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PRESIDENTIAL BOOM I



Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

One of the most difficult situations that can face any governing body, is one in which two bodies or factions, whose broad, overall interests are the same, find themselves at loggerheads over a specific point on which they, in general, agree.

Such was the case Monday night, at the Highland Park council meeting when two groups, both unquestionably sincere in their beliefs, were unable to find any common meeting ground for resolving their differences of opinion on the question of parallel parking versus angle parking on St. Johns Ave., between Laurel and Central Aves.

Ernie Belmont, who, through many years of service as Secretary of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, has demonstrated his devotion to the interests of the community, was obviously sincere in his outspoken belief that diagonal parking does not create a traffic hazard in the area, and that the interest of the merchants who do business in that area, is harmed by the reduction in parking space occasioned by parallel parking.

It was equally obvious that Edwin Gilroy, representing the Traffic Commission, and Philip McKenna, representing the City Planning Commission were sincere in their contention that diagonal parking does create a traffic hazard, and that parallel parking, controlled by parking meters will not harm the merchants' business.

We don't think that the merchants on St. Johns Avenue would willfully reduce their customers' safety in return for more business. We don't think that the traffic commission would recommend parallel parking merely for the sake of being arbitrary. We do think that the merchants are sincere and are right in saying that the institution of parallel parking has—up to now—hurt their business.

BUT—the only thing that hasn't been tried yet, is parallel parking WITH parking meters. We think that if the merchants received assurance from the city council that a change back to diagonal parking could be made AFTER a trial period of parallel parking, WITH PARKING METERS, the way would be opened for an amicable settlement of a dispute that in its present stage, is proving nothing and doing no one any good.

V.F.W. and Harrison's Tie For First Place In Class A League

The first round robin of games has been completed in the Class A Softball League. Two teams are tied for first place the V.F.W. and Harrison Wholesale. This League, which is sponsored by the Playground and Recreation Department, started play in its second round of games yesterday. The championship of the League will be determined by the team winning most games in both rounds. Should there be a tie, a playoff series between the teams which are tied will be played to determine the champion.

Last Friday the unexpected happened when Harrison Wholesale walloped Santi's Dairy 19-5. On paper Santi's have the best team in the League featuring such stars as Ernie Weider, Dan Coleman, Enyo Nannini, McCarthy, Lorrzo

and M. Santi. Murphy continues to be the reason for Harrison's success. He held Santi's to 6 hits, 3 of them coming in the last inning after his team had built up a 19-2 lead.

Ideal Cleaners scored an upset and their first win in the League play by defeating Chandler's 9-0. Lorenzo held Chandler's to 4 hits to hold them scoreless.

The V.F.W. scored five runs in the first inning to get the jump on Fells. Hapner replaced E. Moore in the second inning and held the V.F.W. to 3 hits from there on until the end of the game. Fells star pitcher, Mel Harder, and Sam Rexford were missing as they were scheduled to do the hurling for the V.F.W. team at Oak Park in a night game.

Bunny Bonamarte starred at bat for the V.F.W. Jr. by hitting 2 home runs.

North Shore Line Isn't Ready To Try Joint Service

The president of the Northwestern Railway said this week he will gladly join in discussions with the North Shore Line with a view to improving local commuters' service by unified operations.

The president of the North Shore electric line, however, said that the trial period of shore line service authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission is based upon present methods of operation and excludes "drastic changes" such as joint schedules or a Wilmette transfer between the two roads. Besides, he said, such suggestions "appear impractical."

In letters to Dick Etlinger, American Veterans Committee chairman for the North Shore area, President R. L. Williams of the CNW and President Bernard J. Fallon of the North Shore replied to the veterans' suggestion that unified stations, trains and tickets would save time for commuters and money for the railroads. Both rail heads are on record with statements that their competing services to suburban communities are rendered at a loss.

"Any business that shows a continuous loss eventually must cease," Fallon pointed out to the AVC leader.

A four to six months' test period, the electric railroad's executive said, will furnish information on which future plans can be based. At that time, "your suggestions as to some sort of coordination between the North Shore and Northwestern will certainly be given consideration," he promised the AVC chairman. The North Shore Line president did not offer to discuss possibilities of unification while the test period is under way.

The Northwestern's boss is ready to consider suggestions of co-operative passenger service improvement, his reply stated. "If the president of the North Shore Line is interested in talking with me about it," said CNW president Williams, "I shall be glad to go over the entire matter with him or anyone whom he designates."

Chairman Etlinger commented that the North Shore Line directors have already voted to abandon shore line operations, and that the trial period is expected to show a heavy loss. He said he will again urge the two railroads to confer now on future plans.

Recreation Department To Sponsor Tennis Tournaments

Tennis Tournaments for Boys and Girls, Juniors, and Adults are being sponsored by the Highland Park Playground and Recreation Department.

In the Boys and Girls Tournament there will be events for Boys under 10 years of age, Boys 10 and 11 years of age, and Boys 12 to 14 years of age. The girls events will be for the same age groups. Play in the Boys and Girls Tournament begins on Friday, July 23rd, at 2:00 P. M. and will continue through Saturday, July 24th at 9:00 A. M. Games will be played on the Highland Park High School tennis courts. Entry fee 25 cents per event. Winners will receive medals.

The Junior Tournament is for persons 14 years old but who have not reached their 18th birthday by January 1, 1948. Entry fee \$1.00 per person per event. Drawings made Saturday, July 24th and play beginning Monday, July 26th, on the High School Athletic Field tennis courts. Winners eligible to compete in the 1st Annual National Public Parks and Playground Tennis Championships at Los Angeles, California, August 8th - 15th.

The Adult Tournament is for persons 18 years of age and older and will be held on the High School courts July 26th to 31st. Entry fee \$1.00 per person per event. Entries close Saturday noon, July 24th. Drawings made and players notified Monday, July 26th.

For further information call the Playground and Recreation Department office at the Community Center (H. P. 2442).

REINER TO CONDUCT AT RAVINIA

Chilean Pianist Claudio Arrau To Make Ravinia Debut On Thursday

Yawl Is Wrecked On Ravinia Beach

The yawl "Niobe", well known to lake sailors, ended its career a total wreck on the treacherous Lake Michigan shore at Ravinia early Tuesday morning. Under the pounding of a strong northeast wind, by nightfall little remained but of a once sturdy yacht. The owner, Peter Huntington of River Forest, who was sailing single-handed, escaped without injury.

According to Huntington's story, he left Waukegan on Sunday afternoon headed for Chicago. The boat's motor was out of commission and in light winds he reached Ravinia Monday afternoon, where he tied up at the dock to obtain provisions. During the night a wind shift broke "Niobe's" mooring lines and despite the owner's frantic efforts the craft began to pound on the sand. During Tuesday morning the Wilmette Coast Guard attempted unsuccessfully to pull her off with a rescue boat. Shortly afterward the hull broke apart and soon fragments were strewn for hundreds of yards along the beach.

"Between Great Lakes and Wilmette there is no refuge for boats of this size," reported North Shore Yacht Club Commodore Avery Jones after an investigation of the loss. "Once again a serious accident has happened, pointing out need for a harbor."

"Niobe" was a veteran of many storms since her building in 1904. Her latest owner is a University of Chicago undergraduate who had spent months rebuilding and refitting the boat with the help of friends. The yacht had been put in the water only a few days before her tragic end.

Longwhile efforts of Highland Park yachtsmen to obtain city, state and federal aid in building a boat haven have been temporarily halted while priority is given to improvements to the boathouse and launching apparatus at Park Avenue beach.

Recreation Department Plans Trip To Cubs — Brooklyn Game

Howard Copp, Superintendent of Recreation, announced to all Highland Park boys and girls that the Recreation Department is sponsoring an all day trip to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs play the Brooklyn Dodgers on Tuesday, July 20th.

Buses will leave Sunset Park and Ravinia School at 9:30 A. M. Children should bring their lunch. The buses will stop at Lincoln Park for the lunch period.

The cost of the trip is \$1.25, which includes transportation and admission to the ball park.

Children may register for this trip at their local playgrounds or the Community Center. All registrations will close Saturday noon, July 17th.

Lions' Club President Appoints New Chairman

Committee chairman of the Lions club, recently appointed by Floyd Godfrey, president, are as follows:

Attendance, James Duncan; program, John Werheim; constitution and by-laws, Wayne Thomas; finance, Martin Hart; civic improvement, Dr. George G. Postels; safety, Edward Patten; initiation, Dr. A. J. Wurth; publicity, Robert Roebler; scholarship, Paul Olson; education, Ray Naegle; entertainment, Fred Schweiger; membership, Frank Keller; Lions education, G. J. Dinkelo; convention, Ray Sheehan; health and welfare, Dr. B. V. Reaney; sight conservation, Dr. H. E. Lang; youth, Howard Copp, and citizenship and patriotism, Harry Eichler.

Garino Accordion Band To Compete In Fete

One of the bands to take part in the Waukegan News-Sun music festival to be staged at Weins field, Waukegan, Sunday evening, August 1st, will be the Garino Accordion School Junior band of Highland Park.

Claudio Arrau, Chile's distinguished pianist, and Fritz Reiner, until recently conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, come to Ravinia for the fourth week of the Festival's thirteenth season, appearing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Reiner takes over the baton for his first Ravinia concert since 1937 on Tuesday evening (July 20) and Arrau makes his Ravinia debut Thursday evening (July 22). Arrau will also appear at the Sunday afternoon (July 25) concert.

The Chilean, who as a cultural envoy from his native country has established himself in the top ranks of musical artists in the past seven years, has chosen two Brahms concertos for his appearances on the North Shore. He will play the "Concerto for Piano and Violin, No. 1, D Minor, Opus 15" on Thursday evening and the "Concerto for Piano and Violin, No. 2, B Flat Major, Opus 83" on Sunday afternoon.

Conductor Reiner will open the Tuesday evening concert with



CLAUDIO ARRAU

Wagner's Prelude to "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg" and follow with the Strauss Tone Poem, "Don Juan," Opus 20. Ravel's "The Waltz" will complete the first half of the program and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4, F Minor, Opus 36" will occupy the second half.

Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms share the Thursday evening program. The Beethoven Overture, "Leonore," Opus 72 No. 2 opens the evening and Mozart's "Symphony, G Minor (Kochel 550)" follows. Arrau's performance of the Brahms Concerto No. 1 follows the intermission.

Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss are scheduled for Saturday evening, Reiner having chosen to present the Mozart overture to "Der Schauspieler" first that evening. Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4, B Flat Major, Opus 60" will follow and, after the intermission the Strauss Tone Poem, "Ein Heldenleben" Opus 40.

Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony D. Major, Opus 25" will be presented first at the Sunday afternoon concert, with Bartok-Weiner's "Two Rumanian Dances" and Ravel's "Orchestral Fragments 'Second Series'" from "Daphnis et Chloe" following.

Arrau will play the Brahms Second Concerto as the second half of the program.

Arrau, who makes his Ravinia debut this week, has appeared on several occasions with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall and won an enthusiastic local following. Sent to this country in 1941 as an emissary of the Chilean government, he made his American debut in Carnegie Hall and quickly rose to musical fame. He has appeared as soloist with all important symphony orchestras in this country during the seven years since then.

Fritz Reiner, who first came to this country from Europe in 1922, has had a distinguished career as a conductor and as head of the conducting and operatic departments of the Curtis Institute. From 1922 to 1931 he was conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, next spending several years as guest conductor in this country, as well as in Europe and South America. In 1938 he was appointed conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, a post he held for ten years.