

# The Highland Park Press

Highland Park's Official  
Newspaper

A Paper for Highland Parkers • Published by Highland Parkers

Vol. No. 28; No. 25

Highland Park, Illinois, Thursday, August 12, 1948.

5c a copy; \$1.50 a year

## Up To Now

BY BILL THOMAS

### • THE WORM MIGHT TURN

Despite the old saying concerning the worm turning, we don't think that situation obtains very often. Nevertheless, anything can happen—witness the tale of a pomeranian and a fire hydrant, chronicled recently in the daily papers. According to the story, the small dog halted alongside the fire hydrant at the precise instant that the hydrant burst. The resultant flood washed the dog clear across to the other side of the street.

That story, which possibly is apocryphal, may not carry much of a moral, but it does illustrate the point that the worm CAN turn; which brings us back to the subject of consumers and meat (and other) prices. As we stated a couple weeks ago, we haven't too much faith in the possibilities of the success of an organized consumers strike. Such a project smacks a bit of "regimentation", or "organization"—call it what you will—that isn't too readily accepted—yet—by the American people.

BUT—it could become a fad, and if it does . . .

Anyone who remembers Mah Jongg, the pogo stick, the Charleston, or any of the other scores of fads that America has weathered, knows to what fantastic lengths we Americans will go in following a fad. Brother, if it ever becomes "the thing to do" to turn up your nose and walk out (maybe with feeling comments yet!) when you are quoted a slightly outrageous price for a piece of meat or other merchandise, it would be nice to own a firm that had a corner on a good brand of headache pills.

Business has long known the power it exercises, under certain conditions, in regulating the supply of goods. The unions have learned the power they exercise in regulating the supply of labor. But if the consumers ever gain the full, heady knowledge of the power they can wield in regulating the demand . . . well, probably it won't happen, but it's interesting to speculate on the possible results.

### • LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Now is the time . . .

And there's still time . . .

To rid your vicinity of the picturesque growth of ragweed, goldenrod etc., now on the verge of scattering its sneeze-provoking pollen to the winds, making the next ten weeks of life a misery to those allergic to same.

If you are a hay fever addict, of course you have already acted. If you are not, it is easy to forget that a goodly percentage of your fellow citizens are in hot water anywhere from August 15 until the first frost. The most glorious season of the year is a period given over to the sneeze and the hanky.

You can perform a good neighbor service right here at home by getting after that vacant lot with its luxuriant crop of pollen-bearing weeds. There will be plenty without yours. Don't flaunt a red flag for those poor victims who must remain in town for this—to them—the most trying season of the year.

### Chamber To Hold Annual Golf Tournament At Sunset Club, Aug. 18

The annual outing and golf tournament of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, August 18, at the Sunset Valley Golf Club, golf after 1 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

There will be many prizes and other attractions for golfers, and a dinner, boasting both beef and ham as a foundation, will be served out-of-doors.

There will be door prizes, and for non-golfers a bocci ball tournament, gin rummy and bridge are planned—with prizes.

The committee, Henry Bernard, chairman, Emmett Moroney, Fred Gieser, Arthur Ropiequet and Clarence Shetzley, have spared no pains in planning fun and entertainment at this big event.

### Squirrels Have Field Day In Highland Park

The Playground and Recreation Department sponsored a peanut hunt at Sunset Park in Highland Park. The peanuts were hidden in trees and stumps on Thursday evening by the instructor, Miss Helen Piepenbrug. Friday morning the squirrels thought the party was for them because by the time the children's peanut hunt started, the squirrels had collected and eaten most of the peanuts.

### Angle Parking On St. Johns Avenue

The problem of angle versus parallel parking on St. Johns avenue was solved this week by a decision on the part of the city council to approve angle parking. The fact that the state highway department has no objection to this measure, coupled with the fact that parallel parking has proved a handicap to merchants on St. Johns avenue led to this measure.

A decision was also made to lease a parking lot, situated opposite the Alcyon theater, for free municipal parking space.

Under discussion, also, is the project of acquiring three other off-the-street parking spaces on Oakwood, First and Elm Place.

### Many Prizes Awarded At V.F.W. Carnival

A very astonished and delighted boy was Dene Melchiorre of 860 Taylor avenue when he found himself the lucky possessor of the 1948 Ford Sedan given away on Sunday evening at the V.F.W. carnival.

Equally delighted was Frank Supanich, High street, Highwood, who was awarded the much-coveted television set. The washing machine went to Melvin Miller, 366 Ravine drive.

Many other useful and acceptable articles were given away. A list of them and their recipients will appear in next week's edition.

### Expert Says "Keep Shore Line Going"

North Shore civic leaders Monday night heard William J. Hagenah, utilities expert of the Inter-Community Transport Committee, advise that this area needs the North Shore electric line, and that in the public interest it should be kept going.

"In the long run," said Hagenah, "it may be necessary to turn over the suburban electric line to a public agency such as the Chicago Transit Authority."

Electric railroads, the expert told the town fathers, are best adapted to handle mass transportation in a built-up area because they use private rights of way and make greater speed with frequent stops than is possible for steam, diesel or gasoline transport. He divided the problem of saving the electric road into two parts: first, keeping the service going by an interim plan, and secondly, a long-range program to re-establish commuter service on a lasting basis. Proposals aimed at these goals have already been advanced by the North Shore Chapter of American Veterans Committee and by individual citizens as well as the Wilmette Life and other newspapers.

A useful short-range improvement, the engineer predicted, would be to operate North Shore Line trains under the Transit Authority to pick up traffic within Chicago limits. Suburban trains as now operated empty rapidly south of Howard street, while elevated trains fill up. Arriving at the loop, North Shore cars are jammed. By cutting out the double-crew system, he suggested, and by sharing city traffic loads, both railroads would profit and the North Shore's rent on city tracks could be reduced. Hagenah recommended this solution as preferable to stopping North Shore trains at the city limits.

Lyle L. Richmond, Acting Village President, and W. C. Drager, newly appointed Village Manager, represented Kenilworth at Monday night's meeting at Winnetka Village Hall, bringing the total of shore communities actively interested to six. Robert Kingery, General Manager of the Chicago Regional Planning Association, was another official appearing for the first time. Village President William S. Warfield called the session to order, and his community was also represented by Village Manager Herbert L. Woolhiser. E. M. Knox of Highland Park took the place of Mayor Robert F. Patton, who was unable to be present due to Monday night's meeting of his city council. Others hearing Hagenah's report were Mayor John Giles and Business Manager Neil Campbell of Lake Forest; Village President John W. Arthur and Village Manager George R. Young of Glencoe; and Village President William H. Alexander and Trustee Ralph M. Smith of Wilmette.

Hagenah termed his report a preliminary study and promised further data at a meeting to be held in a few weeks' time. He stressed the need for speed in planning, since both railroads have said they are losing money, and the North Shore Line's trial operation period ends in December. North Shore Line President Bernard J. Fallon and North Western Railway President R. L. Williams, he said, are receptive to ideas for improvement.

### Improved Morgan Playground Will Become Reality This Year

Commencement of work recently on the Underpass beneath North Sheridan Road at Elm Place School will make it possible to proceed with construction of an extensive playground for Elm Place children, reports Mr. Francis D. Weeks, Chairman of the Morgan Playground Improvement Trust.

Plans drawn up by Mr. Bertram Weber, Architect, include larger playfields for football, baseball, soccer and track and tennis courts having an all-weather surface. A field house particularly adapted for use with the ice skating rink to be located on the playground is also included in the project.

It is now expected that the improvement work will be completed at an early date so that full use of Morgan Playground can be realized by Elm Place School children.

## HOLD SECOND ANNUAL WORKSHOP

### Second Annual Educational Workshop In District 107

Teachers of District 107 will soon be returning from their various summer activities to participate in the annual educational workshop which this year takes place during the period August 16th to September 3rd. Staff members of the Elm Place and Green Bay Road Schools will continue their work in several of the major subject matter and special fields. Some new areas of work have been chosen for special study and exploration. As in the previous year, teachers will be working in areas of greatest interest or practical value to them.

#### Parent Participation

Recognizing the fact that the job of developing an interesting, challenging, and sound learning environment for children is a joint enterprise, parents of Elm Place and Green Bay children have been invited to participate. Parent members of Workshop Committees have been suggested by P.T.A. Study Group Chairmen and P.T.A. Officers working with Dr. Dahle.

Special sessions have been scheduled for parents and new staff members at which some of last year's workshop committee reports will be considered. Reports on "Our Philosophy of Education," "Our Objectives," and "Principles of Learning and Teaching" will be reviewed and discussed. Other topics of particular interest to parents and new teachers will also be considered at these special sessions.

Parents will be serving with teachers on many of the workshop committees. These committees include those on "Adolescent Problems," "Home Visitation," "Report Forms and Conferences," "Parent-Teacher Relationships," and "Film Evaluation." On such committees as those concerned with "Patron Resources," "Community Resources," and "Housing," parents will assume major responsibility.

#### Opening Session

The opening session of the Workshop will be held at 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning, August 16th. Following the introduction of new staff members, Mr. Horace S. Vaile, President of the Board of Education, will give a word of welcome. At this session, announcements will be made relative to the organization of the workshop, committee membership, working centers, and special meetings.

#### Nationally Prominent Educators To Participate

The services of a number of nationally recognized leaders in

(Continued on page 2)

### N. Shore Hadassah Opens Membership Drive With Garden Party; Tea

On Wednesday, August 18, at 1 p.m. the beautiful gardens of Mrs. A. A. Lewis of 2707 So. Deere Park drive, Highland Park, will be the scene of North Shore Hadassah's opening membership tea and garden party. Mrs. Joseph Wertheimer, of Highland Park, president of the organization, welcomes friends and members to the gala afternoon.

Lilyan Blum, well known in Chicago and on the North Shore, will present the dramatization of "Born Yesterday". A graduate of Northwestern School of Speech, Miss Blum holds bachelor of science and master of arts degrees, and has worked with the Northwestern university theatre, Pasadena Playhouse and the Threshold Players of Glencoe, where she starred as "Joan" in "Joan of Lorraine". During the past two years she has dramatized "State of the Union," "Dream Girl," "All My Sons," "Finian's Rainbow," and many others. Her great versatility and charm promise delightful entertainment.

An informative and interesting summary of the importance of Hadassah's work with relation to contemporary world conditions will also be presented at this time.

Mrs. Charles Levitz of Winnetka, membership chairman of North Shore Hadassah, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. A. A. Lewis of Highland Park, Mrs. Norman Schlosberg of Glencoe, Mrs. Gerald Marco of Wilmette and Mrs. Joseph Schiff of Evanston will be happy to hear from all friends of Hadassah.

## Highland Park District To Hold Referendum August 14th; Voting Places Named

### Chamber of Commerce Discusses Wage Law

#### To All Local Retail Employers:

On and after August 12, 1948, the MINIMUM FAIR WAGE LAW will become effective in this State.

This law means that all women and minors employed in any retail trade or occupation must be paid a minimum wage rate of not less than fifty-five cents (55c) per hour. The exception to the law is that apprentices and learners having no previous experience in a similar or related employment may be paid forty-five (45c) for a period of not more than three months.

There are numerous provisions that must be taken into account; such as tips, meals, uniforms, etc., which shall not be counted as part of the employee's wages.

You are required to keep certain accurate records as to each employee and we therefore suggest that you call at our office for a copy of this Directive so as to become thoroughly familiar with every provision made compulsory by the law.

It shall be our pleasure to give any additional help you may need.

Highland Park  
Chamber of Commerce

### City Council Approves New Traffic Signals

An ordinance calling for the installation of one regular traffic light and two warning beacons was passed this week by the city council.

Traffic at the intersection of Central avenue and Green Bay road will be regulated by a traffic light, and flashing amber beacons will be installed at St. Johns avenue and Sheridan place; also at the intersection of Cedar, Dean and Sheridan road.

The estimated cost for these features approximates \$5,800, funds therefore to be provided by the motor fuel tax funds, subject to the approval of the state.

### Cost of Building Climbs In H. Park

According to the report of City Building Inspector Philip E. Cole, permits were issued for 61 building operations, in Highland Park, valued at \$1,849,096 during July, 1948.

\$868,000 of this amount is for the new Illinois Bell Telephone building on No. Second street. The cost of the new hardware store being erected on So. Second street by Watt & O'Neill, is estimated at \$25,000. One apartment building is valued at \$140,000, 22 one-family dwellings at \$395,898, four private garages at \$6,900 and alterations on 10 single-family dwellings at \$17,400.

During July, 1947, 33 permits were issued, at a total valuation of \$322,282.

### Lions To Enjoy Color Movie Today

The next regular meeting of the Highland Park Lion's Club will be held at the Moraine Hotel at 12:15 P.M., today, August 12th.

The program will be the showing of a movie in color entitled "Clean Waters" by the General Electric Co. The picture was secured through the efforts of Lion Ed Weeks and Lion Robert Slayback will provide and operate the movie equipment.

City and Sanitary officials have been invited to attend as guests of the club.

The Highland Park Lions club outing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 at Sunset. There will be golf for the so-inclined, and other forms of entertainment for the non-golfers.

### Innovations At Post Office

Two new conveniences have recently been inaugurated at the Highland Park Post Office.

One is a curb, drive-in letter drop, attached to post in front of the post office facing out and at such height as to permit patrons to drive up and mail their letters without getting out of their car.

A copy of the Ordinance providing for a Park District referendum to be held on August 14 appeared in the July 15th issue of this paper as a legal notice. In the issues of July 22 and August 5 appeared statements by the District which discussed the revenue requirements and in the latter issue a specimen ballot was published. Voting precincts and polling places are described below.

In this referendum the Park District is asking for the right to levy \$35,000.00 for its General Operating Fund, the revised Butler Tax Bills having cut the District's levy to an amount even less than was levied in the depression years.

Spendthrift operation has never been a charge made against the Park District. When the 1946 levy of \$29,000.00 was made possible by the Butler Bills in their original form there was hope on the part of the Board members that a request for increase could be deferred for a time. With the revised Bills reducing the levy to \$19,600.00 and with further increases in costs occurring it is now evident that something must be done. The \$35,000.00 requested is in all probability less than is required to cover the more than 100 per cent cost increase and the increased requirements resulting from a population growth of 30 per cent since 1930. A judicial use, however, of the requested income may make it possible to provide an acceptable quality of service.

**Functions of the Park District**  
In addition to its more obvious function of maintaining some twenty park plots, which include the more generally known play areas of Sunset Park, Lincoln School Park and Central Park, the District operates the Public Beaches, the Municipal Golf Course and provides skating during the winter season. The Golf Course is now self-supporting and should remain so. The fine sum—  
(Continued on page 5)

### Christian Science Lecture

The members of this and neighboring communities will have another opportunity to attend a free lecture on Christian Science. The local Christian Science church is host, and in order that there may be room for all, this summer lecture is being held in the Elm Place School Auditorium. Archibald Carey, C.S.B. of Detroit will lecture on the subject of "Christian Science: How It Can Help You". The date is Thursday evening of next week, August 19th at 8 o'clock in the evening. All are most cordially invited to attend.

### Legion Auxiliary To Meet September 2 At Legion Club Rooms

The next meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Club Rooms on N. Sheridan Road, on Thursday night September 2, 1948 at 8:00 P. M.

The following officers will be installed for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ellery Harvey; Vice President, Mrs. Chris Mathiesen; Second Vice Pres., Miss Mary Picchietti; Secretary, Mrs. Phillip Cole; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Kortendick; Historian, Mrs. Herman Leuer; Sergeant-at-arms, Miss Ruth Reutenwald; Chaplain, Mrs. Bernard Sheehy.

The installing Officers will include the outgoing District Director, Mrs. Alma Callanan of Gurnee, Illinois.

The City has set off a "No Parking" space for just this purpose.

The other is the installation of the latest type of automatic stamp vending machine in the lobby, to dispense stamps at face value. Thru its use, patrons will be spared the delay of standing in line during rush hours; and it will permit them to purchase stamps when the stamp windows are closed, namely Saturday afternoon, Sundays and holidays, as well as evenings up to 8 P. M., when the lobby is closed.

Post office patrons are invited to try these new services.

Daniel L. Cobb, Postmaster