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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• WHAT WAS MEANT

A story reported in this week's papers gives an excellent demonstration of the fact that one can mean what one says without necessarily saying what one means.

The story referred to relates that opponents of the abandonment of the North Shore Line have introduced ads run by the company in 1947, stating, or at least conveying the impression, that the company would not abandon the Shore Line route.

We don't have copies of the ads in question at hand, but if memory is accurate, none of the ads of that period came out flatfootedly with the unadorned statement "The Shore Line route will not be abandoned." We recall that the wording was always something like the following: "It is not planned to abandon the route," or "There is no desire to abandon the route."

Of course, the ads gave the impression that the route would not be abandoned, and we believe, were intended to give that impression. Nevertheless, as we recall, they all left a technical, if not a moral, loophole.

• ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Precisely the same evasion, we believe, is being practised by the proponents of so-called "constitutional convention" for Illinois. They recognize the fact that much of the opposition to the proposal to make it easier to amend the state constitution arises from a fear that a state income tax will be imposed if the protection against it, provided by the present constitution is removed. (Incidentally we think a state income tax, WILL be imposed if the present protection is removed.)

However, none of the proponents have offered any assurance that any real protection against the imposition of a state income tax will be or can be provided if the present protection is removed.

They have said that "there is no intention" of imposing one; they have said that "there is no desire" to impose one; but they haven't said (perhaps they can't) that the new constitution will provide the same protection that the present one does.

They talk about the "horse and buggy constitution." If it is horse and buggy thinking that frames laws to prevent political spendthrifts, professional dogooders and thinly disguised National-Socialists from diverting a major portion of the nation's wealth from the pockets of its citizens into hopelessly confused channels, lined with red tape and wired for gobbledygook, let's hire a few more white wings and let the chips fall where they may.

John Lee Udell Well Known Newspaper- Man Is Taken By Death

Highland Park was shocked last Saturday morning by the news of the sudden death of one of its best-known citizens, John L. Udell, 102 No. Sheridan road, who, after starting on his daily rounds in the morning, returned to his home, where he evidently succumbed to a sudden attack. He had been prominent in newspaper work in Highland Park for 43 years.

Born in Rantoul, Ill., sixty-three years ago, he had been a resident of Highland Park since 1908. In 1911 he established and became president of the Udell Printing company, publishers of the Highland Park Press and the Lake Forester for many years. In 1941 he became local manager for Deerfield, Highland Park and Highwood weeklies owned by the Pioneer Publishing Company, of Oak Park, Ill.

A public-minded citizen, he was a member of the Highland Park Kiwanis Club, The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Press association and the Lake County Publishers association. He was also a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Surviving are his widow, Nelle; two sons, N. Lee Udell of Highland Park and John Paul Udell of Stark, Florida; four daughters, Mrs. Gladys Mooty of Stark, Florida, Mrs. Betty Anderson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Phyllis McMillan of Park Ridge and Mrs. Jacqueline Vanderlip of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Cope of Highland Park; two brothers, Bertram and Paul, and four grandchildren.

Rites were conducted on Tuesday of this week at the Kelley-Spalding chapel on No. Sheridan, at 2 p.m.

Open Letter

To the Citizens of Highland Park:

As the president of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park, I should like to add my personal endorsement to the struggle to keep the present Deerfield-Shields Township High School District intact.

We in the League of Women Voters have long worked for equal educational opportunities for children since we feel keenly that a good education is necessary to prepare a child to meet the demands made upon him as a citizen.

It is foolish to try to divorce equal opportunities in education from the tax dollars which will provide those opportunities. The spread of tax dollars over larger school districts is a most important and effective means of securing a good education for all of the pupils in a given area. We have such a spread in our present school district. Let's keep it by opposing the partition of the district.

FRANCES T. PUESTOW
president
League of Women Voters of
Highland Park, Ill.

To Give Lecture On Christian Science

An invitation is extended to members of this community to hear a free lecture on Christian Science. The lecture is entitled "Christian Science: The Science That Meets the Human Need," and it will be delivered by John S. Sammons of Chicago, member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.

The local Christian Science church is sponsoring this lecture in its own edifice, 387 Hazel avenue Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

City Problems Aired At Recent Town Meeting

The Town Meeting on Monday night, held at Lincoln school and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, of which Mrs. Charles Puestow, president, was in charge, was well attended.

Reports by various council members and city commissioners made it clear that city service was seriously curtailed by the defeat of last spring's referendum for a tax increase.

An outline of the city's problems by Mayor Patton and the city commissioners indicated that another tax referendum would be needed if no aid to municipalities is given by the state.

It was made evident that living standards—protection from fire, sanitary conditions and moral safety, call for further action in this respect. Increase in cost of living, according to reports, make a raise in the salaries of many city officials necessary.

Saturday Evening Club Elects New Officers

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Saturday Evening Club, held March 12, new officers were elected as follows:

Mr. Jack Freck, 800 Cloverdale—President; Mr. John Grostad, 415 McDaniels—Vice President; Mrs. John Grostad, 415 McDaniels—Secretary and Mr. A. J. Bailey, 1237 Burton—Treasurer.

This club is a group of married couples who like to get together once a month and square dance. It's good fellowship, it's good exercise and it's fun, they say. You are cordially invited to these dances to meet other "marrieds" and to have an enjoyable evening with them.

The purpose of this group is one purely of sociability and fellowship. If you are a new resident in town, there is no quicker way to become acquainted. For further information call the Y, Highland Park, 675.

July 1 Deadline For the Filing of Illinois Bonus Forms

Veterans of World War II are reminded that the deadline for filing the Illinois Bonus forms is July 1st, 1949, according to Raymond Suzzi, service officer of the Highwood Post No. 501, American Legion. Those who need forms or assistance in filling them out, may call for an appointment after 5:00 p.m. Highland Park 4279.

"When completing these forms, duplicate copies are made for future reference, so therefore it is advisable to have these completed by me," stated Mr. Suzzi.

"I also have available several other types of forms for compensation or insurance, and will assist you anytime you need it," he further stated.

Teen Age Social Life Discussed At Forum

About 600 parents and students came to the Highland Park High school auditorium the evening of March 16, for the discussion of teen age social life. A well prepared panel had been arranged by a student committee, capably steered by John Cleary, with a parent committee under the able leadership of Mrs. Ferd Kramer.

Representing the students on the panel were: Phyllis Schaffner, freshman, Laurie Nath, sophomore, Hugh Riddle, Junior, and Holly Stair and Russell Clark, seniors. The parent speakers were: Mrs. Harold Nelson of Deerfield, Mrs. J. Maybra Kilpatrick, Mr. Jerry Leaming, Mr. A. Gordon Humphreys and Mr. Edward Loewenthal, all of Highland Park. Mrs. Nelson opened the presentation by turning the searchlight on parent-child relations.

Mr. Lester Ball did an outstanding job as moderator, calling on anyone in the audience wishing to ask a question or offer an answer, so that the entire assembly participated actively in the discussion. Wide variance of opinion was expressed, ranging from "let the young people make their own decisions" to an appeal for more parental control. Many students suggested that parents take more interest in the social activities of the younger group, to avert problems arising.

Bob Demichelis, president of Student Council, rose several times to speak from the floor. "All these specific problems," he said, "such as party crashing, drinking and reckless driving, are just outward expressions. It seems to me what we have to achieve is an inner quality which we might call 'common decency'. Most of us acquire this quality as we are growing up."

The problems thus exposed to public examination are to be taken up individually at future meetings, when the best solution will be sought, procedure decided and subsequently acted upon at future meetings.

The first such meeting, on Wednesday evening of this week, dealt with recreational facilities to accommodate large groups of teenagers. The program covered three points: 1. Investigation of existing facilities by members of the discussion group. 2. Their investigation of proposed facilities. 3. Their decision, in the light of these investigations, as to what (Continued on page 6)

VFW Square Dance At Witten Hall March 26

Saturday evening, March 26, 1949 the Highland Park Memorial Post No. 4737 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its monthly social evening. It will be an ever popular Square and Barn Dance, at which there will be a regular dance for those who wish it.

The music will be supplied by "The Four of Us" a local Barn Dance crew.

Members are invited to bring guests and an enjoyable evening is promised to all. The time is 9:00 p.m. and the place is Witten Hall, 360 Central Ave., Highland Park, Ill.

Radio Broadcast "One Great Hour" To Be Heard Saturday, March 26

A history making radio broadcast is to be made Saturday night, March 26, at 9:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) over the major networks. (Columbia, National Broadcasting, and Mutual) as well as related independent stations, totaling over a thousand. The broadcast will be known as "One Great Hour" when there will be a concentration of stellar talent to present by living drama and great music an appeal for church sponsored relief and reconstruction work.

The churches of the country are promoting this unprecedented broadcast which will include a statement by President Truman. "One Great Hour" will have an audience of over 50,000,000 listeners. An appeal will be made in

behalf of relief for war stricken peoples, and for local citizens to go to their churches on the next morning, Sunday March 27, to bring their offerings which are aimed at a \$10,000,000.00 total. All funds received on this Sunday will be sent through denominational relief channels. The appeal is being made on an inter-faith basis.

"Last week the Ministerial Association of Highland Park and Highwood by formal action gave enthusiastic support to this coast to coast broadcast and its objectives," states Rev. Lester H. Laubenstein, President, "and the ministers are urging their constituents to 'listen in' and then bring in their offerings on the designated morning."

Playground Recreation Department To Conduct Summer Day Camp

League of Women Voters Endorses H. S. Petition Against Separation

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, held March 16th at the Public Library, the League unanimously approved the current campaign for signatures to a petition opposing Lake Forest's attempt to separate from the High School District. The League's stand is based on its belief that a larger school district equalizes the educational opportunities for all school children. The separation of the high school district would weaken the support of our educational facilities because it would withdraw an important amount of school tax income.

The drive for signatures is proceeding throughout Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield, Bannockburn and Wilmet, with all homes being canvassed by a corps of several hundred workers. Early reports indicate that practically all the citizens called on understand the problems that separation would bring and are glad to sign the petition.

Attention, Citizens!
Chairman Lee H. Ostrander asked us to insert the following message addressed to our readers:

"If, for some reason, no one has called on you with a petition and you wish to sign it, please phone the chairman of your district as listed below and one of the block workers will be sent to you immediately with a petition to be signed. In an undertaking as huge as this, it is inevitable that someone may be missed in the canvass. We wish to give everyone an opportunity to sign, and if no one has called on you, just call one of these phone numbers for a petition blank."

District 1—Mrs. John A. Bigler
Phone H. P. 346
District 2—Mrs. Lee W. Strauss
Phone H. P. 3943
District 3—Charles D. Spencer
Phone H. P. 4235
District 4—Mrs. Robert C. Brown,
Jr. Phone H. P. 1050
District 5—Mrs. David Levinson
Phone H. P. 2081
District 6—Kenneth H. Kraft
Phone H. P. 1442
District 7—Arthur Heimerdinger
Phone H. P. 2382
District 8—Mrs. Shirley Smith
Phone H. P. 1743
District 9—Harry J. Van Ornum
Phone H. P. 4047
District 10—Mrs. E. W. Cederborg
Phone H. P. 2356
District 11—J. C. Fehner Phone
H. P. 289
District 12—Vernon A. Peterson
Phone H. P. 2375
District 13—George W. Ross, Jr.
Phone H. P. 4666
District 14—Russell H. Clark
Phone 1317
District 15—M. S. McGuffin
Phone H. P. 1805
District 16—Wilfred J. Seguin
Phone H. P. 4646
Highwood—Nelso Ori, Phone Hwd.
5934
Deerfield—Robert S. Ramsay
Phone Deerfield 353

Scouts To Participate In First Aid Meet At Glenview, April 1

Tuesday evening, March 15, the six Boy Scout troops from Highland Park participated in a District-wide First Aid meet at the Ravinia School gymnasium. Jack Montgomery, District Commissioner of the Highland Park-Highwood District, was in charge of the event. Representatives from Public Service and the Scout committees acted as judges.

All the Scouts participating made a good record and will participate in the Council-wide First Aid meet to be held at the Glenview Naval Training Station on Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Scoutmasters of the troops participating are as follows:
Troop 30—Ken Margeson
Troop 31—Warner Turriff
Troop 33—Lloyd Moon
Troop 35—Karl King
Troop 36—Ambrose Cantagallo
Troop 324—Harry Skidmore.

Art Olson, President of the Highland Park Playground and Recreation Board, announced this week that the Recreation department will sponsor and operate a Summer Day Camp again this summer in Sunset Park, a very popular feature in the city during the past summer.

The Recreation Board has made arrangements this year to charter a bus and children enrolled in the camp will be picked up in all sections of Highland Park and returned home when the day's activities are completed.

Another feature that should prove popular with parents is the swimming class which will be held twice each week at New Trier High School's beautiful swimming pool. The children will be transported to and from New Trier by bus.

The Day Camp will be operated as an Indian Village, groups divided according to age and maturity. Trained counselors will be in charge of small groups. The program will be of a nature craft and Indian lore type, sports, crafts, camping, Natufé trips and social activities holding to the Indian theme.

The Nature Program will be under the supervision of the counselors assisted by conservation experts from the office of the Conservation Superintendent Roberts Mann of the Cook County Forest Preserves, and will consist of camping, fishing and over-night trips.

A fee will be charged to pay for transportation, noon lunches and swimming instruction.

The Day Camp will be limited to ninety members with no registrations taken until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 25th. Applications should be made to Miss Mildred Walther, Secretary of the Recreation Department, at the Recreation Dept. Day Camp, Community Center, 549 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Telephone H. P. 2442.

Outstanding Artists To Appear At Ravinia August 9, 11, 13, 14

The unprecedented appearance together of three of the world's great musicians—Artur Schnabel, Heifetz and Piatigorsky—will take place this summer for an entire week's schedule of four concerts at Ravinia Park, it was announced recently by the Ravinia Festival Association.

As the most outstanding achievement of Ravinia's 14 years of concert presentations, these three artists will play together for the first time during the seventh week of the Ravinia Park season. On August 9, 11, 13 and 14, they will perform trios, piano and violin sonatas, cello and piano sonatas, violin and cello sonatas, and piano, violin and cello solos. Never before has a trio of such consequence appeared together in concert.

For several years the Ravinia Festival Association has been endeavoring to bring the three musicians together. All have appeared as soloists at Ravinia: Rubinstein in 1943, Heifetz in 1938 and Piatigorsky in 1942 and 1943. It is expected that they will rehearse together for two weeks in Hollywood before coming to Ravinia.

The fourteenth Ravinia season will open June 28 with Fritz Busch conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Rubinstein, Heifetz and Piatigorsky will present their four concerts during the seventh week which will conclude the Ravinia season.

Washington O.K.'s Plans For New Postoffice In Highland Park

A new postoffice building for Highland Park is one of the projects listed by the House Public Works committee in Washington, D. C. However, in the opinion of a postal inspector, who recently visited the city, work would not begin on the building, listed in a long range program for some 200 building projects in Illinois, before 3 or 4 years from now.