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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• PROGRESS BRINGS COMPLICATIONS

It's hard to be a sincere middle-of-the-roader. The more we learn, the more we realize how little we know. It must have been much simpler in the good old unlamented days, say, before the invention of the telescope and the knowledge which came in the wake of its discovery.

In those days, man knew that the world was the center of the universe, around which the sun, moon and stars revolved. Poverty was no problem, because everyone knew that nothing could be done about it. Pestilence and famine were acts of God and it occurred to no one that man might presume to interfere with this established order of things. Leaders were such by divine right, and if a leader happened to take a more than passing interest in the welfare of his subjects, they were, presumably, properly grateful. Yes, life must have been simpler, even if much less enduring.

Now we have the greatest degree of creature comfort the world has yet seen, accompanied by the greatest degree of general mental instability. None of us knows where to draw the line. For every additional "security" we get from government, we pay with the surrender of an additional portion of our control over that government, yet having embarked on a program of what amounts to socialization, where can we stop? And even if we could stop, how far would we want to turn back? Somewhere between control of the peoples' destinies by "entrenched wealth" and the control of those destinies by "entrenched bureaucracy" must lie the golden mean which would permit the retention of individual liberty and the suppression of what the Communists like to call "the exploitation of the masses."

Certainly Communism, the ultimate in the exploitation it decries, holds no answer. Surely an ever-growing bureaucracy, which can end in nothing but some form of communism, no matter what it comes to be called, is no answer. Equally certain is the fact that a return to a ruggedly individualist system of free enterprise system, with no holds barred and no protection for the worker, the small businessman and the small investor, is no answer.

Somewhere in the maze must lie the answer, but it's hard to be a middle-of-the-roader when you can't even find the road.

Here's an example of why it's so hard to find the road. President Truman is acclaimed as the friend of labor. Yet, he wanted to draft striking railroad workers into the army, so that they could be forced to work. Senator Taft, co-author of the Taft-Hartley law, is generally denounced as labor's enemy. Yet he fought President Truman's draft plan for the railroad men to a standstill.

Somebody's nuts, and the suspicion grows that it is all of us.

Lions Club Announces \$1200.00 Scholarships

According to Lion President Floyd Godfrey, of Highland Park Lions Club, the club is very happy to announce that beginning with the college year 1949-50, one scholarship will be given annually to an outstanding student from the Highland Park High school area. Financial aid up to \$800.00 each year will be given, as long as the student meets scholastic requirements, or a total of \$1,200 for four years.

The scholarship is known as the Highland Park Lions Club War Memorial Scholarship Plan and is supervised by Scholarship Committee consisting of Paul Olson, chairman, Dr. James A. Butterworth (both veterans of World War II), Bert Greene, Jules Laegerler (veterans of World War I), and Robert Pease. The High School Advisory Committee is composed of Mr. A. E. Wolters, principal of High School, Miss Rinkenberger, Dean of Women, and Mr. Edward Burwell, Dean of Men. The above committees work as a unit and all applications are processed through these two committees. An applicant to be eligible for the above scholarship must be in his senior year. Those students desiring to make application for Highland Park Lions Club War Memorial Scholarship Fund should see Mr. Burwell or Miss Rinkenberger.

This Scholarship Fund is only one of the many activities sponsored by Highland Park Lions Club for betterment of the Community and its people.

Rose Bowl Pictures At Men's Fellowship Club Meeting

Bob Voigts, football coach of the Northwestern "Wild Cats" will speak and show the motion pictures of the Rose Bowl Game at the meeting of the Mens Fellowship Club of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church to be held on Friday evening, March 11.

The meeting will start at 6:30 P. M. with a dinner for the members only. At 8:00 P. M., after the dinner, the meeting will be open to everyone so that all will have an opportunity to hear Coach Voigts explain the Rose Bowl pictures as they are being shown.

The Choral Group of the Highland Park High School, directed by Chester Kyle, will furnish musical entertainment during the dinner.

Highwood American Legion Honor 20th Anniversary

Highwood Unit No. 501 will honor the 20th anniversary of the local American Legion on Saturday, March 12th with a pot luck supper for members of the Post and auxiliary. The party will be held at the Legion home, 220 Railway ave., Highwood. Charles Dean, commander, and the officers of the Post will be guests of honor.

The women of the Auxiliary will throughout the nation be holding birthday parties honoring the members of their respective Posts (Continued on page 5)

Fashion Expert Will Address Woman's Club Tuesday, March 15

A lecture of real interest to every woman will be given by Sally Warren Steele at the next Woman's Club meeting, Tuesday March 15. Her subject will be Forecasts of Fashions to Come.

At 2 P. M. Mrs. Kenneth B. Lacy, president, will conduct the short business meeting after which the program chairman, Mrs. Sidney Frisch will introduce the speaker of the afternoon.

A fashion contributor to national magazines and newspapers Miss Steele has arranged fashion shows at the Ritz Carlton, Waldorf Astoria and Rainbow Room, while associated with King Features Syndicate and Fawcett Publications.

In Washington, Miss Steele has staged fashion shows at such well-known sites as the 2400 Hotel and at the Collingwood-on-the-Potomac. In her lecture she presents a vivid story of how fashions are created and explains what every woman should know about styles of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Miss Steele is widely-known in New York, Washington and Hollywood fashion and promotion circles, having been associated for four years with the National Broadcasting Company. She was in charge of press relations for such Hollywood screen and radio stars as Bing Crosby, Bob Burns, Jack Benny, Ginny Simms and Dinah Shore. She also managed press relations for the National Symphony of the Air, with Toscanini and Stokowski conducting, and the famous Information Please show.

Immediately following the program tea will be served by members of the Hospitality Committee.

"Fun or Folly" Symposium Set For March 16

There will be a meeting of students of Highland Park High School and their parents on Wednesday evening, March 16, to discuss the social life of the teenagers. Questions and comment from the platform will be presented by a panel composed of Mr. Jerry Leaming, Mrs. Harold Nelson, Mr. A. G. Humphreys, Mr. Ed. Lowenthal, and Mrs. Herman Ritow; and five representative Highland Park High School students. Mr. Lester Ball, superintendent of schools of district 108 will be moderator.

This is to be an audience participation program. Puzzling situations can be cleared and standards set and maintained in the wholesome climate of open discussion.

Others than the current high school group will be welcome to attend if interested. Possibly seventh and eighth grade pupils, their parents or teachers will be intrigued by a preview of these usually unforeseen perplexities.

The meeting will be in the English Clubroom at 8 o'clock.

Door-to-Door Drive For Petition Signatures Commences Next Week

Following last Thursday's mass meeting at the high school, when a 251 to 147 vote decided that there would be active opposition to the separation of the high school district, a representative group of citizens met at the school Monday evening, March 7th, to set up a committee to conduct the campaign for petition signatures.

Lee H. Ostrander was named chairman of the High School District Campaign Committee, with Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Parker Hall, Robert S. Ramsay, Nello Ori and Speer Keare, as vice chairmen; and Joseph H. Caro as publicity chairman. District chairmen and block captains will be appointed during the week to direct the door-to-door work of canvassing every home in Highland Park, Highwood and Deerfield. These workers, whose names will be announced in our next issue, will start their work sometime next week, with the purpose of securing at least 9,000 signatures

SIGN THE PETITION OPPOSING SEPARATION!

Have every legal voter in your family sign the petition opposing the separation of the High School District, when your neighbor calls on you for your signatures in the next few days. 9,000 names are needed to prevent the split-up of the district that would result in a 40% increase in your high school taxes. Keep up the educational standards of this community . . . keep school taxes reasonable . . . by keeping the High School District intact. Be sure to sign!

Republican Women To Present Outstanding Speakers, March 17

Because of two speakers eminently qualified to present their subjects, interest in the annual meeting of the Deerfield Township Republican Women's club to be held at the home of Mrs. Ellsworth L. Mills, president, on Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m., is mounting.

Robert S. Cushman, member of the law firm of Scott, McLeisch and Faulk, and a resident of Highland Park, will speak on the proposed Illinois Constitutional convention. Also chairman of the State and Local Taxation commission of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and Chairman of the State Bar Committee which drafted our present Illinois property laws, he is at present a member of Senator Little's commission to study Illinois tax laws.

Walter R. L. Taylor, executive Secretary of the Lake County Civic League, will talk on country and township offices. His familiarity with the problems of governmental administration is indicated by the fact that he was Civil Service commissioner of the State of Virginia and that he served as Civic Secretary of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Members may bring guests. Dessert and coffee will be served.

VFW To Hold Annual Spring Conference In Chicago, March 12, 13

Representatives of more than 250 Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in the Chicago area will meet at the Sherman Hotel on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, for the annual Spring Conference of the overseas veterans' organization.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a model post meeting to be conducted by state officials of the V.F.W. at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. The model meeting is being staged, State Commander Henry L. Warner of Maywood explained, especially for the benefit of World War II veterans who are increasingly taking over offices in the VFW.

In connection with the conference, a dinner dance honoring Commander Warner will be held at St. Jude's Hall, 221 West Madison street, on Saturday night.

Hospital Building Drive Now Past \$687,000 With \$63,000 To Go!

Local Politics To Be Discussed At Women Voters' Meeting

Latest local and state news will be discussed at the March group meetings of the Highland Park League of Women Voters to be held Wednesday, March 16.

"Among subjects that we shall talk about at the meetings," Mrs. Melvin Wolens, League program chairman said today, "will be the city tax referendum, the Highland Park Town meeting, what is meant by the proposed High school split, facts we need to understand before the township meeting, and the latest developments in Convention news at Springfield."

The meetings will be held from 1:30 until 3 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 Metzberg, Mrs. D. L. Clinton, Mrs. Carl Holzheimer, Mrs. Louis Haller, Mrs. Frank Trangmar, Mrs. Albert Rammond, Mrs. Alfred Gardner or Mrs. Homer Rosenberg.

Presbyterian Women To Present Marion Moseley Sniffen

The Woman's Association of the H. Park Presbyterian church will hold an all-day meeting at the church on Thursday, March 17. There will be the usual sewing and surgical dressings at ten o'clock, a bake sale, and at twelve o'clock Mrs. Gerald Lukey of Northbrook, will address the members in the Chancel service, luncheon at twelve-thirty, and the program at two o'clock. The speaker on the program will be Marion Moseley Sniffen, daughter of Mrs. Carleton Moseley, a long time resident of Highland Park.

Impressions of Post War Europe

Mrs. Sniffen recently returned from a year spent in Europe, the last six months of which she worked with a relief unit of American Friends Service Commission in Ludwigshafen on the Rhine, in the French Zone of Germany. She worked with forty-five German women in a food distribution program for twenty-five thousand people, who by medical examination were found to be in poorest physical condition. Mrs. Sniffen acted as Nutrition Director of American Red Cross for the Pacific Area during the last war.

In the months before her food distribution work in Germany, (Continued on page 5)

Town Meeting To Be Held March 21 At Lincoln School

Plans are proceeding for the large community-wide town meeting which is expected to attract hundreds of Highland Park citizens desiring to know more of the operations of their city government. City officials are scheduled to give talks on subjects of current importance and answer questions from the audience in a definite question period at the conclusion of the talks.

The Civic meeting, sponsored by the Highland Park League of Women Voters, will be held Monday, March 21 at 8 p.m., in the Lincoln school. Mrs. Charles Puestow, League president, is in charge of general arrangements.

Kiwanians To See Films Of Florida Scenery

On Monday evening, March 14, speaker at the Kiwanis club will be Harold Bridges, who will show select slides and movies taken on his recent Florida vacation.

Lions Stage Yearly Attendance Contest Starting Next Thursday

The annual Attendance Contest of the Lions' Club will start this year on Thursday, March 17, to run for eight weeks, ending on Thursday, May 5. The "pay-off"

During the past 60 days, more than \$9,000 has been contributed to the Building Fund of the Highland Park Hospital by the citizens of our community, increasing the previously reported total to \$687,000. This still leaves \$63,000 to be collected before the goal of \$750,000 is reached.

"The new heating plant should be in operation later this month," reports Howell W. Murray, chairman of the Building Fund Committee, "and the steel for the new wing has been ordered. Ground should be broken next month for the addition that will give our hospital 50 more beds. The extra capacity is badly needed because our hospital is overcrowded and on many occasions recently, it has been necessary to put patients' beds into the Administrator's office as well as into the Doctors' Room."

"We urge everyone who has not yet given or who can give more to send a contribution to this worthy cause that affects the health and well being of every family in our community. Please send your contributions, (which may be spread over a 3-year period) direct to the hospital, or address them to me at 31 North Linden Avenue, Highland Park."

Ravinia Gardeners To Feature Guest Day Tomorrow, March 11

Guest Day will be the feature of the next meeting of the Ravinia Garden Club. On Friday, March 11th, the Club will meet in the Village House of Ravinia School at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, having as their guests, the Garden Guild of Highland Park, the North Shore Garden Club, The Board of the League of Women Voters, the Teachers from the High School, Braeside, Ravinia, Lincoln, West Ridge, Green Bay and Elm Place Schools. Each member is also privileged to bring a guest.

The Program under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Riddle will be a colored sound film entitled "The Living Earth", produced under the supervision of Dr. Fairchild Osborn, author of the book "This Plundered Planet". It is distributed by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc.

It is a compelling story of vital interest to every person concerned with the factors that are essential to man's very existence, namely the soil.

Tea will be served before the showing of the film. Hostesses for the afternoon include Mesdames Willard Ewing, Longford Felske, Arthur Strubel, John Wilbor, Frank Straight, James Davis and Mrs. A. G. List, Chairman.

February Building Less Than February 1948

The 14 permits issued last month have a total valuation of \$129,198—a little less than half the valuation of the 14 permits issued for building work totalling \$311,449 in February, 1948. The building department's records also show a decided slump in the combined figures for January and February of this year, when 18 permits were issued for a total valuation of \$217,498, as compared with 22 permits totalling \$374,764 for the same two months in 1948.

Permits for six single family dwellings having a total valuation of \$99,398 were issued by the Highland Park building department during the month of February, it was reported today by Philip E. Cole, city engineer and building inspector.

The department also issued permits to cover two private garages having a combined valuation of \$1,600, and six permits for alteration work on single family dwellings totalling \$28,200.

dinner will take place on May 12.

Today (Thursday) members of the club will see movies of the World Series.