportionate number of votes on National Y.W.C.A. policies and projects. The dues are used in the local association to continue the program for young women of the community.

The Y.W.C.A. Board invites all interested people to stop at 374 Laurel avenue and renew or begin membership, and also look over the building and see what fine facilities they have for activities, which include a Creative Writers Group, a weekly Art Class, a Nursery School, a Social Service Sewing Group, a Mothers Club, a Square Dance Club, a Business Women's Club, the Friendship Club for domestic employees, the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Club for colored domestic employees, an Interfaith Group, and a summer program of cooking and sewing classes for young girls. Or subscriptions may be mailed to the Y.W.C.A., Highland Park, Illinois.

North Shore Yacht Club To Present Noted Lecturer Captain Alan Villiers

Will Show Film Along With Lecture on "Sons Of Sinbad"

"The seafaringest writing man of our time" is coming to Highland Park. This is what Lewis Gannett, of the New York Herald Tribune has called Captain Alan Villiers, who will add personal narration to the showing of his latest color-film epic, *Sons of Sinbad*, at the Highland Park High School auditorium on the evening of March 3rd, sponsored by the North Shore Yacht Club.



ALAN VILLIERS

A previous Villiers film, also sponsored by the local Yacht Club, is still the subject of fascinated conversation by those who saw it several years ago. Since his earlier visit here, Villiers has seen six years of wartime naval service, and has still found time for another of his exciting sea-adventure voyages.

Boy Boxers To

Compete At Farnsworth

The Highland Park Boys Boxing Club will travel to Farnsworth Saturday evening, Feb. 14th, to meet the new boys boxing club in the Tenth District American Le-

CHEST NAMES OFFICERS ELECT

Elect Officers At Annual Meeting For the 1948 Term

At the Annual Meeting of the Highland Park Community Chest held January 27th, in the Community Center Auditorium, Spencer R. Keare was elected President and new Board members were elected as follows: Woodward Burger, Emmett Moroney, Herbert T. Schaffner, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Jr., John S. Wineman; Mrs. Gordon Adamson to serve as representative of the Y.W.C.A.; Wm. W. Hinshaw, Jr. to represent Boy Scouts; Mrs. Howell W. Murray will represent the Women's Auxiliary, Highland Park Hospital; W. J. Seguin to serve as representative for the Lake County Branch of the Catholic Charities; F. D. Weeks will fill the unexpired term of Theodore C. Butz, and Alan R. Kidd will fill the unexpired term of Hugh H. Wilson.

The Officers elected by the Board of Directors to serve for the year 1948 are: Chairman, Joseph B. Garnett; Honorary President, Mayor Robert F. Patton; President, Spencer R. Keare; Vice Presidents, Dr. Douglas Boyd, Theodore C. Butz, Mrs. Walter R. Neisser, George W. Ross, Jr. and A. E. Wolters; Secretary, Robert Slayback; Treasurer, E. A. Menke; Assistant Treasurer, Raymond L. Erskin; and Assistant to the Secretary, Mrs. Michael Bonamarte.

American Legion Meets Tonight

The Highland Park Post No. 145 will meet tonight at 8:15 p.m. for its monthly business meeting. All members are urged to be present as many important subjects will be put forward at this time.

Warden J. E. Ragen Here For Lecture

Chicago Tribune Editor To Address H. P. Rotarians

Reuben D. Cahn, economist and editorial writer for the Chicago Tribune, and for nearly 20 years a resident of Highland Park will be the speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, February 16. Mr. Cahn recently returned from Havana, Cuba, where he attended the United Nations Conference of 61 nations, called for the purpose of setting up a world trade organization. He spent several months last year at a preliminary conference on the same subject in Geneva, Switzerland, and in making a survey of conditions. Mr. Cahn will be introduced by Fred Rice, of the Highland Park Rotary Club.

Sixty Compete For Free Throw Basketball Tournament Saturday

Sixty some Highland Park boys vied for the championship Free Throw Basketball Tournament in the finals held Saturday morning at Elm Place gym, with the following results:

Phil Hardacre of Braeside—eighth grade—with 18 out of 25 baskets; Morton Moss of Elm Place, second.

Paul Beck of Elm Place sixth grade—first place with 12 out of 25 attempts; Christ Phelps of Elm Place and Michael Field of Ravinia tied for second.

Teddy Talano of Elm Place—seventh grade—first with 12 buckets out of 25; Jim Kelly of Braeside and Bud Schotanus of Ravinia tied for second.

This contest was sponsored by the Highland Park Playground and Recreation Department and the winners will be their guests at one of the Big Nine basketball games.

Book Review 'Why Men Hate' Being Held At Interfaith Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the local Inter Faith Group will be held at the Y.W.C.A. on Laurel Avenue Tuesday, February 17th, promptly at ten o'clock. In its constant efforts to further racial and religious understanding, the program that day will deal with the underlying causes of prejudice.

Mrs. Louis Haller, a former President of the League of Women Voters in Highland Park, will present a Book Review on "Why Men Hate" by Samuel Tenenbaum. Mrs. Haller is a graduate of the University of Michigan, receiving her Master's degree from Northwestern University. She was connected with the personnel Department of that University and assistant in the Department of Psychology. This background will insure a sympathetic understanding of this book. Mr. Tenenbaum, the author, is a psychologist and writer whose concern is for the final eradication of prejudices. For he rightly believes that these are but outward evidences of warped personalities, which thus attempt to evade reality. His book, simply written, informative and powerful in its denunciation of propagandists who mislead these mentally sick people, is a history of bigotry, and presents a dark picture of the present tensions. He is, however, hopeful that when the causes of these prejudices are understood, they will gradually disappear, and the world and its citizens develop positive ideas of human brotherhood. This Book Review is appropriate just before Brotherhood Week.

As always, interested members of the community are welcome to attend, and a discussion period will follow the program.

To Present Complete Story Of Prison Life, With Pictures, Feb. 20

On Friday, February 20, at 8:15 p.m., another offering of the "Men Of The Hour" series will be presented at the high school auditorium, when Joseph E. Ragen, Warden of Stateville Prison, will augment his lecture with pictures, giving a complete story of prison life.

A part of the pictures will be shown in black and white, but many scenes, such as those of flower gardens etc., will be in technicolor.

A native of southern Illinois, Mr. Ragen, after serving with the Navy in World War I, became Deputy Sheriff and Sheriff of his home county. In 1933 he was named Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard branch, and in 1934 was made Superintendent of all Illinois Penal institutions.

Coming to Joliet in October, 1935, he served in the dual capacity of Acting Warden of that institution, and Superintendent of Prisons.

Severing his connections with the State of Illinois in March, 1941, he accepted employment with the Federal government, having charge of one of the Chicago offices of the Department of Justice. He resigned this latter position to return to the Illinois State Penitentiary as Warden in October of 1942.

Robert M. Cobb Meets Accidental Death

His many friends were shocked to learn of the accidental death on Tuesday of this week, caused by a fall, of Robert M. Cobb, lifelong resident of Highland Park. He passed away after a 65 hour coma resulting from a brain injury when he fell down a narrow and treacherous flight of stairs on Saturday.

"Bob" or "Boola" as he was familiarly known about town, was born here in 1893, the son of Daniel M. and Ida T. Cobb, who had moved to Highland Park from New Orleans in the early 80's. Besides his wife, who was Florence Schreiber, he leaves his brother, Daniel L. Cobb, postmaster of Highland Park and a sister, Annie T. Cobb, of Lake Wales, Florida.

"Boola" was a prominent early athlete at our High School, afterwards entering the employ of Chase & Sanborn. When World War I threatened, he joined the American Field Service and served with them in France until our country entered the War, when he enlisted in the U. S. Infantry.

After the War, he became associated with General Motors, becoming Western Financial Sales Manager of General Motors Acceptance Corporation. He had been with them for 28 years, their oldest employee in point of service. During World War II, he acted as Labor Counselor for Douglas Aircraft.

Always fond of sports, he was for years an active member of Exmoor Country Club, also belonging to the American Legion and other organizations. As one who had the rare quality of making friends with everyone he came in contact with, his cheerful greeting and personality will be greatly missed.

Last rites will be held at the Trinity Episcopal church at 2 p.m. on Friday, Rev. Charles U. Harris officiating.

Harry Aiston Home Suffers Fire Damage

Very early Tuesday morning a Ravinia motorist, passing the home of the Harry Aistons, 918 Ridge-wood drive, noticed a roof blaze. The shingle roof to the 3-story brick house had evidently become ignited from chimney sparks.