



Let's Take a Look

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The Local Approach

A few weeks back I wrote a piece on the unwritten rules governing this column.

For some reason, I neglected to mention one of the most important guides I have for writing:

The Local Approach.

If your home is like ours, you get Time, Life, The Post, and so on. These "slicks" give you the national and international picture.

The PRESS tries and, I think, does give you the local picture; and in this space we often attempt to spotlight highlights on the local scene.

A week from today, thanks to likeable Hal O. McLain, president of Highland Park's alert Republican Club, and his co-workers, Adm. Byrd will speak at the high school.

That's Thursday night, April 22, about 8:30.

We recommend you get there early. The pole expert will command an even larger audience than he does a fee, and that's a whopper!

PRAISES McLAIN
I've said it before here, but it bears repeating:

We Highland Parkers are right fortunate to have leaders of the McLain caliber who are always trying to make Highland Park a better town.

It's not easy to get some of the nation's outstanding speakers to a small town.

But Hal McLain has done it. And he deserves credit for this achievement.

To date "Men of the Hour" lectures have been excellent.

I hope there'll be many more . . . and that Highland Parkers will continue to take such a growing interest in what our country's leaders say.

TEACHES SPEECH
For the last two years, as another avocation, I've been teaching public speaking to students at the Siebel Laboratories in Chicago.

The students are young men, selected from outstanding bottling firms in the country, and brought to Chicago for specialized training in this industry.

We had 10 students this year.

Each is a World War II veteran. Each, except one, is married.

We used Dr. Lew Sarett's "Basic Principles of Speech" as our textbook; it's the finest available.

Thanks to Dr. Sarett's clear and persuasive writing, the students learned a great deal about the important art of effective speech.

The students were on their feet speaking most of the time during the weekly two hour sessions.

It's my belief that the more you speak before a group, the better speaker you'll be, providing you prepare yourself mentally and physically for the job of speaking.

During the last sessions the students were practicing after dinner speeches.

They were attempting to find new ways to thank their sponsors and their professors.

HE LEARNED A LOT, TOO . . .
Well, it's time now to thank the students who taught me a great deal more about effective speech.

Thanks, then, to J.F.A. Lorber, Robert De Young, Charles E. Reiss, Frank Messenger, Harold Kipp, Ted Nenceman, Harvey A. A. Beffa, Jr., Antoine Broussard, Bob Schumacker and Harry J. O'Neil.

I wish each of you success in your work.

And for the opportunity to work with these students I want to thank Bob Siebel, Peter Weber and Jim Fitzsimmons.

And a word of gratitude also to Mrs. Falkenroth who helped make my visits pleasant.

ON UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

We'll have more to say about this negative subject at a later date when we have more facts.

Right now we think universal military training would be a stupid waste of time for American youth.

Newsman, taken on carefully conducted tours by the Army's better public relations men, report teen-age soldiers taking special military training today—"The Umpteens"—are turning out to be "better young men."

That's untrue, in my opinion.

Anytime the Army, with its vulgar and "goof-off" (slang for doing as little as possible), philosophy can take a boy in his formative years and make him a better citizen, I'd like to see it.

Young men, rubbing elbows with regular Army men who are known for their rotten morals, can't help be influenced by these old timers and their negative approach to life.

Instead of coming out clean-cut young men, they'll be a bunch of drinking, smoking, swearing individuals, bordering on the delinquent, trying to do as little as they can to make America better.

Nope, universal military training won't solve our national defense problems.

But a hard-hitting air force, using the best planes and with highly-trained personnel, will go a long way to keep America safe. More about this later . . .

Ormandy To Open Ravinia Festival Season Tuesday, June 29

Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, has again been chosen to open the annual Ravinia Festival and will conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in the first concert of the thirteenth season, Tuesday evening, June 29. Ormandy also opened the 1947 season.

Sharing the roster of distinguished guest conductors with the Philadelphia will be Fritz Busch, regular conductor of the Metropolitan Opera, a newcomer to the North Shore musical festival. Busch, who has made numerous guest appearances with the New York Philharmonic and the NBC Symphony and is at present on tour with the Metropolitan, will conduct during the second and third weeks of the Ravinia Festival.

Fritz Reiner, who conducted at Ravinia during the 1937 season, will return again this year, to take over the baton during the fourth week. Reiner, conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony from 1938 until the end of this season, has resigned that post and will devote next season to guest appearances.

Fritz Stiedry will make his initial appearances at Ravinia Festival during its fifth week. Appointed conductor of New Friends of Music Orchestra, New York, in 1938 he is now a regular conductor of the Metropolitan Opera and on tour with the company.

Pierre Monteaux, dean of Ravinia conductors, returns for his eighth season in 1948, conducting during the sixth and concluding week of symphony music. Conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Monteaux is recognized as one of the world's leading conductors.

The Budapest String Quartet will return to Ravinia to play during the seventh and final week of the Festival, presenting a full week of chamber music. The Budapest, absent for three years from the Ravinia schedule, has appeared during a number of seasons and gained a wide North Shore following. They are at present at Mills College, Oakland, California, where they have been on the staff for a number of years.

Ravinia concerts during the 1948 season will begin at 8:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening and at 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoons.

First AVC Meeting In Highland Park

On Tuesday evening, April 27th the North Shore Chapter of American Veterans Committee will prove it isn't strictly a Winnetka outfit. That evening the AVC unit will hold its first meeting in Highland Park at the Community Center, with Vice-Chairman Truman Gibson of AVC's Chicago Area Council as speaker, and "The Negro Soldier" as film feature.

"Our membership is drawn from communities between Wilmette and Lake Forest," explained Program and Planning Chairman Ned Levinson. "This year our mail address is Highland Park, and some of our meetings will be held there too."

AVC had its origin in wartime letters written by Charles Bolte, U. S. volunteer with the British 8th Army, who lost a leg at the battle of El Alamein. Soldiers and sailors after fighting a war for freedom, democracy and brotherhood should not waste their experience in forming selfish veteran lobbies for pensions or in rowdy "reunions," they believed. Taking as their motto "Citizens First, Veterans-Second" the letter writers grew to include 100,000 idealistic ex-servicemen of the present AVC. Its organization includes no military titles. Elections and decisions are reached by democratic voting procedures rather than through powerful cliques, its leaders say.

"All veterans and other visitors are welcome at the April 27th meeting," Levinson declared. "There will be a social session with refreshments in addition to the speaker and the movie feature."

The meeting will be at 8:15, he added.

April PTA Meeting At Green Bay Road School

"Report Cards Versus Conferences" will be the subject of the panel discussion at the Green Bay Road School PTA Meeting, Thursday, April 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

On the panel will be two teachers, Miss Clara Slack and Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman, and two parents, Mrs. R. Werrenrath and Mr. E. Dieking with Mrs. A. Carstens, parent, acting as moderator.

To help make this a very informative and interesting evening, ideas and questions about the subject from the audience will be most welcome.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!



A son, Lawrence Valentine, Jr., arrived at the Highland Park hospital on April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence V. Gurioli of 1712 Burton avenue. Mrs. Guriolis is the former Anne Dean, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Dean of Dubuque, Iowa. Mrs. George Gurioli of the same Burton avenue address is the paternal grandmother.

On April 5 a son was born at the Highland Park hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Gaiamo of 153 N. Second street. The baby, who has been named James William, has twin sisters, Donna Lee and Barbara Lee, who will be 8 in July, and a brother, Thomas Anthony, who will be 4 on May 9.

Mrs. Gaiamo is the former Lorraine Pelouquin. Grandparents are the William Pelouquins of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaiamo of 137 S. Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Murray of 678 Vernon avenue, Glencoe, became the parents of a son on April 8 at the Highland Park hospital.

A baby boy was born on April 9 at the Highland Park hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Verplanck of Dundee road, Northbrook.

Also on April 9, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Waukegan road, Northbrook, became the parents of a daughter at the Highland Park hospital.

A son arrived at the Highland Park hospital on April 10 to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Alschuler of 1099 Merrill avenue, Hubbard Woods.

On April 11 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gravandi of 237 High street, Highwood, became the parents of a daughter at the Highland Park hospital.

2,000 Chicago Jewish Leaders To Confer At Stevens Hotel Thursday

James H. Becker, 333 Maple Avenue, Highland Park, Ill., and President of the Jewish Welfare Fund, will share the speakers' platform with Major General John H. Hilldring, former Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas in Europe and Asia, and Moshe Shertok, member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency and Palestine's official spokesman at the United Nations, at a dinner meeting to be held Thursday evening, April 22, in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel.

The dinner meeting, sponsored jointly by the Jewish Welfare Fund and The Jewish Charities of Chicago, will give 20,000 of Chicago's leading Jewish men, women and young people the opportunity to secure up-to-the-minute information on the position of Jews the world over and on the needs of Jewry overseas.

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Interfaith Group To Highlight Quaker Religion

The next regular meeting of the local Inter Faith Group will be held at the "Y" on Laurel Ave. promptly at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 20th.

The April program will highlight a comparatively small but very important religious group which has been able through all vicissitudes to maintain its integrity. "The Quakers in the United States" is the subject of Miss Anne Willis's Talk. She is well versed in the history of this sect, and active in the Evanston "Meeting of Friends" as Secretary for the past six years. A graduate of a Quaker college, Swarthmore, Miss Willis upon graduation, spent a number of years in developing the Young Friends' movement in Philadelphia, the city founded by William Penn as the city of "brotherly love" in the true Christian sense of the words.

The Quakers have been true to their ideals of real democracy, both in their worship and in their lives, and they have been pacifists throughout our history. Exempt from military service, they have been untiring in relief work for all the belligerents, both during and after wars, and have done their labor of love frequently under fire and in other dangerous places.

In Chicago, the "American Friends Service Committee" has served in all the war torn nations, spending about \$7,000,000 in 1948 for these humanitarian needs. Miss Willis will tell this story of really Christian living to an interested group of listeners, and everyone is welcome to attend and to join in the discussion which always follows the program.

Tuesday, April 27, Will Be "Open House" At Ravinia School

The Annual Open House of Ravinia School will be held on Tuesday evening, April 27th, at 8:00 p.m. This evening will afford every parent and friend of Ravinia School an opportunity to see the work that has been produced by the children during the past year.

A short business meeting of the PTA will precede the open house, during which a period will be devoted to the submission of written comments on the Annual Report, distributed with the April 1st School News Letter.

Mr. Herbert Van Straaten, Chairman of the Fire-Safety Committee, will present a report of this group's study of fire and safety hazards at the school. In addition to Chairman Van Straaten, the Committee is composed of Mrs. Elwood Hansmann, Mrs. Hugh Riddle, Samuel Rosenthal, John Dille Jr., Kenneth Hornung, Ray Naegele and Russell Ahrens.

Organize Softball And Fumbleball Leagues For The Summer

Judging by the turnout of managers and ball players Highland Park will have plenty of softball of the 12 and 16 inch variety this summer.

The 16 inch softball league will hold its organization meeting Thursday, April 22nd, at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

The following teams signified their intention of playing in this league: Fells Clothiers, Russella, Ravinia Merchants, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Highland Park Young Men's Club, Highland Park Moose, Monarchs and Sunset Valley 19th Hole Club.

Managers of other teams that wish to play 16 inch Fumble Ball should attend this meeting.

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