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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• POST MORTEM

Now that it's all over, all of us second-guessers can get up and try to explain how it was that what happened was what none of us expected to happen. Now we can opine that "it is obvious" that the man in the street was more interested in Truman's attacks, verbal attacks, that is, on high prices, than he was in Dewey's homilies on unity.

We can also remember, if we have any sense of humor, remarks such as one that appeared in this column a couple of weeks ago to the effect that "we will take a nice quiet campaign and be on a winner." However, just to take the bad taste out of our mouth, we can also recall at least one time when we were right. That was on June 24, when we said:

"As this is written, we don't know who will get the Republican nomination. Whoever is nominated will do well to avoid becoming infected with the 'we can win with anyone' attitude. That attitude leads to the 'we can win with anything' attitude..."

Yeah, we were right when we said that, but we draw the curtain of charity over some subsequent remarks. Move over, brother, we, too, knew that it was in the bag for Dewey.

• CENSORSHIP

Public prints chronicle the news that one of our municipal neighbors is considering entering the fray to ban comic books. We think that if all the comic books we have ever seen were eliminated, the loss to anyone would be infinitesimal and that the good accomplished might even be measurable.

But—censorship is an unpredictable thing. Sometimes it accomplishes ends unforeseen even by its well-meaning creators. Suppose, for example, the lawmakers in their wisdom set up a law reading something like this, "It shall be unlawful to print, publish or offer for sale, any book, picture book or pamphlet portraying murder, mischief or chicanery."

Well on that basis, a book telling how one brother cheated another out of his inheritance would be banned; a tale relating how a young man, irked with his neighbors, caught 300 foxes, tied them together, two-by-two by their tails, tied burning torches to their tails and then loosed them in his neighbor's cornfields, would be banned; the story of how a young man, before he was killed by one of his father's servants, contrived the death of his brother, for good reason, would be banned.

And we'd like to see what happened should they try to enforce the ban, for the book which contains all of these tales is the Bible. (See Genesis, chapter 27, verses 15 to 24, for the story of how Jacob cheated his brother, Esau of his inheritance; see Judges, chapter 15, verses 4 and 5, for Samson's caper with the foxes; see Second Samuel, chapter 13, for details on how and why Absalom had his brother, Amnon, killed.

We thoroughly agree that the production of comic books is pretty much a waste of paper and ink and that the reading of them is a waste of anyone's time. Nevertheless, we aren't at all sure that censorship is the answer. An intelligent program designed to elevate the reader's taste (and it wouldn't have to elevate it very much) probably would be no more expensive, and much more effective. Of course, censorship is the easy answer, which brings to mind another comment.

We recently saw an ad on a new type of non-breakable phonograph record. According to the ad, a great advantage of this record is the fact that you can let Junior whack it with a hammer and the record won't be hurt. Well, that's another easy answer, but we'll bet that Junior will have a lot less grief when he grows up if he learns, maybe by having his rear end whacked with a stout hairbrush, that he can't go around whacking things, records included, with a hammer, or anything else.

Ravinia Women To See Travelogue "This Is France"

"This is France" is the title of a travelogue that Alfred Wolff, artist photographer, lecturer and world traveler, will give before the monthly meeting of the Ravinia Woman's club on Wednesday, November 10, at 2 p.m. at the Ravinia Village house.

Besides his other accomplishments, Mr. Wolff is a former naval aviator, newspaper writer and radio and television commentator. He studied at the University of Wisconsin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Euro-

pean schools.

"This is France" is a dynamic post-war portrayal of the people of Paris and the northern provinces in a feature length color film.

The culture, art and tradition of Paris are nicely blended with the picture book scenes of Alsace-Lorraine, the fishing villages of Brittany, fantastic Mount St. Michel in Normandy and the historic cathedral at Reims.

Following Mr. Wolff's lecture, tea will be served by the house committee headed by Mrs. Arthur Schramm, chairman, and assisted by Mrs. Hugh Hemingway, Mrs. Edward Kapalka, Mrs. Constantine Scassellati and Mrs. W. K. Wilner.

Halloween Artistry Excites Much Comment And Admiration

Store windows are again in the clear; merchants can see out and passersby can see in. But what interesting and awe-inspiring sights have been erased to make this possible. Witches, goblins, black cats—and on the other hand, timely decorations for particular shop windows.

For instance, an immense shoe, appropriately decorated, appeared on the large window of a shoe repairing shop... jack-o'-lanterns wearing saucy hats graced a millinery store. On the windows of the building which will house the new Stevens store was the professionally drawn "Injun Summer" for which John T. McCutcheon will ever be affectionately remembered.

In the opinion of the judges, the best display produced by the young artists was that on the window of Maiman's Barber shop, 381 Roger Williams avenue. A close second was that at Golden Motors on 106 So. First street. And close upon its heels came the picture at Arnold Peterson's Heating and Plumbing company, 365 Roger Williams.

As is the case in all competitive projects, the decisions were hard come by. Such a wealth of clever material to choose from is a real headache to judges.

The contest was sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Highland Park, with Mr. Harold Bridges chairman of the special committee.

Illinois To Adopt Safety Lane Plan Used In Highland Park

In a letter received by Mr. E. L. Gilroy, Chairman of the Traffic Commission, from Gov. Dwight H. Green, the Governor complimented Highland Park on the highly successful results obtained during Safety Week when almost 1000 local cars passed through the State Safety Lane which was set up by the State Highway Department during three days of that week.

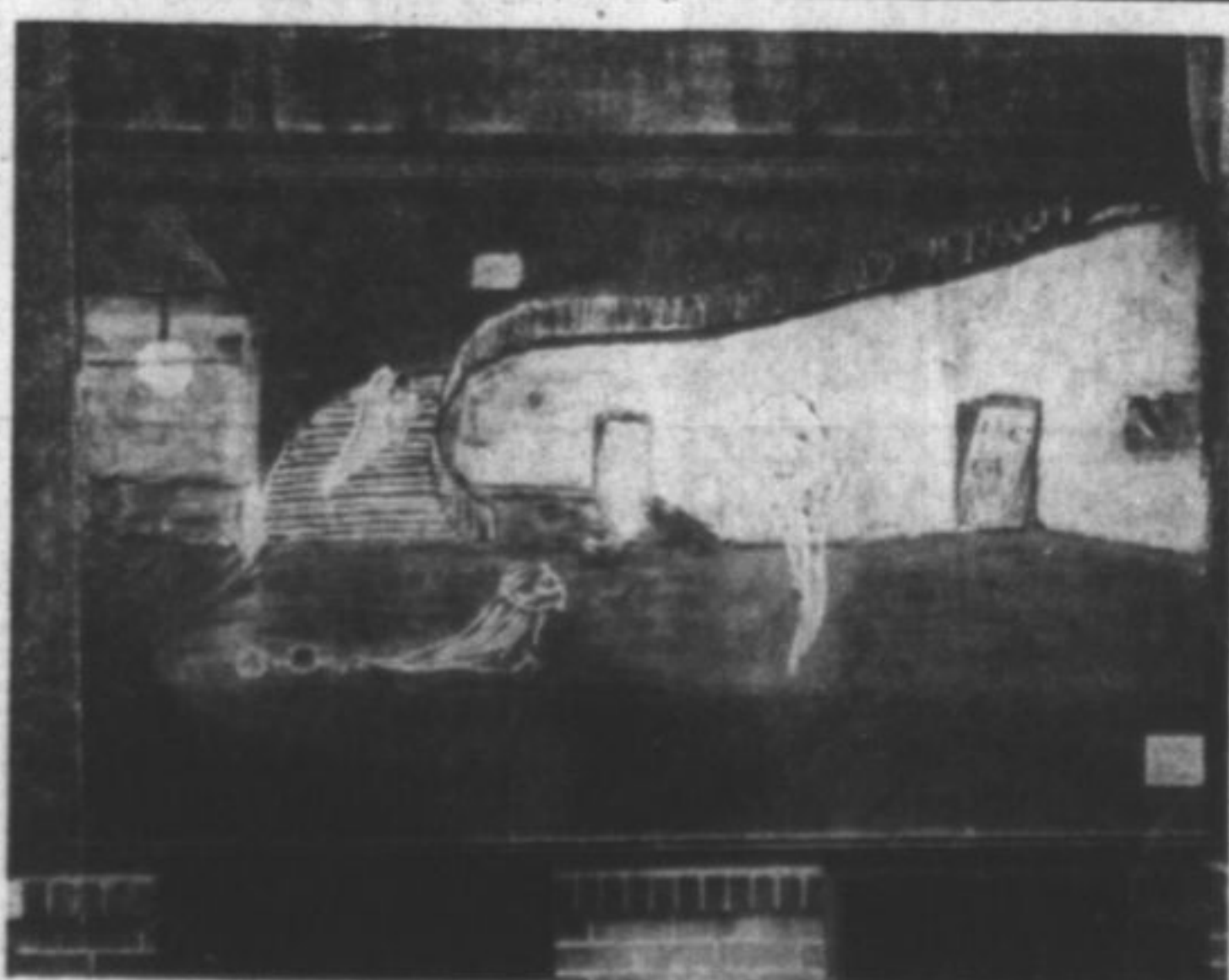
His compliments were extended to the Traffic Commission for its effective work in safety, the Highland Park Post of the American Legion for sponsoring the Annual Safety Week, and especially to the children in the upper grades of the local grammar schools and the parochial school for the results they accomplished in securing pledges from car owners to pass their cars through the safety lane.

So successful has the plan proven that the State Highway Commission has requested a copy of the plan, and the Governor writes that he feels making it available to other communities throughout the State will prove most helpful.

Miss Cook's class, 6th grade Elm Place School as announced last week, were the winners and the engraved plaque honoring them will be presented at an appropriate ceremony at Elm Place Assembly, Friday afternoon, Nov. 5th.

Federal Agents Break Up Narcotic Ring

Indictments were returned last week before Federal Judge John P. Barnes of Chicago charging three men with peddling marijuana and heroin to college students in the Springfield, Illinois, area. Named were Harry A. Winefield, 24, of Highland Park and two Chicago musicians.



The above Halloween drawing, which appeared on a Ravinia shop window, was, in the opinion of the judges, outstanding, from the standpoint of originality and imagination.

H.P.H.S. FALL PLAY ON SATURDAY

Unusual Type Of Farce To Be Given Saturday Evening, Nov. 6

The stage crew has put the finishing touches on the scenery to be used Saturday evening at 8:15, in connection with the presentation of the fall play, "Ladies of the Jury" in the high school auditorium.

Many students, each specializing in his own field, are working under the direction of Mr. McLaughlin and Miss Marquart. These groups have been on the job an average of three periods a day since school began in order to get ready for the production. Added to this time are the hours spent after school on Saturdays.

There are two stage sets, the first being a court room scene, and the second a jury room. The story is about a woman on trial for her life, and you will be interested in the plot and conclusion.

The stage sets are very effective, thanks to the stage crew and Drama classes.

Mr. McLaughlin has worked very hard with his stage crew, and the results will be well appreciated Saturday night.

There will be music furnished by the school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Finch.

Members of the cast of this unusual farce type of play are as follows:

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Chamber Honors High School Team

Members of the Highland Park High School varsity football team will be dinner guests of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club.

For a good number of years it has been the custom of the local business men to pay tribute to the youth of our community by inviting the school team and the coaches to a meeting devoted exclusively to football. The High School team this year has a fine record and our community is justifiably proud of the individual members and the coaches.

Mr. Ted Payseur, Director of Athletics at Northwestern University, will be the guest speaker; and following his remarks concerning highlights and story-telling of Big Nine football, will show the film of the thrilling Northwestern-Minnesota game. Northwestern, as we all know, has an outstanding team this year and appears headed for the famous Rose Bowl game at Pasadena.

Chamber members always look forward to this annual program designed to continue the friendly relationship between the business men, the High School and the student body.

Highland Park Man Honored

Howard Copp, of 1225 Sunnyside In., was elected president of the Illinois Recreation association at a meeting held Sunday in Quincy, it was announced here today.

New recreation association officers elected were John Ludlum, Maywood, and Earl Jungerich, Urbana, vice-president; Francis Shuster, secretary, and Charles Byrnes, Evanston, treasurer.

COMUNITY CONCERTS PRESENT CLEVELAND SYMPHONY NOV. 12

Highland Park Stays In Republican Column

While President Truman's slashing political campaign was paying off vote dividends in most of the rest of the nation, and while the persistent campaigns waged by Adlai Stevenson and Paul Douglas were swinging a majority of Illinois areas into the Democratic column Tuesday, Highland Park remained a citadel of Republicanism although the race for the governorship showed that hundreds of nominal republicans crossed over into the Democratic column to vote for Stevenson.

In Highland Park's 14 precincts, Dewey led his party with 4,858 votes, to Truman's 1,584, on the basis of unofficial returns. Brooks carried the city with 3,947 votes to 2,539 for Douglas. Green eked out an exceedingly slim victory of 150 votes, with a total of 3,361 to 3,211 for Stevenson.

In the county race, Wilnot took every precinct from Cermak, in the contest for Circuit Court Clerk; Fredbeck, running for Recorder of Deeds, took all precincts from Lind; Hall, States Attorney, lost three of the 14 precincts to Moore, a Highland Parker; Leaf, Coroner, won all precincts from Wray; Pearsall, County Auditor, took all precincts from Estes, and Christian, Sheriff, won all precincts from Dyer.

Lake county as a whole, also remained true to its post-Civil war tradition, and rolled up majorities for all Republican candidates.

Thorney Vetoes Any Hope For Electric

Chances of saving the North Shore electric road are now up to the towns' own efforts, it became apparent this week. Despite tagging of a December 15th stockholders' meeting call as "precautionary", North Shore Line president Bernard J. Fallon through a spokesman refused to sanction a suggestion that other possibilities than junking are still open to the road's management.

"To say that abandonment of this portion of the railroad is not inevitable would serve no good purpose and might lead to further public misunderstandings," declared the line's public relations director C. Edward Thorney of Highland Park.

Thorney's statement came in answer to an inquiry by Everett L. Millard, vice-chairman of the North Shore Chapter of American Veterans Committee. The liberal ex-GI group has been among the civic organizations seeking a long-range traffic solution for the shore line suburbs.

According to Millard, this leaves it squarely up to the Inter-Community Transport Committee, recently formed by mayors and presidents of six north shore towns, to map moves for taking over the lines under public ownership. Headed by Village President William G. Warfield III of Winnetka, the mayors' group includes officials of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park and Lake Forest. William J. Hagenah of Glencoe has undertaken to work out engineering recommendations for economy, reduced overhead and improved service by means of integrated operations with the North Western Railway and Chicago Transit Authority lines.

"We urge upon the mayors' committee the need for immediate action," Millard said. "Private management either can't or won't take necessary steps to reorganize the electric railroad on an efficient basis. The towns must tackle this job—and at once."

H. L. Kennicott Re-elected To Kemper Junior Board

The re-election of H. L. Kennicott of 335 North Linden Street, Highland Park, Illinois to the Kemper Insurance Junior Board was announced today by James S. Kemper, chairman of Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Co. and other companies in the insurance fleet bearing his name.

Music Students To Benefit By Generosity Of Music Patrons

Allotment of Community Concerts scholarships to the Highland Park high school and the various grade and parochial schools is being made as fast as the scholarships are purchased, according to Mrs. Harry L. Canmann, chairman of the scholarship committee of Community Concerts association.

Individuals or organizations who plan to donate to the scholarship fund but which have not yet done so may send their checks to Mrs. Lester G. Britton, 733 Princeton avenue, in order that as many children as possible may hear the first concert of the season Nov. 12—that of George Szelland the Cleveland Symphony orchestra.

The number of tickets received by each school is pro-rated according to the number of students enrolled according to H. N. Finch, head of the high school music department, who is in charge of distribution of the scholarships. High school or 8th grade students with a serious interest in music are then chosen for the awards by their music supervisors.

No one young musician will be given a complete season scholarship, Mr. Finch pointed out. Separate awards will be made for each concert with the idea of having each child hear the kind of music most interesting to him. Folding chairs will be set up in the orchestra pit of the high school auditorium to accommodate the scholarship holders.

Mrs. Canmann's scholarship committee includes Mrs. Arlen J. Wilson, Mrs. Sidney Schwarz, Mrs. Walter H. Rietz, Mrs. Leo Sheridan, Mrs. I. N. Greenberg, and Mrs. Ernest W. Sundell.

H. P. Hospital Foundation Announces Choice Of New Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Hospital Trustees held Monday evening, October 25th, at the Highland Park Hospital, the following individuals were elected for the three-year term ending 1951: R. S. Alexander, Ernest A. Belmont, Carl G. Bingham, Jean Alice Butz, Joseph B. Garnett, Charles F. Grimes, Kenneth H. Kraft, Kenneth B. Lacy, D. Dean McCormick, John M. Montgomery, Albert Pick, Jr., Mrs. Charles Rubens, Morton G. Schamberger, Lewis B. Sinclair, and Mrs. Werner A. Wieboldt.

Mrs. Richard J. Loewenthal was elected for the unexpired term ending in 1950, and Mr. Joseph H. Caro was elected for the unexpired term ending in 1949.

Following the election of the Trustees, the Board of Managers was elected to serve for a period of one year: Frank F. Selfridge, Stanley R. Clague, Mrs. Francis M. Knight, Charles F. Grimes, A. E. Patton, Albert Y. Bingham, Mrs. Richard J. Loewenthal, Martin C. Hart, Spencer R. Keare, Samuel R. Rosenthal, and Ernest H. Volwiler.

Notice To All Highland Park Residents

If you must burn leaves, for the safety of yourself and your neighbors' property please use caution. Do not burn on windy days and when you burn keep your leaf piles small and have a garden hose out and ready. Due to the extreme dry condition and our limited man power please help your Fire Department control this very serious condition. We can only handle so many fires at one time. We may be out on a leaf fire when you may have the misfortune of your home being on fire, and the delay in our getting there would prove costly. Clean all leaves out of your gutters and valleys on your roof. A spark from a leaf fire may lodge there and your entire roof may burn off before help arrives. Thanking all Highland Parkers for their help and cooperation so far this fall I sincerely hope that it will continue.

William J. Hennig
Fire Marshal