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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • RENT CONTROL

Any imposition of an artificial factor in the national economy, whether it be rent control or price control imposed by the government or a production control imposed either by a "big business" or a "big labor" monopoly, will inflict certain hardships, of varying degree, on various segments of the population. The relaxation or removal of such controls will, in turn, be marked by the infliction of certain hardships, likewise of varying degree, on other segments of the population.

The imposition of rent controls, of course, inflicted, at least at first, hardship on the landlords. In some cases, this "hardship" consisted merely in preventing a landlord from collecting several times as much rent as he could have otherwise. In other cases, it has meant that the landlord couldn't get enough out of his property to pay for its upkeep.

In the long run, the control is inflicting hardship on another class—the would-be renter. He can't find a place to rent because few people are willing to build rental property when they don't know, with at least some degree of certainty, how they may be affected by new control laws, what new laws might cover, or how much horse sense will be possessed by the persons chosen to administer the law in their area.

Removal of rent controls would also inflict hardships. In some cases the "hardship" would merely consist of a single person being forced to give up a dwelling of several rooms which he had been able to afford because the rental was held at an artificially low level. In other cases removal of controls would mean that some families might have to cut their food budget below the adequate mark because zooming rents took too much of their income.

There might be two answers. First, a non-revocable provision, one that investors would trust, that no controls would be applied to new dwelling units, and second a comprehensive plan for the removing of all controls as fast as they can be taken off without causing real hardship to tenants who really could not get along with smaller or less expensive quarters. The plan might be complicated and cumbersome, but its one great virtue would be the fact that it was designed for the eventual elimination of all rent controls, and the hope (perhaps Utopian) that at least one government bureau might be folded up.

### Caucus Chairman Clarifies Position Of District 108 Candidates

The position of the candidates selected and endorsed by the District 108 caucus committee to fill Board of Education vacancies at the April 9 election was clarified this week in a statement issued by F. S. Mudge, chairman of the caucus.

"These men were drafted from busy professional life to perform an important community service," said Mr. Mudge. "They did not seek nomination. The backgrounds of the caucus-endorsed candidates reflect their ample qualifications for these offices."

"Moreover," concluded the caucus leader, "residents of District 108 should also be reminded that they are entitled to vote for four candidates; and they should vote for four candidates to fill the four vacancies. It is important that the public be aware of this fact."

These are the caucus candidates for the District 108 School Board vacancies, chosen after a series of meetings, including an open public session and following investigation by the committee:

For President (one-year term): J. M. Maxwell (491 Fairview Ave.) was born in Manitoba, Canada, and was educated at Brandon College, Manitoba, and the University of Chicago. He is Vice President of the Northern Trust Co. Bond department. His activities in local affairs include service on the Community Chest, Red Cross and War Bond drives. Mr. Maxwell is the incumbent president of the School Board, a position he has held for the past two years. He has three children in the Lincoln School.

For Board members (three-year term—two to be chosen):

George H. Hartman (932 Lincoln Ave.), President of George H. Hartman Co., Chicago advertising firm, is a graduate of the University of Chicago. He has served on the Recreation Board for five years, was Scout Master of Troop 35 for four years, vice president of the Community Chest Board for two years, general chairman of War Bond drives and chairman of the Highland Park Coordinating Council. His two children attended the Ravinia School and the Highland Park High School. The caucus selected him as a candidate to represent taxpayers not having children in elementary schools.

C. Bouton McDougal (2348 Indian Tree Drive), partner in the law firm of Sidley, Austin, Burgess and Harper of Chicago, received his A.B. degree from Princeton and his J. D. degree from the University of Chicago. Mr. McDougal served in the Navy for four years; he has two children, one pre-school, the other in the Braeside school. He is a director of the Braeside Parent Teachers Civic Association.

For Board Member (one-year term to fill vacancy):

Harold E. Foreman, Jr. (283 Cary Ave.) is a graduate of Andover Academy and attended Dartmouth College. He is President of the Windy City Motor Service Co., Chicago trucking firm. A resident of Highland Park for seven years, Mr. Foreman served as cub master of Ravinia Cub Pack 65 for three years. He has two boys attending the Ravinia School.

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### Election Of High School Board Members Saturday, April 9

On Saturday, April 9, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. voters will elect two board members to fill the two vacancies on the High School Board. Candidates for election are Jess Halsted of Highland Park and Harold Norman of Bannockburn.

Voting places are as follows: Highland Park — Highland Park High school  
Lake Forest — Lake Forest City Hall

Deerfield — Deerfield Grammar school

Highwood — Oak Terrace school

Lake Bluff — Lake Bluff Village Hall

Bannockburn — Bannockburn Grammar school

### "Watch For Children" Is Spring-time Byword For Motorists

Do the children on our streets worry you?

If they do, it's a good thing, according to Mr. F. D. Weeks, President of the PTA Council of Highland Park. He warns motorists to be on the lookout for youngsters as milder weather and lengthening days keep more and more children out of doors past school hours.

"Children playing in or near the street are caution signs for drivers," Mr. Weeks said. "As the winter nip goes out of the air, every day there are more boys and girls on bicycles, on roller skates, coaster wagons, scooters and tricycles—in other words, more children outside where they may get into the path of your car."

Traffic accidents in 1947 killed more youngsters one to 14 years old than did any disease, according to the National Safety Council.

"So if children on the street worry you drivers and you parents—be on the lookout for them. Drivers should be especially alert in residential areas and near schools and playgrounds. And parents should do all they can to make sure their children know where to play and where to walk; they should see that they obey traffic safety rules," Mr. Weeks said.

"Think of Traffic Safety" is the slogan for the continuing traffic safety program sponsored by the PTA Council of Highland Park. "Watch for Children" is the Spring-time byword to remind drivers, parents and children of the importance of minding traffic safety rules.

### Welfare Group Adds To Offerings Of Thrift Shop

The intermediate group of the Ravinia-Highland Park Infant Welfare, met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Keogh on Monday, March 28. An attractive assortment of Easter hats was brought by members to be added to the Thrift Shop's hat department.

Following the business meeting and luncheon, Dr. Hugh Wilson, well-known pathologist, gave an educational talk on cancer—progress made in its prevention, arrestment and cure.

## Month Of April Set Aside For Cancer Fund Drive; Quota \$23,800

Lake County's 1949 cancer fund drive started this week with individual campaigns in 14 communities. Quota for the county is \$23,800. The amount raised last year was \$23,563.

The month of April has been set aside as cancer month throughout the nation. Special programs will be held in many communities to emphasize the need of education and research in the war on cancer. Nationally, the American Cancer Society expects to raise \$14,500,000. The Illinois goal is \$1,150,000.

E. J. Loewenthal, 257 Moraine ave., is chairman for the Highland Park area. His committee consists of Dr. Douglas Boyd, Joseph B. Garnett, Franklin J. Lundin, Dr. Morley D. McNeal, Monsignor Joseph Morrison, Frank F. Selfridge,

Renslow P. Sherer, Isadore Zimmerman and Dr. W. L. Winters.

Among the speakers who have appeared throughout the county are Dr. Hugh Wilson, and Dr. Morley McNeal, Highland Park.

Two groups in this area having already seen cancer movies and heard speakers are the Highland Park Infant Welfare Junior group and the Highland Park Northwestern Settlement group.

Three other meetings are on the schedule: Highland Park Hospital Auxiliary, April 13, 12:30 p.m., at the Trinity Episcopal church, with Dr. Wilson as speaker; Briar-gate Community club, April 19, 8:30 p.m., at Moraine hotel, with Dr. Bovik as speaker, and Junior Group Ravinia Infant Welfare, April 25, 1:30 p.m., with Mrs. Hewitt as speaker.

## Tuesday's Election Results -- Township; Park Board

### Open Letter

To the Editor:

Must our citizens now get PERMISSION from a PTA committee in order to nominate "acceptable" candidates for the School Board in District 108?

When the apologists of the PTA caucus represent it as the only or the best qualified group for passing upon the fitness of candidates, it may begin to take over some of the powers of the voters. And when they question the propriety of another group's action in even proposing opposition candidates, we wonder whether we are not encountering some kind of monopoly ready to destroy opposition by attacking its motives.

Really impartial voters' leagues, whose only interest is in the qualifications and records of the nominees, often endorse several candidates for the same office. But in the present case the PTA caucus is functioning as both judge and contestant in the race! It is one thing to investigate and advise. It is quite another to sponsor candidates and become a partisan political group.

Perhaps it is time to remove the cloak of sanctity from an activity which apparently began as an honest attempt to serve the community, but which, it seems, has come to be regarded by some participants as having specially delegated powers that it is practically treasonable to question.

"Taking education out of politics" is highly desirable, but taking it into the small closed-meeting politics of one unofficial community group is hardly an improvement! Why were the PTA caucus nominations made in a closed meeting? Why were none of the people suggested by those outside the caucus group chosen for nomination? If the purpose of the caucus is merely to make sure that qualified people are proposed, why couldn't it nominate candidates of differing views and let the voters decide some of the vital issues now being so widely discussed in District 108?

Not one of the caucus participants is ELECTED to caucus membership—even by the PTA itself! The four presidents serve as members ex officio, and each president APPOINTS three others. (We supposed "PTA" stood for "Parent-Teacher Association," but where were the teachers? There wasn't a single teacher's name on the whole caucus list!)

This little group of 16—merely members of an unofficial organization—has for years chosen one person for each School Board vacancy and those chosen were automatically elected because of lack of opposition. But silence does not necessarily give consent, and a long period of acquiescence does not deprive other groups of nominating rights.

With a peculiar kind of provincialism, there are some who seem to view nominating procedures as a sort of tea party at which the cozy little honor of School Board membership will be conferred upon some unsuspecting solid citizen. The big issues of outrageous taxes, needless and wasteful building programs, inexcusable treatment of teachers and their needs, and many other vital matters are completely ignored!

There is plenty of reason for an opposition group's existence and the caucus group should know it! The wonder is that there are not a dozen opposition candidates instead of only three!

The PTA caucus has presented a slate of nominees and so has another group. If the caucus devotees are now over the shock, let us proceed to have an election—a real election this time—with a choice of people and of issues available to the voters!

(Signed)  
A Citizen

### Bake Sale

Mrs. Anton Fox, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church, announces a bake sale to be held in the reception room of Borchardt's Beauty Shop, 12 No. Sheridan road, on Saturday, April 9, starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing till goods are sold.

A very large vote was cast in Tuesday's election. Following is the unofficial count of votes received by the Township contestants:

Assistant Supervisor—(2 elected)  
John H. Lenzi—2055  
Minnie C. Balke—1935  
Anton Bertacchini—1448  
Assessor  
Harry Earhart—2149  
Town Collector  
Gregory M. Sheahan—2200  
Town Clerk  
Albert Larson—2217  
Justices of the Peace (5 elected)  
Frank J. Nustra—1956  
Samuel S. Smith—1743  
Dorsey D. Husenetter—1733  
John P. White—1699  
Clarence J. Shetzley—1590  
Howard W. Huber—1488  
R. Max Henderson—797  
Constables  
Theodore Benvenuti—1940  
Melvin C. Mullins—1803  
Hermin J. Sasch—1744  
Herbert O. Huber—1717  
Charles A. Donner—1664

Following is the unofficial count of votes received by candidates for office of commissioner of the Park District of Highland Park.

Commissioners—(2 elected)  
Arthur W. Olson—633  
Gordon E. Clavey—551  
J. Sigurd Johnson—512  
Marcello J. Rollery—320  
Marshall Johnson—received one write-in vote.

### Prominent Citizen Succumbs To Sudden Attack

Rites were held at the Trinity church on Wednesday for Kellogg Patterson, 559 Forest avenue, who succumbed to a sudden attack on Monday while walking to his parked car in front of his home.

Born in Jacksonville, Illinois, 59 years ago, he acted, as a young man, as reporter for the Chicago Tribune. For 22 years he acted as western manager for the Cincinnati Times-Star, with offices in Chicago. For many years he maintained his own publicity office in Chicago, and did promotional work for the Republican party. In 1946 he was appointed Superintendent of Documents of the United States Senate, resigning this position in February of this year.

Surviving are his widow, Angela Lovett Patterson, a son, Bruce, and a daughter, Barbara, all of Highland Park; two brothers: Paul, who is publisher of the Baltimore Sun, and Julian, also of Baltimore; and two sisters, Mrs. Amy Scripps and Mrs. Frances Young, of Springfield.

Graveside services were held today, Thursday, at Rushville, Ill.

### Installation Of Post Officers

The Highland Park Memorial Post No. 4737 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its Annual Installation of Post Officers at their next regular meeting at 8:00 P.M. in Witten Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 1949.

Henry F. Scheskie Jr. will turn the Commandership of the Post over to Edward Bergman.

This will be a joint installation for the Post Officers and the Auxiliary. Marilyn Moran will become the Auxiliary President in place of Gwen Lorimer who has capably served in this capacity for the past year.

This being an open meeting the public, veterans and members of other VFW Posts are cordially invited.

### Warn Children Against Use of Metal Cords For Kite String

On Wednesday afternoon a 600 volt highline in Highwood was put out of commission by two boys who were using metal covered Christmas string for kite flying. The line was shorted.

The Highwood chief of police states that no youngsters should fly kites in the vicinity of the electric power line. Nor should metal-covered string be used for kite flying at any time. Merchants should not sell youngsters this type of string during kite-flying time. This practice is also most hazardous to children.

### Hearing On High School Petition Postponed Until April 14th

Charles F. Clarke of Lake Forest, one of the signers of the petition to separate the Deerfield-Shields Township High School District, appeared at the regular semi-annual meeting of the Deerfield Township School Trustees, held April 4th, and requested a postponement of the hearing until some date when the attorney representing the Lake Forest group could be present.

After a discussion of several dates that would be mutually convenient the Trustees decided to call a special meeting for the purpose of considering the petition, for next Thursday evening, April 14th at 8:00 p.m. in the English Club Room of the Highland Park High School.

The meeting will be open to the public and about two hundred people can be accommodated in the meeting room. If more come, the High School Auditorium will be used for the hearing.

### Family Services Select Committee Chairmen

At the March board meeting Dr. Douglas Boyd, president of Highland Park Family Service, appointed the following committee chairmen:

Finance: Mr. Richard J. Loewenthal, 630 Waverly Rd., Highland Park.

Personnel: Mrs. Elwood Hansmann, 940 Lincoln Ave., Highland Park.

Public Relations: Mrs. Irl H. Marshall, 1100 Waukegan Rd., Deerfield.

House: Mrs. Craig Davidson, 287 Woodland Rd., Highland Park.

Nominating: Mrs. Jesse Watkins Jr., 836 Forest Ave., Highland Park.

### Rummage Sale

The Highland Park Woman's club will hold a rummage sale at the Club house on Thursday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Stock Market Speaker At Chamber

The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly dinner-meeting this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club, and will feature Mr. William T. Jones as guest speaker.

Mr. Jones has lived in Highland Park for over twenty years and is a member of the Chicago Stock Exchange as well as a resident partner of Talcott Potter and Company. His subject, "The Stock Market", will describe to Chamber members the various operations within the Stock Exchange and relate the strong influences the market has on commodity prices and future business prospects.

### Highwood Community Center To Stage Egg Hunt Apr. 16

Harley Ridgeway, director of recreation at Highwood Community Center, announces that an Easter egg hunt, for children under 10, will be staged at the Oak Terrace playground on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. Finders of certain eggs will receive prizes, in addition to candy and colored eggs.

Teen-agers will meet at the center, Monday, at 7:30 p.m. to select new officers and committees, plan for summer activities, and also lay plans for an after-Easter spring dance.

### Kiwanians Host To Interclub Gathering

On April 11 the Kiwanis club will be host to a large group of Kiwanians from Downer's Grove headed by Dr. George W. Rochte, president, and Frank W. Ahalt, secretary, who will bring with them as speaker Mr. Clarence E. Gotshalt, general manager of Morton Arboretum. He will speak of the purposes and accomplishments of that organization.