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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • BUT NOT MY BUREAU

It will be interesting to watch for the final fate of the government reorganization plan, drafted by the Hoover committee. So far, this plan, which, if completely enacted, would save billions in wasted money, has had only one of its provisions adopted. Mr. Truman liked that provision, which gave him a phenomenal salary boost. Maybe he likes the rest of it, but it will be interesting to see how much of the plan is shelved when carrying out its provisions will mean slashing pork barrel patronage of his political bedfellows. As far as that goes, it would be interesting to see how much of the plan would survive Republican opposition should it threaten Republican patronage.

Hoover has warned that adoption of anything less than the complete plan will nullify its whole purpose. After all, you can't cut one department's income, prestige or influence unless the axe is impartially wielded. And politicians—statesmen too—can seldom bring themselves to view such amputation with equanimity.

### • \$90.00 A MONTH

The house veterans committee has approved a bill to give every veteran of World Wars I and II a pension of \$90.00 a month, starting at the age of 65.

Bitter debate has already marked discussions on this bill and it seems certain that there is even more to follow. To us, the most interesting part of the whole thing is the fact that the committee approval demonstrates clearly (if any further demonstration were needed) that there is a large and powerful segment of the population which seems to believe in all sincerity that there is absolutely no limit on the drain that can be put upon the resources of this country.

Perhaps this bill, and maybe a few more like it, are what we need. Perhaps not until we all come up against the cold fact that we have reached the end of our collective ability to pay, will something resembling sanity return to the administration of our affairs. Personally, we don't care too much what political label is worn by the administration which at long last realizes that there is a limit to our resources. We only hope that whichever party recognizes the fact, is in power at the time, and that it can stop the flood this side of national bankruptcy.

### Lincoln School Principal To Become Director of Educational Workshop

Stanley W. McKee, principal of the Lincoln School, District 108 has been selected in open competition with a number of candidates to serve as the Director of Elementary Education Workshop, at Augustana College, Rock Island. The program is offered in the summer session.

Mr. McKee has been a staff member of District 108 for thirteen years. He has gained national recognition for the Lincoln School through his professional writings, and has served the community as a member of the Family Service Board, Cub Scoutmaster, and in many other civic functions. He is Editor of "Safety Sentinel", a National Safety Council publication; serves as a member of the joint Alumni Council, consisting of the presidents of the five teachers' colleges, public relations personnel and alumni representatives; President of the Principals Roundtable of Northern Illinois; member of the Executive Board of Illinois Principals Association.

### Township Republican Women to Plan for Annual March Meeting

The Deerfield Township Republican Women's club will hold a board meeting on Friday, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William L. Winters, 188 Laurel, to make plans for their annual meeting to be held in March. Mrs. Ellsworth L. Mills, president, will be in charge.

### Highland Park Hospital Foundation Report

Week of February 4th through February 11, 1949—

	Last Week	This Year
Emergencies attended	19	172
Babies delivered	7	33
Operations performed	19	115
X-ray examinations	98	557
Lab. examinations	358	2037

### Meeting of Citizens Of Deerfield-Shields Township Called March 3

A group of citizens met at Highland Park High school on February 14 to consider further the question of the severance of the northern portion of the Deerfield-Shields Township High school district, including the towns of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. After thorough discussion it was decided to call a meeting of the citizens of the entire southern area of the district (Highwood, Deerfield, Bannockburn and Highland Park) to be held in the Highland Park High school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 3, at 7:45 p.m., at which time the matter will be fully presented to the citizens.

The reason for calling the meeting is that if the severance occurs, there will be an increase in taxes to people in the southern portion of the district.

The committee for the southern part of the district consists of the following: Alfred T. Sihler, Highland Park, chairman; Renslow Sherer, Highland Park; Ernest Belmont, Highland Park; Iri Marshall, Deerfield, and Nello Ori, Highwood.

The meeting of the High school PTA, which was slated to take place on the afternoon of March 3, is postponed until the evening of that day.

### Lions To Hold Ladies Night At Dinner Meeting

The guest speaker at the Lions Club last Thursday was Miss Mary Rainey of Scotland, "exchange teacher" at Ravinia school, who gave a comparative picture of her country and ours, and answered questions in keeping with her subject.

The meeting of the Club this Thursday, will be held at "The Island" west of Waukegan, and will honor the ladies of the members. A Barber Shop Quartet from Barrington, Ill., will be featured as entertainment.

### High School Students Busily Preparing For Operetta, February 26

Rehearsals are in full sway at Highland Park High school as the date approaches for the school operetta, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance", which will be held Saturday, February 26, at 8:15, in the school auditorium.

The casting committee, consisting of faculty members Rosalia Marquart, Percy Slocum, Harold Finch and Chester Kyle, have chosen the following cast for the production:

Major-General Stanley, Mike Gilroy; Pirate King, Ed Nichols; Samuel, Peter Padorr (understudy, Henry Steele); Sergeant of Police, Jim Kilpatrick (understudy, Joe Cleaver); Frederick, George Johnson (understudy, Mac Nelson); Mabel, Susan Fox (understudy Annabeth Sears); Kate, Carolyn Soefker (understudy, Betty Johnson); Edith, Carol Sleeman (understudy, Shirley Alderice); Isabel, Kathie Laing; Ruth, Gladys Tveit; chorus of pirates, police and General Stanley's wards.

Gladys Tveit, of Mundelein, a senior, who plays the part of Ruth, last year sang the role of Buttercup in the school's performance of H.M.S. Pinafore. She plans to enter the Chicago Conservatory of Music next year, where she is at present studying with Mr. Leslie Arnold.

Ed. Nichols, senior, playing the part of the Pirate King, will be remembered as last year's Captain, in "Pinafore".

Susan Fox, junior, who plays the part of Mabel, was one of the featured soloists at the Christmas concert, and George Johnson, as Frederick, a junior, had the tenor lead in last year's production.

The operetta is under the direction of Chester Kyle, choral and solo work; Harold N. Finch, orchestra; Rosalia Marquart, dramatic action; Paul McLaughlin, stage settings; C. J. Winkley, ticket sales.

Following is the orchestra personnel: 1st violins—Carolyn Baird, concertmaster; Carol Metzner, Robert Bushey, George White, Carolyn Schwarz, Grace Ritow, Edith Hirsch, Hartman Canon, Benjamin Rueckberg. 2nd violins— (Continued on page 6)

### Legion Auxiliary Hears Interesting Talks: Initiates Members

An interesting meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary last Thursday, in charge of Mrs. Wm. Sigler, chairman on Americanism, featured three guest speakers. Mrs. Harry Chambers, former resident of Highland Park, told of her new home in Anchorage, Alaska, "where strawberries are huge and luscious and one potato makes a meal for five". Mrs. Hedwick Lenard, Legionnaire, post 145, who served with the armed forces during World War II, and Mrs. James Jensen of Lake Forest, who told of her recent visit to Finland, and of her joy at the sight of the Statue of Liberty upon returning.

Newly initiated members were: Mesdames Mary Wolak, Joseph Peddle, William Harrison, Allen Harrison, Louis Garino, James Steinmetz and Paul Marty.

## High School Boy's Club Will Present 1948 Olympic Films

The Boy's Club of Highland Park High School has succeeded in planning an entertaining, historic program for the benefit of their annual scholarship fund. The films of the 1948 Olympic Games will be brought to the Highland Park High School auditorium, in the first showing, and possibly the only showing to take place in this area, on Friday night, March 4. Admission will be seventy-five cents. The program will start at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund, and a capacity attendance is expected. Tickets at local stores, organizations, or from high school students.

### Eminent Authority To Discuss Atomic Energy At Library, Feb. 22

Highland Parkers will have an opportunity to study and discuss the foremost topic of the day—atomic energy—and to hear one of the nation's atomic scientists, Dr. Donald J. Hughes, at the Highland Park Library during the coming week.

On Tuesday (Feb. 22) the Library will display a 44-panel exhibit which graphically explains in non-technical terms and in striking photographs, the various aspects of atomic energy and its implications. At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dr. Hughes will discuss "The Future of Atomic Energy" under auspices of the Friends of the Highland Park Library. Members of the Friends and their guests are invited without charge.

The exhibit, prepared by the editors of Life magazine with the cooperation of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, sets forth for the layman many of the mysteries of nuclear physics, explains what is accomplished in plutonium laboratories, describes a cyclotron and covers the entire atomic energy field.

Dr. Hughes is presently Director of the Nuclear Physics Research Division of the Argonne National Laboratory which works on the peacetime applications of atomic power.

For the last three years, Dr. Hughes has worked on the project in Chicago, Tennessee and Washington, is assistant professor of physics on leave from the University of Chicago's New Institute of Nuclear Studies, receiving his Ph. D. at Chicago under Professor A. H. Compton in 1940 and the following year joined a State Department expedition to South America doing cosmic ray experiments.

During the war, Dr. Compton won a Naval Commendation for his work on magnetic mines and torpedoes.

The atomic energy exhibition will remain at the Library throughout the week.

### Highland Park Man Appears On Television Over Station WNBQ

Mr. Walter Durbahn, veteran instructor at the Highland Park high school and author of several books on Carpentry, now appears weekly over TV Station WNBQ in a program titled Walt's Home Work Shop, at 7:30 on Wednesdays.

The aim of this program, according to Mr. Durbahn, is to help people to understand the value and pleasure to be derived from a home work-shop, however small—from making articles for the home. There is also the great possibility of helping the younger generation to learn to use their hands while enjoying the companionship of dad in the home.

This program is the outgrowth of the home and household repair classes which Mr. Durbahn has conducted at the high school, evenings, resulting in the establishment of a number of home work-shops in Highland Park and vicinity.

### Library Closed Tuesday

The Highland Park Public Library will be closed Tuesday, February 22 in honor of George Washington's birthday. However the Friends of the Library will present a lecture, "The Future of Atomic Energy", by Donald J. Hughes that evening at 8 o'clock. Hours for the remainder of the week will be as usual:

Monday-Thursday—9:00 to 9:00  
Saturday—9:00 to 6:00

The children's story hour will be in the library auditorium Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

## Some Of The Salient Points In H. Pk. Traffic Com. Report

### American Brotherhood Week Meeting

Three educators who are unusually well-qualified to apply the principles of brotherhood to the teaching of children and young men and women will speak at the public meeting to be held in Winnetka next Wednesday evening, February 23, as the North Shore's observance of American Brotherhood Week. This annual meeting, which will take place in the auditorium of the Skokie School, Glendale Avenue at Elm Street, Winnetka, at 8:15 p.m., is being jointly sponsored for the third time by the North Shore Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the North Shore Citizens' Committee.

The speakers will be Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, president of the University of Chicago; the Rev. Edward V. Cardinal, director of the Sheil School of Social Studies; and Harold G. Shane, superintendent of the Winnetka Schools, who will act as chairman of the meeting.

North Shore high schools will also participate in the evening's program. Winners of the two contests open to students at Highland Park High School, New Trier High School, North Shore Country Day School, Mallinckrodt High School and Northbrook High School will be awarded \$170 in prizes for the best short, short stories and best posters on subjects relating to brotherhood.

Bernard G. Davis, president of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, will present the prizes. The winning stories will be read by their authors, and the best posters will be on exhibit. The Skokie School choir, under the direction of Lawrence Yingling, will offer a special program of music.

"The yearly cooperation of the North Shore Council and the North Shore Citizens' Committee in sponsoring this rally has, we feel, contributed much to the increasing local awareness of the important issues involved," stated Mrs. John B. Foreman, chairman of the Brotherhood Week Committee.

Working with Mrs. Foreman, Miss Elizabeth Bredin represents Highland Park.

The meeting will be open to all North Shore citizens, and there is no admission charge.

Honorary chairman of American Brotherhood Week is President Truman.

### Elm Place-Green Bay PTA Variety Show Postponed One Week

"Show Business" to be staged by parents and teachers of the Elm Place and Green Bay Road Schools has been postponed from February 18 to Friday evening, February 25.

Several new features of a musical character have been added to the show since the start of rehearsals. The program now includes a Men's Glee Club and Men's Quartette, plus individual musical specialties.

### Traveler In Alaska To Address Kiwanians At Monday Meeting

Mr. Martin Victor, local furrier, and traveler in Alaska, will address members of the Kiwanis club next Monday at their dinner meeting at the Moraine hotel. Sponsored by Sutton Laing, he will speak on "How Alaska Fits into the Picture of the Future of our Country."

Mr. Victor just returned from one of his biennial visits to Alaska, and will show recent color slides and movies of that country.

### Forty Niners' Square Dance Slated For Saturday, Feb. 26

Campbell Chapter OES will hold a square dance on Saturday, February 26 at the Masonic temple. Mr. Marshall Lovett with his concertist accompaniment will call the squares. Guests will be members of the Masonic Order, chapter members of OES and their friends. Dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 will be followed by refreshments.

The Traffic Commission, an advisory group to the City Council, appointed by the Mayor and Commissioners and headed by Edwin L. Gilroy, operating under the Traffic Ordinance adopted by the City Council in 1940, makes a study of traffic conditions in Highland Park for the purpose of recommending safety measures and facilitating transportation.

### Parking Meters

In January, 1946, the Commission started the study of parking meters as a solution to the above problem, and in September, 1947, realized the necessity of an immediate solution. To that end Mayor Patton and the Commissioners created a committee of 12, consisting of six prominent business men, two from the Plan Commission, four officials of the city. As a result of reports of this body made in December, 1948. This provides more raking covering the installation of meters in the Central avenue district. 231 were installed in the summer of 1947. This provides more parking spaces for the purpose of transacting business in this section, and in six month's time, has averaged a net of \$340 per week, or about \$17,000 per annum; one-half of which revenue is used for payment of the cost of the meters. After this cost is met, (by the end of 1949) the full amount will go to City Parking Funds.

### Off-Street Parking

Off-street free parking for longer periods is provided by leasing the Huber property on the east side for that purpose. Plans are under construction for a similar area on the Northwestern railroad property west of the tracks, near Hines Lumber yard, to be completed next summer, at a cost of about \$6000, the expense to be paid from meter funds. Northwestern R.R. property west of their station on First street will also be leased for this purpose, and will be under the jurisdiction of the Police department.

### Churches

The Immaculate Conception church is commended for providing parking space on their church property, and the Trinity, Pres. (Continued on page 6)

### Highwood Community Center Commission Plans Events

The members of the Highwood Community Center commission met at the Center building last Wednesday, February 9 for its regular monthly meeting.

The evening was devoted to a discussion of the public events planned by the commission for the purpose of raising money to maintain the recreation building.

Mrs. S. E. Pepe, chairman of the Carnival which will be held Friday February 18 at the Center outlined the activities for the evening.

Second Natta, chairman of the Games Party, planned for Saturday, March 19, announced that books and tickets will be issued throughout the town. A Norge freezer will be the grand award on that evening. Additional information may be obtained by calling the assistant chairman, Mrs. William Christensen, Highland Park 5336.

Mrs. Sam Somenzi, chairman of the committee for procuring dishes for the kitchen, announced that the Mother's Service Club had

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### Dollar Value Days Next Week-End

Friday and Saturday of next week will see many Highland Park and Ravinia stores offering special values at extra low prices to their customers.

This community-wide sale, which is being sponsored by the retail division of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, will give local shoppers a chance to select bargains of regular and seasonal merchandise at considerable savings. Watch for the individual ads of participating merchants in next week's issue of the PRESS.