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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• The Landlords

No fair-minded person can be entirely indifferent to the undoubted hardships that rigid application of bureaucratic rules and regulations has worked on many property owners who make their living by renting their property, but the current mass eviction proposal is a classic example of how to make sure of not getting what you want.

Our present administration, like any other bureaucracy, must, in order to retain the powers it has, continually take unto itself, new powers. The landlords are proposing to give it a gold-plated excuse to take a new power—the power to say whether or not a property owner can decide that he no longer wishes to rent his property.

Whether or not any further action is taken along the proposed lines, the landlords have already put a powerful weapon in the bureaucrats' hands in the form of the sheer propaganda value that has accrued merely from the presenting of the idea.

In the natural order of things, there are more tenants than landlords—hence more votes reside with the tenants than with the landlords. That puts the third strike on the landlords before they ever get to bat.

In their argument for the continuation of controls, the bureaucrats for some time have been saying, "Remember what business said would happen to prices if the OPA was abolished? The same thing will happen to rents if rent control is abolished."

Now they can also say, "We need more power over rental property. If we don't get it your landlord is going to throw you out in the street. He says so himself."

The landlords have, belatedly, sponsored an ad which points out that in many instances, inadequate rents allowed under rent control constitute virtual confiscation of property, and urges as to what type of property will next be subject to government confiscation. That ad comes too late. The average man will take a chance on possible future confiscation of some other type which may or may not affect him directly, if, by supporting immediate confiscation of rental property, he can keep his family off the street. The roof over his head is TODAY'S problem. He'll worry about tomorrow's problem tomorrow.

White Elephant Donation Stocks Thrift Shop

At the annual "white elephant" Thrift Shop tea held, Monday, January 24, at the home of Mrs. Francis M. Knight, exclamations of appreciation and delight were voiced by members of the Thrift Shop board, who were hostesses. Guests crowded around the tables displaying glassware, household goods, bric a brac, wearing apparel and numerous other articles all bound for Thrift Shop.

The annual Thrift Shop tea brings together members and friends of the three supporting charitable organizations and some of the original committee of sixty who founded the Thrift Shop during World War I and still have its interests at heart. Past presidents poured at the tea tables and home made cookies were supplied by the board.

All proceeds from the Thrift Shop are devoted to human betterment. Some of the charities which have received help from the Thrift Shop board are: Red Cross, Helen Keller Fund (for Deaf-Blind) Downey Veterans Hospital, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Park Ridge School for Girls, Ridge Farm Preventorium, Lake County T.B. Association, Family Service, March of Dimes, Through a special hospital reserve fund which has been set up, the board anticipates furnishing a two bed ward at the Highland Park Hospital.)

The Infant Welfare society's share helps to give health and a fair start in life to thousands of underprivileged babies. North Western Settlement's portion aids in reducing the problems of juvenile delinquency, enriches the lives of the aged who enjoy the Settlement House in the congested Polish section of Chicago. The Hospital Auxiliary purchases innumerable hospital supplies. In addition, it has supplied the furniture for one dining room and refurnished the nurses home.

"Religion and Youth" At Presbyterian Church

"Religion and Youth" will be the theme of the 11 o'clock Service of Worship on Sunday morning, February 6 at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Ten youths from the congregation, together with the Pastor, Dr. William Atkinson Young, will participate in the service.

"What Religion Has Done For Us" will be the subject of an address by Miss Sally Trangmar, representing the Tuxis Society. "What Religion Has Not Done For Us" will be the subject of an address by Miss Suzanne Hartman, representing the Chancel Choir.

Robert Bushey, President of the Varsity group of the Church, will speak on the subject "What Religion Can Do For Us Tomorrow." Russell Clark, also from the Varsity group, will use as the subject of his address, "What We Should Do About It."

Others participating in the service will include Donald Rossiter, Mary Comper, David Mark and Fred Halton, all from the Varsity group.

Elizabeth Rademacher, President of the Chancel Choir will give the Invocation and lead the congregation in repeating the Lord's Prayer; and Ann Postels, Treasurer of the Tuxis Society, will read the Scripture Lesson.

Leaders of Boy Scout Troop 324 sponsored by the Church will act as ushers.

The program was arranged by the Varsity group of the Church, Sunday morning organizations for high school young people of which Mr. A. Gordon Humphrey and Mr. Frederick B. Carpenter are sponsors.

Announcement

The shop of the Highland Park Community center will be open for children Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 for craft work in wood, plastic, metal, leather and craft strip

FIRESIDE MEETING



The first of this year's Fireside Meetings for Trustees of the Highland Park Hospital was held last week, January 24, at the home of Mrs. Richard J. Loewenthal, 630 Waverly Road. A representative group of the trustees met to discuss general problems of hospital operation and to hear a talk by Everett Jones, vice president of Modern Hospital Publishing Company and member of the faculty of Northwestern University's School of Hospital Administration. Highland Park Hospital has a board of 45 trustees, representing every section of the community. Fifteen trustees are elected every year for a term of 3 years, so that there is a constant renewal of representation to assure demo-

cratic expression of varying trends in our community life. These trustees elect from their membership the 11 managers and officers who assume the direct responsibility of supervising and administering the hospital.

Several Fireside Meetings are held every year so that all the trustees may be familiar, not only with local hospital affairs, but also with general developments among hospitals throughout the country, to keep abreast of trends that may help provide the best possible hospital service to our community. This series of Fireside Meetings was inaugurated last year by Frank F. Selfridge, president of the Foundation.

Presbyterian Church Installs New Officers

More than eighty officers of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church participated in solemn Installation Services for newly elected Board members at a ceremony at the Church on Sunday morning, January 30. Climax of the ceremony was the Ordination and Installation as ruling Elders of Mason G. Armstrong, Walter E. Durbahn, Gilbert K. Hardacre, Francis M. Knight, Adolph E. Lundin, Bernard E. Newman, Vernon A. Peterson, Mason G. Smith and Raymond R. Wible.

Edgar B. Carter, previously ordained, was also installed as a ruling Elder. The Ordination Prayer was given by Dr. William Atkinson Young, pastor of the Church, and numerous other Ministers and Elders present in the congregation participated with him in the traditional ceremony of "the laying on of hands." The ceremony dates from Apostolic times at the very beginning of the Christian Church.

The Session of the Church in addition to the above named men includes the following members: Rex R. Andrews, Aaron S. Bauer, Russell H. Clark, Earl W. Gsell, Robert W. Pease, Alfred T. Sihler, E. L. Vinyard, Ernest H. Volwiler and Frederick A. Watkins. Mr. Watkins is an honorary member of the Session. Mr. Andrews is Clerk of the Session. Dr. Young, as minister, serves as Moderator.

Installed as members of a newly established Board of Trustees, holding title to the Church property in trust, were: Joseph B. Garnett, Dr. Robert H. Herbst, Theodore L. Osborn, John A. Putnam and Lewis B. Sinclair.

Installed as members of the Men's Service Board, recently enlarged by the congregation to

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Chamber of Commerce Presents Business Film

Members of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will view the new sound film, "In Balance," as the program for their monthly dinner-meeting this coming Tuesday evening at the Moraine Hotel. The presentation is made by the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, of which Mr. Rex Rathbun, a local resident since 1941, is Branch Manager.

The film, having several stars of the stage and screen portraying the characters, is a forceful business drama woven around the lives of Gloucester fishermen whose problems are not a bit unlike those of other businessmen. The purpose of the film is to help business people, regardless of size, capture the necessity of keeping their enterprise "In Balance," by safeguarding the profit motive as good for business and for the public, thus continuing to provide employment for people, goods for customers, and a fair return to himself.

New Recreation Center To Be Erected At Sunset Park

Open Letter

January 25, 1949

To All Property Owners of the City of Highland Park, Ill.:

This letter is prompted by the fact that so few persons have taken advantage of the provision of the Zoning Ordinance of 1947 relating to non-conforming use of land or buildings.

The Zoning law provides, under Section 18-4, that "A certificate of occupancy shall be required of all non-conforming uses of land or buildings created by the passage of this amending ordinance. Application for such certificate of occupancy for non-conforming uses shall be filed with the Building Inspector by the owner or lessee of the land or building occupied by such non-conforming use within two (2) years from the effective date of this ordinance. It shall be the duty of the building inspector to issue a certificate of occupancy for non-conforming use."

Section 18-5 further provides that "Any non-conforming use for which an occupancy permit has not been obtained in conformity with the requirement of section 18-4 shall be presumed to be operating in violation of this ordinance and such use shall thereupon be abated."

The Ordinance further provides that a non-conforming use is "Any building or land lawfully occupied by a use at the time of the passage of the original Zoning Ordinance or any amendment thereto, which does not conform after the passage of the Zoning Ordinance or amendment thereto with the use regulations of the district in which it is situated."

The effective date of the Zoning Ordinance was March 27, 1947. The two year period of time in which to apply for a non-conforming use certificate of occupancy ends March 27, 1949.

If you lawfully occupy a building or land with a use, such as a store in a residence district or a two family dwelling in a single family district, please apply by letter to the building department before March 27, 1949, requesting a certificate of occupancy. Give your name, and whether you are owner or lessee, street address, the legal description of your property and the use for which you wish a certificate.

The Building Department will process your application and if further information is required, will so notify you.

Sincerely yours,
P. E. Cole,
City Engineer and Building Inspector

Old Timers Group Meets At Center

Each Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. the Community Center has a group meeting for older persons. The shop, with power tools and fully equipped hand tools, can be used. Handicrafts, painting, music, photography equipment is available.

If you wish to come and read a magazine, play a game of checkers, shuffle-board, or just sit with some friends, come to the Community Center Friday morning. Bring along your friends. You are not too young or too old.

Kiwanians To Hear Of Conditions In Germany

The speaker at the Kiwanis club next Monday evening, sponsored by Arnold Peterson, will be Fred W. Burkhardt of Pleasant avenue who will speak of present-day conditions in Germany.

Serving in the German army in World War I, Mr. Burkhardt came to America shortly afterward, returning to the fatherland only just recently for a month's visit.

Mrs. Farrell Hostess To Arden Shore Group

The monthly bridge tea of the Arden Shore group will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Farrell, 2467 N. Deere Park drive on Monday, February 7 at 2 p.m. Assisting Mrs. Farrell will be Mrs. W. H. Wilbur and Mrs. John Brigham.

Plans of long standing were completed last Monday evening at a conference of the City Council and the City Recreation board, when details of the new \$200,000 Recreation center, approved under the 1947 bond referendum, were discussed. The building is expected to start this coming summer.

Located in Sunset Park, the new center will include a gymnasium, a community room with stage, a kitchen, a play room and a photograph laboratory.

Plans for selling the building presently housing the center, as well as the USO building, were also discussed.

Shore Repairs Approved

The City Council also approved plans for strengthening the waterworks walls at Central beach at a cost of \$10,000. Bids for the project will be opened at the February 28 meeting.

City Hall Repairs

Plans for improving the basement of the City hall and adding storage room at a cost of \$15,000 also received the seal of approval, bids to be opened February 28.

New Stop Signs

The erection of stop signs was authorized on Green Bay road at Elm Place, Deerfield road, Bob O'Link road, Lincoln avenue and Marion avenue, and on Roger Williams at Dean avenue.

Promise Fire Protection

Fire protection was requested by the Phil Johnson restaurant, Half Day road, and Royal Oak Stables, County Line road, and approved, provided the necessary equipment was not in city use at the time.

Appointments

The appointment of a meter man and assistant meter man for the Water department was announced by Mayor Patton.

Men's Fellowship Club Hears Lester Schriver

"Streamlining Your Philosophy of Life" was the subject of a talk given by Lester O. Schriver, LL.D. at the meeting of the Men's Fellowship Club of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church last evening, February 2nd.

Dr. Schriver is well known throughout the country as an outstanding speaker, humorist-philosopher, and a successful business man. He is past president of his National Association of Life Underwriters.

Dr. Schriver is one of the country's outstanding authorities on Abraham Lincoln, and received the Diploma of Honor, granted annually to the individual with the most outstanding contribution to Lincolniana by Lincoln Memorial University in 1939. In 1940 he received from that University the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

As chairman of the Peoria, Illinois County War Finance Committee, he has provided the inspiration and leadership that has put his county "over the top" in every classification of bond selling in every drive.

Paper Pickup Scheduled For Next Week

The monthly newspaper pickup starts this coming Monday, February 7th. All residents are urged to be conscientious in placing all their discarded papers, rags and metals on the curbs early in the morning, since the schools urgently need the revenue netted from this source. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 7—Elm Place area
Tuesday, Feb. 8—Lincoln area
Wednesday, Feb. 9th—Ravinia
Thursday, Feb. 10—Braeside area
Friday, Feb. 11—Green Bay and West Ridge.

The results of the January paper drive, which were unusually low, were:

Elm Place	3725 lbs.	\$8.20
Ravinia	2950 lbs.	6.40
Braeside	2925 lbs.	6.35
Lincoln	2180 lbs.	4.76
Ridge	1800 lbs.	3.90
Green Bay	1500 lbs.	3.30