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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • BOOKS AND TWO BOOK CLUBS

The past few years have seen a veritable rash of book clubs in this country, until there is now a book club to suit almost any specialized taste.

For the past few years, we've belonged to two of them, and we think these two clubs meet the requirements of any booklover, with the possible exception of those possessed of sufficient green stuff to come up with \$10 or more per volume.

The two we've settled on are The Heritage Club and the Book-of-the-Month Club.

The Heritage Club specializes in the production of beautifully illustrated, well-printed and finely-bound editions of the classics—books designed to build a really fine library which will be a source of real and enduring enjoyment. These volumes are illustrated by top-notch artists, and feature what is probably some of the finest typography being turned out today.

Some of the titles issued in the past few years are: MOBY DICK, THE DECAMERON, NANA, JOHN BROWN'S BODY, MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY, RETURN OF THE NATIVE, BEO WOLF, THE COMPLEAT ANGLER, THE BOOK OF JOB and THE BOOK OF RUTH.

Nothing, of course, is perfect, and the drawback (albeit a minor one) to Heritage Club membership, is a little four-page folder, called "The Sandglass" which is sent out with each volume. It has as its apparent purpose, the intention of describing the volume it accompanies, but it is written with an attempted "light touch" which falls flat—so flat that it results in a sort of adolescent, tongue-in-the-cheek, pseudo-sophisticated babbling that produces nothing so much as a not too faint feeling of nausea.

Nevertheless, although the description of the books leaves almost everything to be desired, the books themselves are superb.

The Book-of-the-Month Club is an entirely different proposition. As the Heritage Club confines itself to issuing editions of those books which time has proved to be enduring additions to the literature of the world, Book-of-the-Month picks those which, it thinks, are certainly of present importance, possibly of permanent importance.

Thus, members who received Winston Churchill's THE GATHERING STORM, got an excellent book of lasting importance; those who passed up Betty Smith's TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER, didn't miss anything at all.

As we said before, nothing is perfect, etc. Our biggest gripe on the Book-of-the-Month, is, that as far as we are concerned, it might better be called "The Book-of-Last-Month Club." For instance, the December selection was Eisenhower's CRUSADE IN EUROPE. We've been seeing it on the book stands since December 1, but if past performance is any criterion, the book will be delivered about the last week in January.

### Lions Plan Bingo At Masonic Temple For January 15

The Highland Park Lions club will hold a games and bingo party in the Masonic Temple on Saturday, January 15. Proceeds of the party will go toward the Scholarship Fund.

No admission will be charged and everyone is invited.

There will be a grand prize of a General Electric Television set, besides two table radios.

W. J. Seguin is general chairman for the affair.

### Kiwanians To Hear Debate By Team From L. Forest College

Monday, January 10, will be Ladies' Night at the Kiwanis club. There will be installation of new officers, and program sponsor, Fred Richman, has planned for a debate given by a team from Lake Forest college, under the direction of Robert C. Martin, member of the department of speech. Members of the team are: Eleanor Ditta, Barbara Hahn, Bruce Larson and Douglas Schwegel.

Last Monday evening Mr. James L. Supple, religious editor of the Chicago Sun-Times, and authority on the German situation, gave a very enlightening talk on the present condition and the future of Germany.

### Discussion of 1948 Events At Temple

"The Best Events of 1948" provide the basis of Dr. Edgar E. Siskin's sermon at the January 7th services of North Shore Congregation Israel. From the crowded pages of 1948 Dr. Siskin will sift the events which, in retrospect, rate as "best" from his point of view.

On Saturday, January 8, at 11 o'clock Dr. Siskin will conduct the Bar Mitzvah Service for Robert Allen Bogoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bogoff, of Highland Park.

North Shore Congregation Israel is located at the corner of Lincoln and Vernon Avenues in Glencoe. Services are held every Friday night at 8:15 o'clock and visitors are always cordially welcome.

"A Program of Learning" for its adult membership was initiated by North Shore Congregation Israel last Tuesday night, January 4, and will be continued on Tuesday nights for the next eight weeks.

### North Shore Forum To Present Eleanor Roosevelt

The North Shore Forum plans to present Eleanor Roosevelt on Tuesday, March 15, at 8:15 p.m. at the New Trier High school. Tickets are now on sale at the North Shore Temple office. No phone or mail orders taken.

## Council Rejects Bids For Linden Bridge Repairs

All bids for repairing the Linden avenue bridge were rejected by the City Council, on Monday night, as excessive. The low bid submitted, by the Brinkham Company, Elmhurst, Ill. was \$32,195.24. Commissioner Oliver Turner recommended that the city undertake temporary repairs of its own.

A motion to seek permission from the state highway department to install four flasher-type warning lights near school crossings on Green Bay road, was approved by the Council, the lights to be stationed at Elm Place, Deerfield avenue, Bob O'Link road and Marion avenue, at an estimated cost of \$4000.

The underpass construction recently completed at Elm Place school at Sheridan road was also approved by the Council, in accordance with the request of the State Highway department.

## Memorial Services Held In Louisville For James B. Rice

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, December 22, in Louisville, Kentucky, for S/Sgt. James Brownlee Rice of Wilmette, formerly of Highland Park, who lost his life in action in September, 1944, over Holland.

He was 26 years of age. His remains were recently returned to this country for reburial.

Born in Highland Park, and a graduate of the Deerfield Shields High school, he entered service in March, 1942, and was graduated from the Army Air Forces Radio school at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

He was awarded the Air medal, the Purple Heart, and a Presidential unit citation. In private life he was a member of the Wilmette Masonic lodge No. 931, AF and AM.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Elson G. Rice of Wilmette, and one sister, Mrs. John D. Miller of Chicago.

## Presbyterian Church Plans Open House For Parents

Sunday afternoon, January 9, the Presbyterian Church will hold an Open House for the parents of the children in the Sunday Church School. There is a three-fold purpose: 1. To receive their new parent's magazine for the new quarter; 2. To ask any questions concerning the use of the curriculum in their homes and; 3. To meet the teachers of their children.

The Open House will begin at 3:30 and end at 5:00. Refreshments will be served. Hot chocolate will be served for the children who come.

There will be two special departmental meetings at 4:00. The parents of Kindergarten children and Junior children will meet in their respective rooms.

## Ravinia Woman's Club Presents Irving Pflaum At Next Meeting

Irving Pflaum, foreign correspondent, journalist and radio commentator, will give what promises to be one of the outstanding programs of the year for the Ravinia Woman's club when he appears before them on Wednesday, January 12 at 2 p.m. at the Village house. "1949—Year of the Big Decision" will be the title of his talk.

Mr. Pflaum is one of the outstanding authorities in Chicago on world affairs. A graduate of the University of Chicago, his career began 18 years ago in Europe. Starting in Rome, he spent eight or nine years in Italy, Spain, Paris and the Balkan countries and covered the Spanish revolution as a reporter for the United Press. Ten years ago he joined the Chicago Times as foreign correspondent and is now Foreign Editor of the Sun Times.

Just last year Mr. Pflaum covered assignments in Germany,

## Red Cross Needs Many Volunteers Can You Help?

Scores of daytime volunteers must be recruited to serve as Red Cross gray ladies in the U. S. Naval, Veterans Administration, Ft. Sheridan Station, U. S. Marine, Children's Memorial, Cook County, Provident, and the University of Illinois Hospitals. A class to train new gray ladies will open at Chicago Chapter Red Cross headquarters, 529 South Wabash Avenue, on January 17. Applicants should phone Wabash 2-7850, Exts. 160-163, for an appointment for a personal interview.

Red Cross assignments vary with each volunteer's tastes and talents. Some of the new recruits will teach hospitalized veterans and servicemen how to handtool leather, make plastic jewelry, weave rugs on handlooms, carve wood, and draw. Women with no previous knowledge of handicrafts will be given special Red Cross training.

Other volunteers, already skilled musicians, will teach patients how to play the piano and other musical instruments in the Veterans Administration Hospital's music room. Others will help to man Red Cross libraries in both civilian and federal hospitals.

Some gray ladies are assigned to read to convalescents, wheel invalids around the hospital's grounds for daily airings, write letters for those unable to handle their own correspondence, and do the patients' personal shopping. Volunteers who are talented in the recreation field help to plan ward parties, games, and contests.

Volunteers who prefer to work with children are assigned to Children's Memorial Hospital and the University of Illinois Hospitals. The regular gray lady training course includes lessons in the techniques of scientific child play. Students learn to turn the child's attention from himself and his illness to new, creative ideas.

Classes also will open early in the new year to train volunteers for the Red Cross staff aide and motor services.

Women who are experienced in office work will be assigned to Red Cross offices in Chicago area.

The volunteer with a driver's license will transport convalescent veterans and servicemen to and from trains and planes and hospitals on request; take busloads of entertainers to the hospitals, etc.

Women who can give daytime volunteer service are urged to apply now by phoning Wabash 2-7850, Ext. 159.

### Red Cross Home Nursing Classes

There still are a few empty chairs in the classrooms of the free Red Cross home nursing courses which will open soon at Chicago Chapter Red Cross headquarters, 529 South Wabash Avenue. Students may enroll for classes which will begin on January 11, 12, 26, and February 1.

## Need \$72,000 More For Hospital Fund; Final Goal Set For \$750,000

### Landing Of Jewel Tea To Address Chamber Tuesday, Jan. 10

Mr. Franklin J. Lunding, President of the Jewel Tea Company, will be the guest speaker at the monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club. The subject of his address will be: "OUR PREWAR BOSS IS SUPREME AGAIN."

A resident of Highland Park since 1936, Mr. Lunding joined the Jewel organization in 1931 as general counsel. He moved rapidly through various executive positions and since 1942 has served as president.

Chamber members are fortunate indeed for the opportunity of hearing Mr. Lunding, truly one of the nation's leading business executives. Under his guidance and administration, the Jewel Food Stores have become an outstanding merchandising unit throughout the mid-west area.

Mr. Lunding is well known locally for his school and civic work. He has distinguished himself with various Chicago business organizations and only last week was honored in being appointed a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

### Modern Dance Classes At Community Center Start Winter Term

Miss Madge Friedman, instructor in modern dance at the Community Center, has announced that the winter term will begin on January 11. Classes will be held on Tuesdays for the next ten weeks.

The adult modern dance and rhythm exercise group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Classes for children will be as follows: 3:15 p.m. kindergarten age; 4:00 p.m. lower grade school and 5:00 p.m. upper grade school and high school students.

Registrations may be made at any time, or further information secured, by calling the Recreation Office in the Community Center (H. P. 2442).

### Police Officers Request Increase In Salary

Formal request was made last Monday evening, after the adjournment of the City Council, for an increase in the salary of members of the police force. The present salary of a patrolman is \$2,800 per annum. Patrolman Ray Lange, who acted as spokesman for the group of ten, mentioned no specific amount.

Mayor Robert F. Patton promised that the request would receive consideration by the Council, although no action could be taken before May, when appropriations are made for the year.

### Lake Bluff Orphanage Pictures To Be Shown Tonight at Wesley Church

At the meeting of the Friendship Circle of the Wesley Methodist Church, North avenue and Lauretta place, pictures of the Lake Bluff Orphanage will be shown, tomorrow night, (Friday, Jan. 7) at 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Alice Olson will be hostess. This meeting is to be held at the Highwood Church.

### Lions Clubs Story To Be Heard Over WLS At 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13

On Thursday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. Ted Malone, popular radio broadcaster, will devote his program to the story of the Lions Clubs. This popular program is heard each week day over 213 stations of the American Broadcasting Company.

berg, co-chairman, and the following members: Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Jr., Mrs. J. William Geoch, Mrs. H. F. Henrickson and Mrs. Walter Hodge.

### 213 Contributors Have Donated Over \$1,000 Each

Since November, when the Building Fund Drive for the Highland Park Hospital was resumed, more than \$48,000 have been contributed by public spirited citizens, increasing the previously reported total to \$678,000. Approximately \$72,000 has yet to be raised before the goal of \$750,000 is reached.

The total of "\$1,000 and up" contributors now stands at 213, including 18 names added to the list since November. It is interesting to note that 21 people who previously gave over \$1,000 have made additional contributions in the last 2 months.

"This remarkable record," states Howell W. Murray, chairman of the building fund committee, "demonstrates what the citizens of the North Shore think of the health-protecting service that the Highland Park Hospital is providing for the benefit of the community. We, whose job it is to gather the funds for the hospital's needed enlargement, will continue our efforts until our goal is reached. We welcome contributions of any size, because we know that all our citizens will want to be represented in this great community effort, whether they give much or little. We appeal particularly to any of our new neighbors who have not yet contributed, and remind them that their gifts can be spread over a 3-year period."

Construction of the hospital's new 50-bed wing will begin in the Spring. The enlarged new obstetrical department has been completed, the new heating plant is now being built and the hospital has just purchased a 4-acre tract, adjoining on the west, to provide adequate off-the-street parking for the enlarged hospital.

Contributions may be addressed to the Hospital at 645 Home-wood Avenue, or to Mr. Murray at 31 N. Linden Avenue, Highland Park.

### New High In Romance Attained By H. Park High School Girl

A new high in romance was achieved recently by Eunice Cronkhite, 16-year-old student at Highland Park high, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cronkhite, 36 Deerfield place, when she became engaged on Christmas day, by proxy, to 20-year-old Charles R. Marty, of the Marine corps, now stationed at Pearl Harbor. The ring was placed on Miss Cronkhite's finger by the father of her fiance, Fireman Paul Marty, 9 McGovern street.

The romance began nearly two years before the young Marine shipped overseas, five months ago. It continued by correspondence, and the question was popped in the same way. The young man's father obliged by procuring the ring, and on Christmas day the pact was sealed, the prospective father-in-law again acting in behalf of his son.

Although he hopes to return to Highland Park next summer, Marine Marty is not sure of joining his sweetheart until 1950, when his term of enlistment expires.

### Highwood Legion Auxiliary Plans Bingo Party For January 10

Highwood Unit No. 501, American Legion auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting, Monday, January 10th at the Legion home, 220 Railway Avenue, Highwood at 8 p.m. Plans for a bingo party to be held in conjunction with the Legion will be made. Definite date will be announced later. Mrs. C. M. Jacobson, president will preside. All members are urged to attend.

Highland Park's "Little Giants" To Play Oak Park Tomorrow  
The Highland Park High School basketball teams will try for another double win when they tangle with the Oak Park Huskies in a Suburban League contest to be played on the local floor. The Fresh-Soph game will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the varsity taking the floor immediately afterwards.