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Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

THE TAX REFERENDUM

Public resentment against continued wartime income tax rates (the ballyhooed tax reduction is peanuts as compared to the rates we still pay), plus general resentment against the general inflationary trend was strongly reflected, we think, in the defeat of the tax referendum to allow the city to raise the tax levy so as to provide funds to continue to give police and fire protection and street maintenance at the present level.

Every Highland Parker is entitled to voice complaints against high taxes and the high cost of living, but less than 15 per cent of them will have the right to growl about what they may consider inadequate police and fire protection and street maintenance. According to an estimate, only about 30 per cent of the voters of Highland Park went to the polls Saturday. A comparatively slight majority of them defeated the proposal. Those who voted in favor of the measure have a right to growl. The slight majority who voted against the proposition, of course, have some rights too. They at least went to the polls and registered their opinion.

The ones who didn't vote have only the right to pay a little attention to the direct and indirect results of the referendum as they paid to the referendum itself.

Trinity Guild Presents Fashion Show, Bridge

The Woman's Guild of the Trinity Episcopal church will present their annual spring fashion show and dessert bridge party on Friday, May 7 at the Trinity church. The fashion show will be sponsored by Hein's of Waukegan, and will feature daytime, active and spectator sport clothes, and cocktail and evening wear, as well as clothes for grade school youngsters. Mr. Davis, wife of the owner, will act as commentator. Dessert will be served at 1:30, followed by bridge. There will be table prizes. The public is invited. President of the Guild is Mrs. James Pool. Mrs. Charles Perrigo is chairman of the party, with Mrs. Russel Ahrens in charge of the fashion show, and the following handling the many other arrangements: Mrs. Whitt Schultz, Mrs. Vernon Mortimer, Miss Jean Butz, Mrs. Harry Van Ornum and Mrs. Carlton Cummins.

Modeling the fashions will be Mrs. S. Parker Johnston Jr. (Barbara Boves), Mrs. Samuel Bingham, Mrs. George W. Ross Jr., Mrs. J. Parker Hall, Mrs. Lee Biggart, Miss Joan Easton (Teen age clothes), and Deborah Ross and Gretchen Ahrens (Grade school clothes). Mrs. W. W. White will furnish music during the show.

Howard Copp To Address Women of the Moose

At the May 5th meeting of Women of the Moose, in charge of Verna Sjoberg, program chairman, the speaker will be Mr. Howard Copp, of the Highland

Park Community Center. At the April 21 meeting, the guest speaker was Viola Decker, Waukegan, of the North Shore Gas Company. Vocal numbers were given by Georgiana Marina of Glencoe, accompanied by her mother. New members initiated were Elizabeth Phillips, Evelyn Therian, Betty Lou Benson, Anna May and Ruth Cardini. At the special meeting preceding the program Mrs. Leona Wolf of Portage Park was the official visitor.

Membership award was presented to Frances Thomas, and four received birthday gifts. Guests were present from Portage Park, No. Chicago No. 378 and Zion Benton No. 859.

Art Exhibition And Tea at YWCA Sunday, May 9

The Amateur's Art group, taught by Tom Wilder, well-known artist of Highland Park, will hold the annual exhibition and tea on Sunday, May 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the YWCA. As usual, the public is invited.

This group meets at the "Y" and paints for fun. It represents several stages, from the beginner to the student of more experience. Mr. Wilder teaches two winter terms of 10 weeks each, and in addition has spring and fall outdoor sketch classes.

Chairmen for the committees for the exhibition are: Hospitality—Mrs. Louis Haller and Mrs. Albert Ransom; Exhibition—Mr. William Pohrte; catalogue and general information—Miss Vernette Werhane and Mrs. Frank Peers.

Half-Way Mark Of Cancer Quota Has Been Passed

"A Contribution to the cancer drive is one expenditure that may bring a direct and lasting benefit to the donor," Dr. Robert D. Coghill, Lake County general chairman, said today in commenting on the progress of the current campaign.

"The donor himself or a member of his family may some day benefit from the information, research, diagnosis or treatment made possible by the work of the American Cancer Society."

Latest reports showed that most of the communities have passed the halfway mark of their quotas. The goal for the county is \$23,350.

E. J. Loewenthal, 257 Moraine rd., Highland Park, is chairman of the Highland area. His committee consists of Joseph B. Garnett, Dr. William E. Looby, Dr. Morley D. McNeal, Msgr. Joseph P. Morrison, Frank F. Selfridge, Moses E. Shire and Dr. Gustave F. Weinfield.

Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society and mailed to Mr. Loewenthal or to the headquarters of the Lake County chapter, 133 Belvidere st., Waukegan.



Dr. George D. Stoddard, president of University of Illinois, who will speak at a special meeting at New Trier high school on May 6, at 8 p.m. His subject: "The Future of American Education."

Teen Agers Plan Fashion Festival Friday, April 30

The Teen Agers Club will hold a Fashion Festival at the Ravinia Village House Friday, April 30th. Ticket booths will be set up at Garnetts, Gzells, Fells and the Community Center in Highland Park, and at Marshall Fields in Lake Forest.

The following committee heads were chosen: Bobby Leopold and Joan Mandel, Program Planning and Printing; Remo Pichetti, Merchants' Prizes; Janet Rice and Allen Loeb, Transportation; Bob Peddle, Chuck Jennings and Jack Close, Properties; Joan Mandel and Holly Stair, Prize Display.

Select King and Queen A King and Queen of the Festival have been selected from the Highland Park High school. The announcement will be made the night of the Festival.

Mrs. Douglas Boyd, the High School P.T.A. Recreation Chairman, will appoint mothers to assist with refreshments.

To Purchase Television Set The Highland Park Recreation Department Teen Age Club directors, Mrs. J. W. Eisendrath and Mr. William Behrens, are scouting the television field for information on the type of television set to be purchased by this group for the Community Center.

Highland Park Victim Of Train Wreck "Okay" After Rest

One of the passengers injured on Sunday, when the Sun Chaser, Miami-Chicago train, plunged down an embankment near Adamsville, Ala., was Malcolm D. Vail, 190 Lakewood. He was returning from Florida, where he had been recuperating after an operation. Suffering mostly from shock and bruises, according to a member of his family, he returned to his office on Tuesday "in good shape" after a good rest on Monday.

Mr. Vail, Chicago insurance man, and well known as a yachtsman, was able to assist in the rescue of victims of the wreck in which three lives were lost and thirty people injured.

KIWANIS HOME SHOW HERE SOON

Kiwanis To Feature Latest In Home Needs - June 4, 5, and 6th

Professional experts of National Manufacturers and suppliers will be on hand at Highland Park's First Home show, being sponsored by the Highland Park Kiwanis Club at the Ravinia Village House on June 4, 5 and 6.

In one instance, on the demonstration of a furnace stoker, not only will the stoker manufacturer have an expert on hand to explain the stoker's operation and adaptability, but several coal experts will also be in attendance to answer questions and offer advice on the proper grade of coal. Charts and tables will be available for comparison of costs of different types of heat. In addition an insulation expert will add his knowledge to the other experts in their continuous battle to cut the consumer's heating cost. This is only one example of the effort that is being exerted to bring to the people of Highland Park a constructive and educational Home Show.

Date Changed

Originally the date of the show was set for late May but because of some unforeseen school plans the date has been changed to June 4, 5 and 6.

Poster Contest in Progress

In the meantime the contest open to all the school children of Highland Park is well underway. Paint, crayon, and ink is being applied to posters with increasing speed. Every pupil entering the contest will receive a free ticket to the show and cash awards will be made to the three best posters from each school.

High School Classes to Attend

Miss Gladys Cairncross of the home economics department and Mr. W. F. Durbahn of the Building Trades department of the Highland Park High School, after hearing of the plans of the Home Show, stated they expect to take their classes on a complete tour of the show. Their enthusiasm on the educational value of the show was gratifying.

H. P. Citizens Reject Tax Referendum - Budget Faces Cut

A majority of 2573 citizens who went to the polls in Highland Park last Saturday, voted down the city's request for an increased tax rate to provide funds to cover an expected \$37,000 deficit in Highland Park's civic finances. The vote on the proposition was 1139 for the increase, to 1434 against it.

The vote cancels out the administration's solution to the expected deficit, and leaves, as the only alternative, the trimming of the city's budget.

The exact extent to which the axe will have to be applied to the city's various departments has not yet been determined, but administration spokesmen had pointed out before the balloting that if the increase were not approved, reductions of one sort or another in the police, fire and street departments were considered to be inevitable.

Opposition to the rate increase, led by a former city corporation counsel, Ernest S. Gail, objected to the amount of the increase, contending that the "edification" the administration had included in the increase as a protection against possible future increased costs, was not sound. The administration had pledged itself to levy no more than was needed for actual operation, and pointed out that such a course was cheaper than holding a referendum every time conditions demanded increased funds. They also pointed out that other Highland Park taxing bodies had made and kept such pledges.

Mayor Patton has stated that the deficit, formerly estimated at \$37,000.00, probably will be closer to \$45,000.00. He said that an audit of the city books will be complete at the end of the current fiscal year (Friday), and that information received from this source, coupled with the factor to

Highland Park High School Students To Petrify Audience With Rinehart Play 'The Bat'

Open Letter

Mr. R. L. Williams, President Chicago Northwestern Railway, 400 West Madison St., Chicago 6, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Williams: In a letter published in North Shore papers last October 23, I predicted that a North Shore bus line would soon lead to the abandonment of the interurban electric service. The management of the electric road vehemently denied in full-page ads that abandonment of rail service was in view. Now, however, six months later, the electric management has asked to end the rail service along the shore line.

Public resistance to the bus line is widespread. So far, it has taken mostly negative form, with little effort to find a constructive solution to the interurban's troubles.

On behalf of the commuters of the North Shore, I am addressing this letter to you, a resident of Lake Forest, to ask what action the Northwestern will take to fill the transportation gap, in case the electric line ceases operation.

Will the Northwestern Railway be prepared to assume the traffic load of the interurban?

Can this be done by more frequent schedules of old steam equipment? Or will new and faster lightweight equipment be available? Or would it be practicable for your railroad to take over the shore line route as an electric-powered shuttle service between Wilmette and Waukegan feeding fast through trains?

If not, does the Northwestern prefer that an express highway replace the electric road, and buses supplement your suburban train service?

It seems to me that your answer to these questions is of prime importance to citizens of the North Shore in solving the commuters' riddle.

Yours sincerely,
Everett L. Millard
Highland Park

Open Letter

April 1, 1948
Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 446,
Mr. Lorne H. Chambers, Secy.
130 Roger Williams Ave.,
Highland Park, Ill.

Gentlemen: In the summer of 1947 the Lodge made available a gift of \$200.00 to the Park District. It was requested that this money be used for the benefit of the children of Highland Park.

With this thought in mind, the Park District recently purchased a new 16 foot slide, with a stainless steel bedway, that will be placed in Sunset Woods Park. There will be a bronze plate placed on the slide for the purpose of informing the public of its origin. This plate will bear the following: "Donated 1947 by Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 446", Anthony Porco, Governor.

Since the cost of this slide did not use the entire sum the balance has been applied towards the complete repair of one of the new existing slides.

May I, at this time, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park, express their thanks and appreciation of this very generous gesture on the part of the Moose Lodge of Highland Park.

Yours very truly,
Roy Millen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

Kiwanians To Hear of Wings Over Sweden

The speaker at the Kiwanis club on May 3 will be Frank Haas, public relations officer of the American Air Lines. He will tell about "A Trip Through Sweden By Air", leaving from the Chicago airport.

be applied to the assessed valuation of Lake county, will determine the actual amount of the deficit. Whatever the final figure is, it will have to be met by decreasing city expenditures to meet it.

Students To Present Rinehart Masterpiece

On the evening of Saturday, May 8, students of Highland Park high school will present, as their annual spring offering, the mystery play, "The Bat", written by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood.

Abounding in thrills and chills, this drama is one of the best to come from the pens of this gifted pair. Long a favorite of theatergoers, "The Bat" is unsurpassed in sustaining suspense, and has few equals of its kind. A story of human, everyday people caught in a web of baffling circumstances, it is guaranteed to keep the audience on edge until the denouement.

Music Department Of High School To Present May Festival

This year, instead of the usual spring concerts, the band, orchestra and chorus will unite in presenting a May Festival.

Beginning on Friday evening, May 21, the program will continue on Sunday, which will be the last performance of this department until graduation.

Also featured will be ensembles, soloists and trios.

Tickets, soon to be on sale, may be purchased for both nights or for a single night.

High School Graduation Speakers Assigned Topic

From the 22 students who tried out as speakers at the high school graduation exercises to be held in June, three speakers have been chosen. They are Dave Levinson, Hein Juergensen and Warner Rosenthal, members of the senior class. The topic of their talks will be "The Growing Influence of America in Foreign Affairs." Nineteen additional speakers were chosen to talk at grammar school graduation exercises.

Presbyterian Women Plan Rummage Sale Thursday, May 6

The Woman's Association of the Highland Pk. Presbyterian church will hold its annual spring rummage sale in the parish house on Laurel avenue, Thursday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The sale will be under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Pagenkoph and her activities committee.

Particular attention is drawn to the After Five room, featuring evening dresses, shoes, bags and accessories. A very complete department will also offer household wares and furniture.

Also featured will be clothing of all kinds for men, women, children and infants. Members of the association are urged to bring rummage to the church as early as possible on the three days preceding the sale.

Registration For Kindergarten At Elm Place School Wednesday, May 3

A Kindergarten registration tea will be given by the P.T.A. Board members of Elm Place School in the Kindergarten room, Wednesday, May 3, from 1:30 to 4:00. Children who will be five years old before January 1st are eligible to register. All mothers of new children who will enter Kindergarten in September are urged to enroll their children on this date. Birth certificates must be presented.

This tea is also given to make you acquainted with other mothers of new Kindergarten enrollees. Refreshments will be served following the registration.

Highwood Store Burglarized

An Ice Cream parlor, 39 Highwood avenue, Highwood, owned by Aldo Piacenza, was burglarized between midnight and 5 a.m. Saturday. \$700 in bills, as well as a small amount of change and two cigaret lighters were found to be missing, according to Highwood police.