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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### •MORE ABOUT SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

Elsewhere in this issue of THE PRESS is printed a letter from a reader commenting on recent references to socialized medicine which have appeared in this column and giving his own views on the subject. We are particularly glad to print this letter, because we are in agreement with so much of it.

We agree that greatly expanded health services are an absolute necessity. We agree that completely adequate medical care should be within the reach of all segments of the population. We believe that a system of competently staffed and well equipped clinics should provide medical care of the highest calibre for those who cannot pay for such service.

We don't think that setting up another political hierarchy, with its inevitable district offices, area offices, records divisions, various levels of authority and all the rest of the usual bureaucratic trappings is the way to achieve it.

We are in particular agreement, however, with the second paragraph of the letter, which says, "However, it is my belief that if free enterprise fails to cope with the national health problem in the future better than it has in the past, it will drive us into collectivism at a much greater pace than we are now proceeding."

Briefly, the chips are down, and if free enterprise, in this case, represented by the American Medical association, doesn't provide an answer, an answer will be provided by others less qualified to do so.

### Reader Opinion

Editor,  
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Dear Sir:

I have noted with interest your frequent references to socialized medicine in your column. There is another side to this question which I do not recall having seen expressed.

I am not an exponent of Socialism. However, it is my belief that if free enterprise fails to cope with the national health problem in the future better than it has in the past, it will drive us into collectivism at a much greater pace than we are now proceeding. The American Medical association in itself has contributed much to our national health and welfare. Its members are human beings, having natural instincts, who are opposed to any infringement on their profession. Relegating their field of endeavor to the administration of politicians is of course revolting to them in every sense of the word.

On the other hand is the layman, who cannot possibly appreciate the Association viewpoint because he has not paid the price of education in sweat, time and money. Nevertheless, he has an opinion, a gripe, one based on experience—the kind that he never forgets. Any plan to alleviate the present situation will be music to his ears.

One look at his doctor and hospital bills confirms his belief that something is very wrong. For further confirmation of his doubts, his first-hand experiences or those of his friends case have imbued him with resentment. He probably has met with some of these conditions; crowded hospitals, too few doctors, cool treatment when it was apparent funds were limited and again he has had that feeling of despair when his money won't purchase all the care he really needs. Hospital financial procedure is often embarrassing and his pride is trampled, he is hurt and he resolves to do something about it, anything. It is then he is Communist bait.

Hospitals have their problems in finances, they too have a side. They give away thousands of dollars in care every year, and are often victims of circumstances beyond their control. American doctors never collect a large part of their fees, nor do they press for payment to the extent of the law. If they did our courts could not accommodate the cases. The inability of the hospitals and the doctors to cope with the problem is not their fault, heavy city population has outgrown our facilities. The problem is not being met (Continued on page 6)

### Medical Editor To Address Chamber On "Socialized Medicine"

Mr. Robert M. Cunningham Jr., managing editor of The Modern Hospital Magazine, will address the monthly meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening on the subject: "Would Socialized Medicine Work". This meeting is to be held at the Sunset Valley Club and a dinner will be served at six-thirty.

Companion Bills are now being proposed by the congress to socialize medicine and Chamber members will be presented with the arguments for and against what the legislation is intended to accomplish.

Mr. Cunningham is not only an excellent speaker, but has contributed numerous articles on medical subjects to the Saturday Evening Post, Reader's Digest, Coronet and others. Chamber members are certain to profit from the remarks of this qualified speaker.

### Boy's Club To Give Scholarship Show Friday

Tomorrow, March fourth, the Boy's Club of Highland Park High School will show the films of the 1948 Olympic Games for the benefit of their annual scholarship fund. Tickets have been going very rapidly, and it is advisable to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are on sale at numerous stores in Highland Park and Highwood. The stores where you may purchase tickets are identified by posters designating so. This is the first, and possibly the only showing to take place in this area, with all the major Olympic events and champions being featured. Entire proceeds of admission fee will go to the scholarship fund.

### Women Voters To Hold Open Town Meeting Monday, March 21

An open town meeting to discuss city affairs, sponsored by the Highland Park League of Women Voters, will be held on Monday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln school.

"On tap" to the audience for information will be the Mayor and City Commissioners, to report on civic issues.

Highland Park citizens will want to attend this meeting and participate in the open discussion of subjects that affect their community living.

### Citizens Must Be Registered To Vote In April 5 Township Election

Every voter must be registered to be eligible to go to the polls at the township election, Tuesday, April 5, when candidates for township offices will be nominated. Final registration date is March 8.

Officers to be elected are as follows: 2 assistant supervisors, 1 town clerk, 1 town assessor, 1 town collector, 5 constables and 5 justices of the peace.

Highland Park residents may register in the supervisor's office, second floor at 394 Central avenue, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Those who are unable to visit the office during these hours, are asked to call H. P. 3240, so that arrangements may be made to register after hours.

Residents of Highwood may register at the Highwood city hall, with Mrs. Clara Bernardi, assistant city clerk, who has been appointed registrar for that district.

Those who have moved since last voting are to bring in their registration cards, which will be forwarded to the county clerk for necessary changes.

### Phone Solicitations Unauthorized Says Highland Park Hospital

Reports have reached the Highland Park Hospital that many homes have been solicited by telephone, during the past week, to purchase various household products on the representation that part of the proceeds would be used for the benefit of the Hospital's new building program.

Frank F. Selfridge, president of the Highland Park Hospital Foundation has advised this publication that these solicitations were not authorized by the Hospital nor any of its officials, and were made without the Hospital's knowledge.

### Deerfield Township Republican Women To Meet Thurs., Mar. 17

The annual meeting of the Deerfield Township Republican Woman's Club will be held Thursday, March 17, at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ellsworth L. Mills, 1915 South Sheridan Road.

The Club congratulates itself on the fact that Robert S. Cushman, distinguished lawyer and tax expert, has accepted its invitation to address them on the subject of the proposed Illinois Constitutional Convention. Also Mr. Walton R. L. Taylor of the Lake County Civic League will present some interesting facts concerning county and township offices.

Members are welcome to bring guests. Dessert and coffee will be served.

## High School Meeting Tonight To Decide Action In School District Split

Tonight, Thursday, at 7:45 p.m. a report will be given to the community by the Highland Park committee which has been investigating the proposed split of the Lake Forest and Highland Park High Schools into separate districts. Those attending the meeting in the high school auditorium will be given the facts and figures that will help everyone arrive at a decision as to whether the Lake Forest proposal should be accepted or actively opposed.

The committee composed of A. T. Sihler, chairman; Nello Ori, Highwood; Iri Marshall, Deerfield; E. A. Belmont and R. P. Sherer, Highland Park, met recently with the Lake Forest group to get the first-hand facts about Lake Forest's intentions. If the District should become divided, one of the results will be an increase of 30 to 40 percent in the high school

### MASS MEETING TONIGHT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

It is important that you attend this meeting at 7:45 P.M. to hear the full report about Lake Forest's proposal to separate from the High School District—thus increasing the taxes you pay. You must help decide what to do about it. Come and bring your neighbors!

### World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4, 1949

Time: 10:30

Place: Our Church

Millions of women today in seventy different countries will kneel at the altar of God—to pray. Unified by prayer to the same God we kneel as relatives in the same family with the same name—Children of God.

The prologue of prayer is spoken by women of the Fiji Islands, who live near the International Date Line. The murmuring prayers continue westward following the sun until after many hours the Great Amen is sung in the cold Arctic and at the same moment in the tropical Tongas where Queen Salote leads the kneeling hosts in benediction.

In a thousand differing tongues our prayers will rise and from a thousand differing temples, but the Lord of Life hears all. His spirit hovers above those who pray under the shade of His trees; it warms the hearts of those who worship in cold, barren rooms; it moves up and down the aisles of high cathedrals; and the Presence will be real in thatch-roofed chapels and bring a glow to mud-walled huts. God will precede His worshippers into hospitals and factories and radio stations.

Some will pray for bread and some for clothing. All will pray for peace and a deeper communion with God.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

The United Council of Church Women  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

### BULLETIN

Highland Park high school's Little Giants lost a heartbreaking game to Barrington in the regional tournament at Waukegan last night. The score was 47-46.

Highland Park led 14-10 at the end of the first quarter and 25-24 at half time. The score was tied at 34-34 as the last quarter began.

Don Coleman led the Little Giant scorers and was also high point man for the game with 13 points.

## City Council Forbids Use Of Garbage Grinders In Limits

### Caucus Selects Candidates For Board of Education In District 107

Candidates selected by a caucus for election on April 9 to the Board of Education in District 107 are:

President (1 year term)—  
Franklin J. Landing  
Unexpired term of 1 year—  
Robert J. Koretz

Unexpired term of 1 year—  
Vernon A. Peterson

3 year term—E. E. Dierking

3 year term—M. S. McGuffin

Caucus meetings were held on February 14 and February 21 at Green Bay and Elm Place Schools. The functions of a School Board as set forth by the Illinois Association of School Boards were read to the caucus.

The functions are:

1. Provide for a school system and establish policies in keeping with the wishes of the community and requirements of the State law.
2. Inform public of educational, physical and financial needs of the school, and policies and planning within the school.
3. Direct expenditures and approve sites and buildings.
4. Advise with administrative personnel and act upon their recommendations.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the program planned, and hold administration and those in places of trust and leadership responsible for results.

Members of the caucus were: Representing Elm Place PTA: Francis D. Weeks, President who presided at the caucus meetings.

Mrs. D. L. Clinton

Mrs. J. P. Embich

Irving H. Goldberg

Representing Green Bay PTA:

Mrs. Sydney P. Graham, President

E. E. Dierking

Richard F. Drake

Mrs. D. H. Julian

Representing taxpayers in the district, but having no children in either school:

Wm. H. Bartel

Lewis B. Sinclair

Representing the School Board:

Mrs. J. V. Houghtaling

Jackson W. Smart

### New Beach House Nearing Completion

A visit to the Rosenwald Park Beach at the foot of Roger Williams Avenue in Ravinia, will reveal considerable progress on the fine Lannon stone bathhouse now under construction and which should be completed in ample time to insure its use this summer.

This project was made possible through the generous interest of the Rosenwald family. It may be recalled that at the time of acquiring the new park site from Mrs. Marion Ascoli, daughter of Julius Rosenwald, that the bond issue then approved by a referendum included an appropriation for the development of the area as a park, for a bathhouse and for a pier to protect and develop the beach. The subsequent sharp rise in building costs made it impossible to carry out all of these projects with the money on hand. The Rosenwald family however, made a very generous donation of \$25,000.00 to enable the Park Board to carry out some project in the proposed park in a manner that otherwise might have to be done on a lesser scale and the beach house was made the object of this aid.

The new structure, a building of which any community could be proud, will provide all of the usual beach facilities which this locality has missed for so long and in addition will provide a pleasant canopy covered deck for lounging. Improved life guard service will be possible and together with the recreation pier should give a most complete bathing and beach play area.

Those of our citizens who have not paid this development a visit should do so and become aware of this civic improvement under way and recall that it received its impetus through the Rosenwald family's interest in our town. We

Because city septic tanks and sewers cannot take care of the extra refuse matter, it was decided by the City Council, Monday evening, to abandon the use of garbage grinders in Highland Park, and Paul Behanna, Corporation Counsel, was authorized to draw up an ordinance forbidding the installation of such machines within the city limits.

According to the Council the collection of waste matter in city sewers and septic tanks necessitates extra cleaning and repairing, and adds to problems in sanitation, due to extra waste collecting in catch basins.

Although there is no ban on garbage grinders at present, city law does specify that garbage be collected from containers stationed in the rear of residences.

### Building Ordinances To Be Revised

Also on Monday evening, Mayor Patton appointed a five-man committee to revise and amend present building ordinances, which have not been revised since 1919. The committee consists of Norman Schlossman, chairman; Bertram Weber; E. J. Weeks; J. E. Nelson, and Thor Johnson.

### Moraine On The Lake Now Under New Management

J. J. Rheingold, owner of Moraine-On-The-Lake, 801 N. Sheridan, has announced that he will retire from its active administration, and that the management of the 250-room hotel will be placed in the hands of two Chicago hotel executives, N. C. Bicking and C. T. Craddock, staff members of Edgewater Beach hotel. Both are well experienced in the problems of management.

Mr. Rheingold reports that the Moraine was recently remodeled at the expense of \$500,000.

### Art Curator Of Chicago Institute To Speak Here

"What's Doing in American Art Today" will be a good deal more than a straight report when Katharine Kuh, Associate Curator of the Art Institute of Chicago, speaks on this subject under sponsorship of the Friends of the Highland Park Library in the library auditorium at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13.

Mrs. Kuh is well known not only for her knowledge and wide acquaintance in the world of art, but also for her understanding of modern trends in painting and her ability to interpret them.

Members of the Friends and their guests are welcome to participate in the discussion which will follow Mrs. Kuh's talk. The special resources of the Library's books on art will be pointed out.

Sunday's meeting is the second in the Spring program of the Friends. The third event will be held on Sunday, April 10, when Bergen Evans, well-known author and professor of English at Northwestern university, will discuss George Bernard Shaw.

think you will agree that it was a wonderful opportunity to retrieve a portion of the lake front for the use of the general public.

A good deal of credit should also be given to Mr. Bertram Weber, President of the Park Board, upon whose profession as an architect the project has drawn heavily for guidance.

In spite of the slim purse now available to the District for maintenance, plans are under way for beach cleaning and better supervision at both of the public beaches. Further reports on this will be forthcoming.

