

## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • RENTAL HOUSING

From a reader comes a suggestion that one solution to the rental housing problem would be for the government to sponsor a bond issue, similar to war bonds, with the funds to be used for rental housing instead of for war.

Naturally, such a plan would require a great deal of careful preparation, and there would be many vexing problems to be solved before it could be put into operation, but the results might well be worth the trouble.

One good effect would be the making of a lot more landlord-tenants, as each bondholder would, in effect, become a landlord. We think the effect of this arrangement would be good, basing our opinion on the premise that a tenant who is also a landlord, will be a better tenant, and a landlord who is also a tenant will be a better landlord.

The main objection, of course, is that it moves the government still further away from its prime function as a regulatory agent. (Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, "its former prime function as a regulatory agent.")

### • SOCIALIZED LAWSUITS?

If the government succeeds in its drive to give us socialized medicine, we wonder which will be the next profession to be socialized. The bar (legal, that is) must be a human nature being what it is, it would be hard to see just how crowded the court dockets would become if anyone could sue anyone else without paying attorney fees. Should that day ever dawn, the courthouse reporter will really be able to pick and choose his stories. . . . Oh well, it was just a passing thought—don't suppose that even the planners are THAT nuts!

### Highland Park Couple Meet Death In Plane Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Michaels, 280 Marshman road, residents of Highland Park for over 20 years, met death last Saturday, February 19, when the British DC-3 airliner, described as a Dakota, on which they were traveling from London to Renfrew, Scotland, crashed with an RAF training plane near Coventry, England. There were no survivors to the crash, and the wreckage is said to have been strewn over a large area.

The couple left New York on February 12, aboard the Queen Mary. They were en route to Scotland on a business trip, at the time of the tragedy. It was Mr. Michaels' seventh European trip within three years.

Mr. Michaels, 44, was vice president of the Hyman-Michaels Company, Chicago, railroad supply and iron scrap dealers. He attended Highland Park High school and University of Michigan. Mrs. Michaels was the former Belle Goldsmith of Chicago.

Survivors are their three children: Barbara, a student at Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio; and two sons, Joseph, a student at University of Michigan, and Stephen, aged 12, two brothers, Ralph and Everett, both of Highland Park, and Mrs. Joseph Michaels Sr., Mr. Michaels' mother, of California.

### Mr. Vetter To Display Hobby At Community Center Friday Morning

Mr. Art Vetter, well known Highland Parker, will give an informal talk on ceramic art at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 25th, for the newly organized group of adults who meet at the Community Center each week.

In connection with his talk Mr. Vetter will display his collection of Indian pottery from the Frankoma Potteries at Sapula, Oklahoma.

All adults in Highland Park are invited to these weekly gatherings on Friday mornings. The facilities of the Community Center, including a well equipped shop and dark room, a game room, music room and reading room, are available to those who come to these meetings.

### "Show Business" Slated At Elm Place School Friday, Feb. 25

Parents and teachers of the Elm Place and Green Bay road schools will present their annual variety show at the Elm Place auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. Admission tickets for the general public will be on sale at the box office.

A newly added attraction will be Doris Seelig, nationally known concert pianist and resident of Highland Park.

The show has been written and directed by Jack Pincus who has been identified with a number of successful similar productions, and the cast will include the following:

Jack Allen, Rex Andrews, Grace Andrews, Herman Anspach, Hadassah Baskin, Sam Baskin, Elsa Behanna, June Berg, Callie Dierking, Kay Embich, Jay Embich, Richard Fehheimer, Rozelle Graham, Arthur Grey, James Griswold, John Hess, William Houze, Christy Houze, Bernard Joseph, Robert Kahn, Harriet Ling, Graham Marks, Frank Nellis, Virginia Nelson, Mrs. Parker, Billie Parrish, Vernon Peterson, Betty Phelps, Elberta Phillips, Jean Pincus, Jack Ross, Doris Seelig, Arthur Seelig, Vanette Susarczyk, Beth Taft, Kenneth Todd, Betty White.

Men's Quartette: Paul Behanna, Richard Hafner, Vernon Peterson, William Schram.

Men's Glee Club: Dorman Anderson, Thomas Compere, William Crabb, E. E. Dierking, Alfred Hoelsner, W. Jacobson, Parry Owens, C. E. Parker, Harry Pierce, R. N. Rooks.

Band: Bert Greene, Ray Carter, Harold Edwards, John Erikson, Vernon Heins, Carl Shupe, Orin Spalding.

### Saturday Evening Club Plans Square Dance Saturday At "Y"

Members and friends of the Saturday Evening Club are invited to attend their George Washington party, a square dance, on Saturday evening, February 26th at the Y.W.C.A.

President, Mr. Bross, says that if you enjoy a rollicking good evening of square dancing, you will enjoy this, so make your plans now. Perhaps you have friends who like dancing, if so bring them with you. The place, the Y, the time, 8:30, the day, this Saturday.

### Comm. Concerts To Present Noted Cellist March 1st

Gregor Piatigorsky, the celebrated cellist, will appear in concert Tuesday, March 1, at 8:15 o'clock, under the auspices of Community Concerts. This is the third in the series of five concerts brought to Highland Park members of Community Concerts association this season.

A beloved figure in the international world of music, Gregor Piatigorsky is of Russian extraction, but has been a naturalized citizen of this country since 1942. Here in the country of his adoption, he has toured for two decades and has played more concerts and with more orchestras than any other violoncellist. He has, of course, appeared at Ravinia many times.

Piatigorsky started taking 'cello lessons when he was six, but three years later had to begin taking his music in dead earnest when he suddenly found himself forced to support his family. Days, he went to school; nights he played in the orchestra of a movie theatre. Sometime in between he managed to practice.

From his home town of Ekaterinoslav, Russia, his reputation spread to Moscow, and at 15 he was first 'cellist at the Imperial Opera in Moscow.

Mrs. Piatigorsky is the former Jacqueline de Rothschild, daughter of the Baron Eduard de Rothschild, formerly of Paris, who now lives in this country. A good amateur musician, Mrs. Piatigorsky plays piano, and, of all things, bassoon. They have two children, a 5-year-old daughter Jephtha, and a 4-year-old son, Joram.

### Traveler To Tell Of China At "Y" Tea

The Y.W.C.A. is giving a tea on Thursday, March 3, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and meet Mrs. James A. Hunter, who has recently returned from China and who will give a most interesting and informative talk on her experiences while there. The officers and members of the various clubs and organizations of the "Y" are urgently requested to attend.

Mrs. Charles Harris is in charge of the tea, and Mrs. Buchanan has charge of the tea table and decorations. Dr. William Young of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will lead in prayer. Miss Marguerite Sylla, of National, will be introduced.

### Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta 'Pirates Of Penzance' Scheduled At High School This Saturday Night

Final rehearsals are in progress at the Highland Park High school for the performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance", to be held Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The story of the operetta centers around the character of Frederick, who as a child was apprenticed by mistake to pirates. Frederick's love affairs are part of the narrative. An unusual set of circumstances complicates the plot.

130 students make up the chorus of pirates, police and General Stanley's wards.

The personnel of the choruses is as follows:

Sopranos: Shirley Allderdice, Alice Arentz, Dianne Christiansen, Elaine Gordon, Pat Gordon, Jeanne Herbst, Mickey Joseph, Charlotte Leaming, Virginia Meierhoff, Shirley Patton, Ruth Reilly, Annabeth Sears, Nancy Smalley, Gloria Smythe, Helen Schwarz, Gerry Walsh, Jackie Wick.

### Garnett, Patton, Keare Re-Elected Chest Officers

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Highland Park Community Chest, officers and directors were elected for 1949. Among the principal officers who were re-elected were: Joseph B. Garnett, Mayor Robert F. Patton, Spencer R. Keare, and Dr. Douglas Boyd.

New officers include: Wm. F. Einbecker, Fred Fell, Bernard Nath, Mrs. Louis Schultz, Mrs. Joseph Redlich, and Raymond L. Erskine. Mrs. Michael Bonamarte was re-elected assistant to the secretary.

The new board members include: Herman Anspach, Andrew C. Beck, Mrs. C. Longford Felske, Martin Hart, C. O. Husting, Mrs. E. J. Loewenthal, Mrs. Baldwin Newman, Philip Sparling, and Mrs. L. J. Stirling.

### Board Votes \$750 To USO

In addition to elections, the Board voted \$750 as a contribution to the Highland Park U.S.O. President Keare also announced the campaign chairmen for the year's drive will be published shortly.

Following is a complete list of officers and directors:

Joseph B. Garnett, Chairman; Honorary President, Mayor Robert F. Patton; President, Spencer R. Keare; Vice Presidents, Dr. Douglas Boyd, Wm. F. Einbecker, Fred Fell, Bernard Nath, Mrs. Louis Schultz; Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Redlich; Treasurer, Raymond L. Erskine; Assistant Treasurer, Matt J. Maiman; Assistant to the Secretary, Mrs. Michael Bonamarte.

Directors: Mrs. Gordon Adamson, Herman Anspach, Andrew C. Beck, Woodward Burgert, Joseph Caro, Mrs. Howard Detmer, Mrs. C. Longford Felske, Martin Hart, Dorsey Husenetter, C. O. Husting, Alan R. Kidd, Mrs. E. J. Loewenthal, Richard J. Loewenthal, A. V. McPhee, Emmett Moroney, Mrs. Howell Murray, Mrs. Baldwin Newman, Lee Ostrander, Herbert T. Schaffner, W. J. Seguin, Philip Sparling, Mrs. L. J. Stirling, Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Jr., Francis D. Weeks, Frank S. Wichman, and John S. Wineman.

### Highland Park Boys Lost?

Six and eight year old Lee and Rex Andrews of Highland Park know what to do in case they get lost. Fifty boys and girls visited the Chicago Sport Show held in the Amphitheatre Saturday afternoon under the supervision of the Recreation Department. In the crowd of people, these two boys became separated from their leader, Dick Ramsay. They went to the show announcer on the main platform and asked that an announcement be made of their predicament.

Altos: Jane Barton, Carolyn Botker, Janet Dickey, Ann Ferguson, Betty Johnson, Sandra Jorgensen, Elizabeth Lewis, Bettina Lubke, Patte Peterson, Vangie Rose, Roslyn Stern, Carol Trangmar, Connie White.

### Boys' Chorus

Pirates: Larry Berube, Arnold Baik, Bob Castellari, Walter Chaffee, Joe Cleaver, Randall Cox, Donald Danielson, Chan Hatcher, David Hogle, Jack Knollton, Gene Nelson, Mac Nelson, Tony Newey, Ray Rettig, Jim Rose, Phil Rubenstein, Ronald Salyards, Bill Selfridge, Henry Steels, Milton Voigt, Tom Wood.

Police: Joe Cleaver, Orville Deibler, Jim Dell, Bob Engle, Dexter Gauntlett, Larry Heat, Richard Krueger, Nando Ladurini, Victor Lubke, Eddie Moore, Martin Netzer, Byron O'Connor, Dick Peet, Don Piper, Donald Ruffalo, Harold Shick, John Sears, Reno Signario, James Zahle.

### Mass Meeting Thursday, March 3 To Discuss Division of School Dist.

#### Spring Program At Thrift Shop Stresses Modernization

Face lifting operations are under way at the Thrift Shop, 35 North Sheridan Road, Highland Park, opposite the Post Office. This modernization is part of the spring program of Infant Welfare, in cooperation with the women's auxiliary of the Highland Park hospital.

The Juniors of the Highland Park-Ravinia Center of Infant Welfare will assist in the final arrangements of the shop when they meet at the home of Mrs. T. L. Rehn, 217 Belle Avenue, Monday, February 28.

Mrs. W. P. Towne, sewing chairman, and her co-chairman Mrs. K. Lineberry, with their sewing committee will make the nylon curtains to be used as a back drop for the display window. Sea green walls and a jade green floor will provide a gay background for the new window.

Mrs. H. Simpson, Manager of the Thrift Shop states that the new bank of bins in the center of the room and the new shelves at the back of the window will afford greater space and facilities.

Mrs. F. Dicus, Chairman of the Thrift Shop, and Co-Chairman Mrs. J. Heitman have been working towards the remodeling of the shop for some time.

Hostesses for the Monday meeting will be—morning: Mrs. John Aldridge and Mrs. L. Smith. Afternoon: Mrs. R. Mack and Mrs. S. Johnston.

### First National Bank Registers Gain

In the annual roll call of the 15,000 banks in the United States, made by the American Banker, the New York daily publication for banks and bankers, the local First National Bank was shown to have made a substantial gain in ranking, according to the year-end figures for 1948. In addressing a congratulatory telegram to the bank, the American Banker comments that the advance was spectacular.

Their ranking, among the first 1,200 banks in the country, was advanced from 1193rd at the close of 1947 to 1133rd at the close of 1948, or a gain of 60 places in the annual tabulation. In the February 18th issue of the American Banker their ranking was published showing the figures which reflected an increase during the year of approximately \$700,000.00. This gain was made even though the bank deposits for the country at large during 1948 decreased by some three billion dollars.

In the opinion of the bank's officers, this increase is due in part to community growth and in part to the bank's increased facilities completed during the year for handling additional business. More space was made available both in the bank's lobby and for housing the Bookkeeping Department and a Special Loan Department added for the handling of home improvement, automobile and consumer goods loans.

### Legionnaires To Hear Dramatic Talent From Lake Forest College

A program of unusual interest is planned for the social meeting of the American Legion tonight (Thursday) at their quarters at 21 No. Sheridan road, when their guests will be students from the Speech class at Lake Forest College, under the direction of Professor Russell Tomlinson.

All citizens of Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Bannockburn are urged to attend a mass meeting to be held at the High School auditorium next Thursday evening March 3rd at 7:45 p.m., for a full discussion of the Lake Forest proposal to secede from the present High School District. The meeting has been called by the Citizens' Committee which has been investigating the proposed split and has met recently with the Lake Forest group.

#### Division Means Higher Tax Rates

A full report will be presented at this meeting so that every phase of the proposal may be clearly understood and thoroughly discussed. Based on this discussion, a decision will have to be made by the citizens of our community as to whether the proposal should be accepted or actively opposed. It is pointed out by the Committee that should the Lake Forest area be permitted to withdraw from the present High School District, the high school taxes we now pay would have to be increased by 30 to 40 percent.

#### All-out Attendance Highly Essential

It is essential that all citizens, whether they have children in school or not, attend this vitally important meeting whose outcome will affect every family in Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Bannockburn. Come prepared to ask questions and enter into the discussion because, if it should be the wish of the majority to oppose the separation, everybody's help will be needed in the campaign that will follow.

The committee arranging the meeting is composed of A. T. Sihler, chairman; Nello Ori, Highwood; Irl Marshall, Deerfield; E. A. Belmont and R. P. Sherer, Highland Park.

### Mrs. George W. Ross, Jr. Heads Intermediate Group Of Infant Welfare

Recently elected as President of the Intermediate Group of the Infant Welfare Society, Mrs. George W. Ross, Jr. will take over her duties on Monday February 28th at the home of Mrs. Albert Bingham, 1237 Judson.

Other officers who will serve with Mrs. Ross are Mrs. Paul V. Jester, Vice President, Mrs. Geo. Hadlock, Recording and Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Francis J. Nosek, Treasurer; Chairmen: Mrs. Arthur E. Schramm, Sewing, Mrs. Woodward Burgert, Luncheon, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Publicity, Mrs. T. L. Osborn, Jr., Telephone, and Mrs. Clifford Makelim, Representative to Junior Board.

The following new members, all of whom have served the required five years in the Junior Group, will be welcomed by the president and the membership: Mrs. Marvin Anthony, Mrs. R. E. Baughman, Mrs. Robert Block, Mrs. Gordon Buchanan, Jr., Mrs. LeRoy W. Clemence, Mrs. Halbert O. Crews, Mrs. Clarence Goelzer, Mrs. Walter J. Hodge, Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Mrs. Clifford Makelim, Mrs. Gordon R. Parks, Mrs. Paul R. Trent, Mrs. David T. Welch, Mrs. William C. Wenninger and Mrs. John B. Wilbor.

### Dr. Sparling To Speak At North Shore Israel Friday, Feb. 25

Dr. Edward J. Sparling, president of Roosevelt College in Chicago, will speak at North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, on Friday night, February 25, 8:15 o'clock. The service marks the observance of Brotherhood Week and Dr. Sparling's address is entitled, "What Price Brotherhood?"