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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

On Tuesday night of last week, the Northwestern railroad distributed a small printed sheet to its patrons on the evening "rush hour" trains. This little sheet of paper represented an appreciation of one of the finer points of good public relations—an appreciation which has been too frequently absent during the past few years in the attitude of various public services toward their customers. It read as follows:

TO OUR SUBURBAN PATRONS—

Due to a defective rail just south of Kenilworth, it was necessary to operate several suburban trains, including this one, under restricted speed during the rush period last night.

We regret that this circumstance resulted in many of you being delayed in reaching your home station.

H. C. DUVALL

Passenger Traffic Manager

We wonder if Mr. Duval, or perhaps one of his assistants, wasn't applying a lesson learned from reading Mark Twain's HUCKLEBERRY FINN.

In that memorable book, Mark Twain tells about a funeral that was temporarily brought to a standstill by the frenzied barking of a dog in the basement. The undertaker (that was in B.M.—Before Morticians) disappeared, and shortly, the dog gave one last yelp and was quiet. When the undertaker reappeared, he said, in a stage whisper audible to all at the funeral, "He had a rat!"

Mark commented that the undertaker knew that the people were "naturally curious," wanted to know what the racket was all about, and that "there wasn't a better-liked man in town than that undertaker."

Well, obviously, that undertaker wanted to be well-liked—for business reasons, if for none other, and he knew that one way to make people like you is to let them know what's going on.

Just as obviously, Mr. Duval wants his passengers to like the Northwestern. He realized that all his customers were "naturally curious" as to why the trains were crawling along. He satisfied their curiosity. That's good public relations. It might well be adopted by all organizations that serve the public—that is, if they think it's worthwhile to be liked.

Memorial Services For John W. Fealey Former H. Parker

Memorial rites will be conducted on Saturday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Killian's Catholic church, 8725 So. May street, Chicago, for the late John W. Fealey of the 165th U. S. Infantry, 69th division, who gave his life for his country in action on Makin Island, the Gilberts, November 25, 1943, and whose name appears on the honor roll of Highland Park heroes. The body will be at rest at the O'Neill Funeral Home, 1136 West 87th Street, Chicago.

The late veteran made his home, a much-loved member of the family, with the Michael Sweeneys, 1873 Krem avenue, Highland Park. In private life he served as assistant cashier with the Pullman Company, Union Station, Chicago. Burial will be made at Mt. Oliver Cemetery, Joliet, Ill.

NOTICE

To Members of the Highland Park Community Chest, Inc. Members Annual Meeting of the Highland Park Community Chest will be held Wednesday evening, January 26, 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center Auditorium, 549 Central ave. The Annual Reports of the Officers will be made and eight members of the Board of Directors will be elected. Every contributor to the Highland Park Community Chest is a member of the organization and is entitled to one vote.

House Cleaning At Thrift Shop Jan. 19

The Thrift Shop at 35 No. Sheridan road will be closed all day Wednesday, January 19. At this time members of the board will spend the day in cleaning the shop and sorting merchandise. There is now on hand a large supply of men's clothing.

Open Letter

Dear Ravinia Resident: This is a request for funds due to the inability of the city of Highland Park to provide the services of an adult crossing guard in the Ravinia School District.

The Ravinia P.T.A., recognizing the dangers to our children in unattended crossings, decided to raise these funds privately to furnish a crossing guard service. This private fund raising is temporary and is to be provided only until the cost is assumed by the Community of Highland Park where it properly belongs.

Mrs. Boyd, the President of the Ravinia P.T.A., after hearing the decision of the majority of the P.T.A. members in a meeting held on the twenty-second of November, appointed a committee and

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AVC To Hear Discussion On "Socialized Medicine"

The North Shore Chapter of the American Veterans Committee will start its 1949 activities with a meeting on the National Health Bill at the Winnetka Community House on January 26th.

Informed speakers will discuss the controversial issue of "socialized medicine" based on the proposals contained in the Murray-Wagner-Dingell Bill. A question period will follow the discussion by the speakers.

The new officers of the local chapter will be installed in a brief ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Lion's Bingo Party Saturday, Jan. 15

Everyone is invited to the Bingo party to be given by the Lions club Saturday, January 15, at the Masonic Temple. Proceeds of the party will go to the scholarship fund. W. J. Seguin is general chairman of the affair.

Besides prizes of two table radios, there will be a grand prize of a General Electric Television set. No admission will be charged.

21 Year Old Leon Fleisher Here On January 25th

A lot of bright young stars have flared briefly in the musical skies and then vanished without so much as a vapor trail since the night of Nov. 4, 1944, when a 16-year-old San Franciscan named Leon Fleisher made his piano debut at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic orchestra, Pierre Monteaux conducting.

But Leon Fleisher, who comes to Highland Park on Tuesday, Jan. 25 for a Community Concerts appearance, has, for a number of good reasons, escaped the fate of most "child prodigies."

Wise parents were two of the prime reasons. When Leon was 4, his parents, both fashion designers with no musical background except that of appreciation, saw that they had a serious musician in the family. As Mr. Fleisher said, "A talent like that in a family is a great responsibility." As is frequently the case with children destined for a future in music, Leon showed extraordinary discrimination in his reaction to music on the radio. He would search out chords on the piano, some of which he had heard, some of which he made up. The Fleishers began giving him his first piano lessons.

His first teacher was Lev Shorr (others: Gunnar Johanson, Ludvig Atلمان) who had him ready for a recital of Bach, Chopin and Haydn when he was seven. Astounded San Francisco music patrons who heard him in this first concert took him up, and it is at this point that his parents stepped in and kept him from premature exploitation. They saw that he continued to get the best possible training, had him tutored so that he could keep up with his normal school work, allowed him to appear privately before West Coast musical groups and sometimes visiting artists, but did not allow him to be over-publicized.

In the spring of 1938, Dr. Arthur Schnabel, in San Francisco for a concert engagement, was asked to hear him. Weary of prodigies, he said he made it a rule never to accept students under 16, much less a boy of 10. Finally persuaded to hear Leon play, Schnabel stopped him in the middle of his first selection to insist that he come to Lake Como, Italy, to study under him.

After a year under Schnabel, Leon returned to New York City because of the outbreak of the war. In 1943 he was allowed to make an appearance with the San Francisco Symphony under the conductorship of Monteaux, and took the city by storm, but his real debut was at Carnegie Hall in 1944, also under the conductorship of Pierre Monteaux. M. Monteaux calls him "the pianistic find of the century."

Highland Parkers who are interested in the personality behind Leon Fleisher an engaging young six footer almost as much interested in baseball as music; a pianist noted for his vibrant tone

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U. N. Contribution To World Peace Next On H. Parkers' Agenda

Women Voters To Discuss Principles Of The United Nations

"What are the aims, purposes and principles of the United Nations? Will it succeed in establishing a system for world peace? What has it accomplished?"

These are questions that will be discussed at the January group meetings of the Highland Park League of Women Voters to be held Wednesday, January 19.

Mrs. Clarence Goelzer and Mrs. Robert Schiller are chairmen of the League's workshop of the United Nations. "The radio and newspapers have left many of us doubtful and confused on issues covering the United Nations," Mrs. Goelzer said. "The group meetings will afford an opportunity to think out loud, to become better informed and to hear the facts presented by members of the United Nations Workshop."

A new League memo entitled "The Citizen and the United Nations", will be mailed to every League member prior to the meetings. Members are urged to read the booklet in order to be better prepared for the discussion.

The group meetings will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in homes assigned as meeting places. They are open to the public. Anyone interested in attending may call one of the following group chairmen: Mrs. Robert Metzner, Mrs. E. L. Clinton, Mrs. Carl Holzheimer, Mrs. Louis Haller, Mrs. Frank Tringmar, Mrs. Albert Ramond, Mrs. Alfred Gardner and Mrs. Homer Rosenberg.

Dr. Young To Speak At Annual Meeting Of Woman's Association

The Woman's Association of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church will hold the first all day meeting of the new year on Thursday January 20th. It will be their privilege and pleasure at this time to be addressed by their own minister, Dr. William Atkinson Young.

This promises to be a most interesting day in many ways. The new President of the Association, Mrs. Charles Bletsch will take office. Others going into office at this time are: Mrs. Alfred Sihler, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Karl King, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Geo. Hartman, Treasurer.

Those continuing in office are: Mrs. J. Franklin Bickmore, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Jerry Leaming, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Theo Osborn, Secretary of Stewardship; Mrs. Wm. A. Young, Ex-officio.

The other members of the board, including committee chairman and group leaders, will be announced at the meeting, and the list of new groups will be posted.

Program for the Day
10:00 a.m. Sewing and Hospital Dressings.
12 noon, Chancel Service under

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New Course On Government Presented At High School

A new course entitled American Government is being introduced to freshmen and sophomores this year at the Highland Park High school.

"The objectives of the course," Mr. Leslie Lebakken, instructor in American Government said today, "is to develop a thorough and clear understanding of our democratic form of government; to educate our future voters to realize their responsibilities as voting citizens to government and to acquaint them with present day organization and activities of local, state, national and world governments."

During the first semester students will study the development of different types of government throughout the world; the origin of the United States government; the organization and set-up of the Illinois State Constitution and government, and a study of the

Illinois county, township and village governments.

As part of the second semester work, it was learned, students will specialize in the study of projects such as the State Judicial system; the Federal Communications Commission; a comparative study of the League of Nations and the United Nations, and a comparison of the English parliamentary government with the United States Executive and Representative government.

A class project will be to work in conjunction with the City officials. This will include an arrangement for students to take over the running of the City government for a day. Further explanation of this plan will appear in future issues of the Press.

The course has been approved by the colleges and is accepted for college credit.

City-Wide Ice Skating Races Scheduled For Tomorrow Eve

1948 Sets All Time High In Building Records For H. Park

1948, according to the report submitted by Phillip E. Cole, city set an all-time high in building records. Permits were issued for 166 single family houses amounting to \$3,725,906, topping the record of 1928, next in line with a total of \$3,157,168.

With a total valuation of \$5,543,181 for 1948, Cole lists the following permits: Four business buildings, \$967,064; 39 private garages, \$49,100; 76 single-family alterations, \$249,666; 15 alterations (other than dwellings), \$41,400; four apartment buildings, \$221,800; one school building, \$134,000; two industrial buildings, \$39,000, and six miscellaneous buildings, including hospital addition, beach house etc., \$115,245.

Fees were collected during the year for 311 electrical permits, \$1,590.17; 49 tank and burner permits, \$250; six sign permits, \$51; 11 special permits, \$318.75; 11 appeals, \$110; 159 sanitary sewer taps, \$1,470; 107 storm sewer taps, \$1,005; 168 water taps, \$12,931; 12 electrical registrations, \$300; 132 driveway permits, \$626, and 23 private sewage disposal systems (septic tanks), \$230.

A total of 1291 permits were issued and fees collected amounted to \$37,678.

For the month of December, the building department issued permits for 13 single-family dwellings, \$300,400; six private garages, \$7,500; three single-family alterations, \$9,300; one garage alteration, \$1,000, and one business building alteration, \$1,050. The valuation of the 24 permits was \$319,250, as compared to nine permits at \$132,900 for December, 1947.

During 1947, 281 permits, amounting to \$3,063,132, were issued, as compared to 313 permits at \$5,543,181 for the past year.

Capt. George Dunlap Addresses Lions Club

Captain George M. Dunlap, retired army officer, will speak today, Thursday, at the Lions Club meeting.

Captain Dunlap has a most colorful background. In the aviation service of the Army since its inauguration in 1908 until his recent retirement, he is at present commanding officer of Squadron 610-1 of the Civil Air Patrol, and has participated in every air meet held in this country. He was the first to demonstrate the fact that a bomb can be dropped on a ship.

An added feature of the program will be a wire-recording of Commentator Ted Malone's program, devoted entirely to Lionism.

Italian Women To Hold Valentine Dance At Labor Temple

A Valentine dance at the Highland Park Labor temple will be sponsored by the Junior Italian Women's Prosperity club on Saturday, February 12, at 8 p.m. Music will be furnished by Virgil Lenzini and his orchestra.

Legion To Discuss Plans For Building

Highland Park Post No. 145 of the American Legion will hold an important meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8:15. The business will include report and recommendations for the new building by the Building Committee. All members desiring to hear, discuss or vote on this report should be present. Refreshments will be served.

Highwood Community Center Commission Holds Meeting

The Highwood Community Center commission met yesterday (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the Community Center building. Movies were shown and refreshments served.

Sponsored By Playground Recreation Departments

Tomorrow (Friday) city-wide ice skating races will be featured at Sunset Park at 7:30 p.m. In case of poor ice, the meet will be postponed until Friday, January 21. The event is sponsored by the Highland Park Playground and Recreation department, in conjunction with the Park Board and High School boards.

Medals will be given for first place winners, with ribbons for winners in second and third place, and all presentations will be made by Mayor Robert F. Patton.

There will be the 50 yard straight away contests for boys and girls from nine to ten years of age, 75 yard for boys and girls from 10 to 12, 100 yard races for boys and girls from 12 years to high school, ¼ mile races for high school boys and girls, 2 laps, and ½ mile races for high school and open, 3 laps.

An added attraction will be a hockey game under lights by Maiman-Haines vs. Lake Forest.

Officials

Referees will be Art Olson, honorary president of Playground and Recreation board, Edward Brown, superintendent of Parks, and Howard F. Copp, Superintendent of Recreation. Starters: Bruce Krasberg, secretary of Playground and Recreation, and Edward Patton, City Marshal. Judges: Lester Ball and C. O. Dahle, superintendents of districts 108 and 107, respectively, Stanley McKee principal of Lincoln school, and Al Danakas, of Physical Education department, Elm Place. Announcers of the events will be W. J. Hodge and Herbert Schaffner, of the Playground and Recreation department; course judges, Harry Kubalek and Dudley Dewey of Physical Education departments of Braesside and Ravinia schools, respectively; scorers will be Roy Millen of the Park Board and Mildred Walther of the Recreation department. Custodian of award will be Father O'Connell, of the Immaculate Conception church.

Dr. John Bigler Made Department Head At Northwestern U.

Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, dean at Northwestern University, has announced that Dr. John Bigler, 400 N. Sheridan road, has been named acting chairman of the department of pediatrics at the university medical school.

Dr. Bigler, who received his training and his degree at Rush Medical college, graduating in 1923, has been a member of the Northwestern medical staff since 1930, and an associate professor of pediatrics since 1944. He replaces Dr. Stanley Gibson, who retired December 1 from the chairmanship and as medical chief of Children's Memorial hospital, an affiliate of the university. His appointment has made it necessary for him to give up his private practice.

Fine Boxing Program Anticipated Here On Saturday, Jan. 29

From all indications the Lake County-Highland Park all star boxing show to be held in Highland Park at the Highland Park High School Gym Saturday, Jan. 29, will be the best program ever to be presented for some time according to the Highland Park Boxing Club officials.

Plans are under way to have the bouts broadcasted over W.K. R. S., Waukegan's new F.M. station. Also Tony Zale, former Middleweight boxer is being heralded as guest referee.

All Lou's According to boxing coaches Lou Orr, Lou Bozzone and Lou Smith of Grant Township High School, Ingleside, Lake Zurich, and Waukegan, respectively, their boys are being prepared to be in shape for the Highland Park Boxers, and are aiming their shots toward a Golden Glove title.

Mel Mullins, Highland Park di-

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