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WHO'S AFRAID?



Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

• SURE IT SHOWS

Complaints have been registered that the city administration, in reducing its budget to conform to the financial limitations imposed by the failure of the tax referendum, is "cutting where it shows."

Naturally. You can't cut a budget some \$45,000 without having the cut show. Also—there is no Santa Claus and the moon really isn't made of green cheese.

• "THE 'GOVMINT'"

Americans—many of them, at least, have long had the feeling that when the "govmint" (as Huck Finn's old man called it) is paying the bill, everything is for free. That attitude was, of course, fostered by the New Deal (remember when Roosevelt, speaking of the government debt, brushed it off with the comment that "We owe it to ourselves.")

Well, the "govmint" is paying the bill for lots of things now, and if you think its for free, look at the income tax deductions on your pay check. Even with the recent income tax cut, we are all forking over plenty of green stuff. It isn't for free.

Of course they were "making it easy" for us when they worked out that payroll deduction plan, but they weren't hurting themselves either. Can you imagine the collective howl that would go up if we all had to dig down around March 15, and pay the whole thing at once? Such a condition would engender so much feeling that the tax would HAVE to be cut—and cut drastically.

If the situation in Highland Park, where voters refused to OK a measure to provide for services they need and want, is a criterion, what chance would the boys in Washington have of raising billions for such projects as state department broadcasts designed to ridicule the United States?

Notice!

Large crowds are being anticipated to attend the Kiwanis Home Show being held at the Ravinia School Auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. On account of Sundays being our busy days during the summer, your Police Department requests people who drive to the show, and probably will be obliged to park their cars on side streets there, to use precaution, by parking on one side of the street and please refrain from blocking any private drives, in that vicinity.

Edward B. Patten
City Marshal

America's Industrial Future Subject of Talk at Kiwanis

The speaker at the Kiwanis club, next Monday evening at Sunset Valley will be M. B. Nugent, fuel engineer of Sahara Coal Company, who will speak on America's Industrial Future and the Magic Mineral. His talk will be augmented by films. He is sponsored by Wm. C. McCullough.

To Represent Highwood At Lutheran Centennial

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert W. Linden and Mr. Herbert L. Engstrom will represent the Zion Lutheran church of Highwood at the Centennial celebration of the Augustana Synod at Rock Island, Ill., June 7-13.

Cullen To Address Chamber On Wills

Mr. Victor Cullin, Vice President of the Chicago Title & Trust Company, will be the speaker at the monthly dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening at Sunset Valley club, using as his subject, "WHAT YOUR HEIRS CAN NEVER TELL YOU." His topic will deal with the frank discussion of why and how business men should look ahead in anticipation of death, and provide for their heirs, as intended.

In addition to his other duties, Mr. Cullin, an alumnus of the University of Illinois, has served as President or Chairman of a number of fraternal orders both local and national.

OPEN LETTER-

Highland Park, Illinois
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TO RESIDENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 108

As parents of school children, children of pre-school age or property owners in District 108 the undersigned have been closely following the proposals to build a 500 student intermediate school for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and to expand and improve the four present school plants.

These proposals, to be voted upon at a referendum June 5th, will cost:
Intermediate School, complete — \$1,417,000.00.
West Ridge School addition — \$189,000.00.
Lincoln School modernization — \$40,000.00.
Ravinia School modernization — \$57,000.00.
Braeside School modernization — \$47,000.00.
TOTAL — \$1,750,000.00.

Basis of Building Advocate's Argument

Recently, in separate meetings of the Parent Teacher Associations at each of the four schools, the members of the School Board and the Superintendent explained why, in their view, there is an urgent need for each of these projects. Eleven mimeographed pages of questions and answers were handed out to those present giving fragmentary statistics considered to justify the entire program.

Notwithstanding present exorbitant construction costs, the building advocates say there is a compelling necessity to proceed without delay. In taking this position they base their argument primarily upon two factors: (1) the abnormally high birth rate, and (2) the present home building program.

Respecting the birth rate, the building advocates call attention to births at the Highland Park Hospital, saying that births have increased from 194 in 1935 to a high of 442 in 1947. As for the building boom, instead of going back to 1935, they select only the very recent period beginning in 1944 when, because of the War, only one house was built, and ending in 1947 when 117 were erected. Had they gone back to 1935, as in the case of the birth figures, they would have found that an average of 72.5 homes per year have been built during the past 12 years. And the overall average from 1925 to 1947 is 86 homes per year, fluctuating from a high of 265 in 1925 to a low of 1 in 1947.

The building advocates indicate the significance of the recent building statistics in their mimeographed pamphlet reading, "For every new home built, we estimate a school enrollment increase of 1.5 children."

Presumably on the basis of the increased birth rate and the building boom, future enrollments are estimated by the building advocates to be:

1947	1000
1948	1935
1949	1066
1950	1123
1951	1206
1952	1369
1953	1499
1954	1600
1955	1674

It is noteworthy that, over the next 8 year period, these figures represent an enrollment increase of 67%.

The Facts in the Case

Let us now examine the need for a complete new 500-student school at a cost of \$1,417,000.00. Conflicting with the printed statement of the building advocates that "our enrollment has not fallen off in spite of the increased attendance at the Parochial school", are the actual past enrollment figures cited by Superintendent Ball in a letter to one of the undersigned on May 21, 1948. These show that the enrollment has been slipping rather markedly, as follows:

1940	1050
1941	1052
1942	1062
1943	1048
1944	1033
1945	1003
1946	988
1947	991

Equally as interesting is the variance found in comparing the birth rate figures from the Highland Park Hospital as stated by the building advocates, and as we received them from Hospital au-

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HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 250

Exercises To Be Held
Thursday June 10, 1948
At H. S. Auditorium

Two hundred and fifty seniors will graduate from the Highland Park High School on Thursday, June 10th. The exercises will start at 8:15 p.m. The diplomas will be awarded by Mr. Jess Halsted, a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Harold Norman, President of the Board, will present the medal of honor, which is given to the outstanding senior who is selected by the faculty and the members of the National Honor Society.

The Rev. Alvin C. Kniker will offer the invocation and the benediction.

It is customary for students to speak at the commencement exercises. Hein Juergensen, David Levinson, and Warner Rosenthal have been selected by a committee made up of faculty members and students. The topic selected for this year is based on the present position of the United States in world affairs as related to the character of its people and their history.

The class marshals are Sara May Lautmann and Edward Piccentini. They will lead the line of march and read the names of the graduates. The class will wear caps and gowns, using the class colors, blue gowns for the boys and white for the girls.

Graduation Exercises
To Be Held at Elm Place
Wednesday, June 9

Graduation exercises for some seventy members of the 1948 class at Elm Place school will be held on Wednesday evening, June 9, in the school auditorium.

The program will consist of singing by audience, class and double mixed quartette, invocation by Rev. Charles U. Harris, presentation of the class by Dr. C. O. Dahle, superintendent of school district 107, acceptance of the class by Miss Gladys Cairncross of the High School, welcome to the class by Henry Peddle, High School senior, awarding of diplomas by Horace S. Vaile, president of the Board of Education and benediction by Reverend Harris.

Names of class members follow:
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Frank C. Peyraud, Well Known Artist Is Taken By Death

Private funeral rites were conducted in his home at 1230 Judson avenue yesterday for Frank C. Peyraud, known as Illinois' foremost landscape artist, who passed away on Monday, May 31, on the eve of his 90th birthday. Twenty members of his family had gathered for a reunion on his natal day, and the event was celebrated Monday, at which time Mr. Peyraud gave a brilliant after-dinner talk. A little later he announced that he would like to take a short nap, and wished not to be disturbed. His body was discovered in thoughtful pose, indicating that his passing was most peaceful and serene.

Born in Bulle, Switzerland, Mr. Peyraud was educated at the college of Fribourg, Switzerland and the Beaux Arts, Paris. He also studied at the Chicago Art Institute.

Coming to this country in his early 20's, he spent most of his life, except for a few years in New York city, in and near Chicago. Beauty spots in the Skokie and Des Plaines valleys have been immortalized by his art. One of these paintings, entitled "View of the Skokie", hangs on the east wall of the Highland Park Public library.

The winner of many awards, his works are represented in museums and private collections throughout this country and Europe.

He is survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth Krysher, also an artist, known for her portraits and paintings of still life; three sons, Albert of Chicago, Henry of Melbourne, Fla. and Robert of New York city, all present for the reunion, and four grandchildren.

Large Attendance Expected June 4, 5, and 6 As Kiwanis Home Show Opens With Many Fine Exhibits

Local Youth Groups To Benefit From Proceeds

Friday evening at seven o'clock Mayor Robert F. Patton will officially open the much publicized Home Show which is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Highland Park. The opening will climax weeks of work by the members of the Kiwanis Club which has resulted in the conversion of the Ravinia Village house into an assembly of decorations, booths and exhibits in anticipation of the event. Workmen are busy installing the thirty exhibits and putting the finishing touches on the final details.

Many gifts will be awarded each day of the show at closing time. A grand gift of a Model 706 Philco Television set will be awarded on the last day of the show.

The entire net proceeds of the show will be used by the club in connection with its youth program which includes practically every phase of boys' and girls' work in the City of Highland Park.

The show will be opened in the manner used at the Kiwanis Club's meetings. Arnold Peterson, president of the Kiwanis Club will preside over the opening which will include the singing of the National Anthem and the Invocation. Mr. Peterson will then welcome the visitors and will introduce the Mayor who will officially set the show in motion. From then until the close of the show Highland Park will witness the first attempt by any organization to bring together under one roof all the various materials, equipment, decorations, furnishings and landscaping items that are a part of a home and are of interest to home owners and prospective buyers. Even financing and insurance have not been overlooked.

The show will be open on the first night until ten o'clock, on

Lion Club Holds Charter Night To-Night

In celebration of its 19th birthday, the Highland Park Lions Club will hold Charter Night tonight (Thursday) at Sunset Valley Golf Club. Dinner at 7:15 for members, wives and friends.

Awards will be made to the following:
Fred Moon for 5 year perfect attendance.

Dr. Sam Banfield, Gerald J. Dinkelo and Robert J. Roerber—Old Monarch award (members for 10 years or longer).

Vernon Mortimer—Master Key Award—(member who brings in at least 10 new members).

Robert J. Roerber—Silver Key Award (member who brings in 2 new members).

Awards will also be made to District 1 F officers, William J. Seguin, District Governor and Fred Moon, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. Due to their efforts the District went over its quota in procuring new members.

The Highland Park Lions Club also went over its quota for new members and Jules Laegeler, president, will receive an award for this in behalf of the Club.

Nine members will also receive awards for perfect attendance for thirty-two straight weeks. If time permits, Dr. Trangmar will show colored movies of the North Woods.

National Park Will Have Final Luncheon Wednesday

The final luncheon meeting of the National Park College alumnae will be held next Wednesday, June 9, in Wilmette at the home of Mrs. D. B. Yoder. Acting as assistant hostess with Mrs. Yoder will be Mrs. A. B. Olsen.

Mrs. Inez B. Holabird, president of the group, will discuss results of the recent dollar drive and benefit party. Also plans for the coming year will be made.

Highland Park alumnae members of National Park College are urged to attend this final meeting for the summer.

Saturday from noon until ten that evening, and on Sunday from noon until six o'clock. It has been publicized in all the papers from Wilmette to Lake Forest and Waukegan. A crowd of between five and six thousand is expected to attend during three days.

A complete list of exhibitors and their products is given below.

HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL Construction, Decorating and planning ANNE HOYER Interior Furnishings PAUL DOWNING Asphalt Tile and Linoleum EDWARD HINES LUMBER CO. The "Engineered House" (A portion of the exhibit at the Chicago Home Show) CULLIGAN CO. Water Softeners JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP. Roofing and Insulations PETERSON PLUMBING COMPANY Hot Water Heating, Plumbing, Dishwashers, Kitchen Cabinets HUSENETTER HARDWARE CO. Washing Machines, Mangles and Refrigerators EVANS FEED CO. Plant Fertilizers, Weed Killers and Landscape Equipment NIELDS SPORT SHOP Play Room Equipment E. L. JOHNSON Real Estate CHINCHILLA, INC. Pets and Furs BOSLOUGH HEATING CO. Warm Air Heating ROBERTS AND RICHARDS Rugs V. A. SMITH CO. Oil Burning Furnaces MUTUAL CO. COMPANY Stokers and Masonry Materials COLONIAL FIREPLACE CO. Fireplaces and Equipment GOMER INCINERATOR CO. Garbage Burners JONES & DUNCAN Architects WEATHER SEAL CO. Metal Window Screens and Storm Windows PUBLIC SERVICE CO. Electric Stoves and Lighting EBERSOLE COMPANY Tile Work HIGHLAND PARK BLDG. & LOAN Mortgages and Insurance NORTH SHORE GAS CO. Gas Stoves and Refrigerators R. J. McREYNOLDS Landscaping ZEGERS WEATHERSTRIP CO. Weatherstripping WINTON COMPANY Wood Interior Paneling HIGHWOOD PAINT AND GLASS CO. Venetian Blinds

Body of War Victim To Arrive From France

Word has been received at the Seguin Funeral Home that the body of the late Pvt. Francis Ronzani, victim of World War II, will arrive from the eastern theater of war next Monday. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Ronzani, 224 No. First St.

Notice To Residents of South Highland Park

Due to circumstances beyond our control we are forced to close the Ravinia fire station on June 15th, 1948 and move all equipment to the Central Station.

Owing to our loss of manpower we find it impossible to operate the two stations but we will do our best to serve under these conditions.

William J. Hennig,
Fire Chief
Edward J. Moroney,
Commissioner

Taken By Death In Her Sleep

Funeral rites will be held today (Thursday) at the Kelley-Spalding chapel for Mrs. Friederika Raappold, who passed away in her sleep Monday night at her home on 1306 Burton avenue. Her body was found in her bed about 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Born in Germany 55 years ago, she came to this country after World War I and had been a resident of Highland Park for 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, John, a gardener.

Woman's Auxiliary To Hold Luncheon

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park Hospital will hold its regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, June 9 in the Parish Hall of Trinity Church.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m.