

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Every type of known political effort is being used to gain authority for a constitutional convention in which our present state constitution can be thrown up for grabs and subjected, in varying degree, to the desires of every pressure group in the state.

We are not possessed of an extensive knowledge of the document in question, but we do know that it makes a state income tax virtually impossible and that it is hard to amend.

We are not panting with eagerness to pay another income tax (are you?) and we are glad the amendments come hard. Make the constitution easy to amend, and well-organized groups will distort it into something marvelous to observe but not particularly ideal to live under.

Sure it's hard to amend, and every time the boys in Springfield cast longing eyes at the taxpayer's pocket; every time some special interest group wants to put over a new idea, their eagerness is restrained. That restraint is all to the taxpayer's good.

Amendments are possible; they have been approved. But to get one through, the boys have to do a king-sized job of convincing the people that the change is needed.

Advocates of the constitutional convention speak of the "horse and buggy constitution" and profess to be athirst to do us all good—no end of good. Well, FDR wore out that "horse and buggy" stuff about 10 years ago and anyway, we are always more than a little suspicious of anyone who wants to do us good. We're afraid they will.

We'd have a lot more respect for their sincerity if they'd come out cold turkey and say "We need more dough and we want to reach into your pocket via the income tax route to get it."

No matter how they wrap their meaning in high flow phrases, the sense always comes out the same way—"We want a state income tax."

Why don't they ask the people if THEY want one?

Prominent H. Parker Founders Day Speaker At Dickinson College

(Ed.'s Note: This story was submitted too late to present last week in its entirety.)

Thomas Creigh, prominent Highland Park and formerly General Counsel for the Cudahy Packing Company, has been honored by an invitation to deliver the address at the annual Founders' Day exercises of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., commemorating the 176th anniversary of the founding of the college.

Dr. William E. Edel, President of the college, pointed out in his letter inviting Mr. Creigh to make the address, that his presence as the speaker would provide the students with a living demonstration of the historical continuity of the college.

"Historical continuity" is an apt phrase to describe the relationship between Dickinson College, founded in 1773, and Mr. Creigh, whose great-great-grandfather was a trustee of the college from 1788 to 1813. Another forbear was secretary of the college from 1792 to 1796. His great-grandfather, Dr. John Creigh, was graduated from the college in 1792, and his grandfather, the Reverend Thomas Creigh, in 1828.

Mr. Creigh has been asked to talk about his forbears, their times, deeds, principles and personalities. In this subject Mr. Creigh has the material for a talk of absorbing interest, for his family has moved across the broad panorama of American history with a singular continuity that not only ties their deeds and personalities in with that history, but brings it into sharper focus as we relate the men with their times.

His great-great-grandfather, John Creigh, came to America from Ireland in 1761. His Scotch-Irish love of freedom found expression in his affiliation with a group of patriots known as "Associators" in which body he was commissioned a second lieutenant and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was one of the signers of the Province of Pennsylvania Declaration of Independence, a document which anticipated the general declaration by 11 days. In the following year, 1777, he was

also commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in which capacity he administered the oath of allegiance to more than 700 persons pledging loyalty to the newly formed nation. He capped his long career of public service as an Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He died in 1813, at the age of 72, but his son, John Creigh, born in 1773, carried on.

The son, John, was graduated from Dickinson College in 1792, and received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1795. In 1814, when, in the course of the War of 1812, the British burned Washington, he enrolled a company, was made its captain and served throughout the war. Later, in 1819, he returned to Carlisle, where he practiced medicine until his death in 1848.

One of the sons of Dr. John Creigh was Thomas Creigh, grandfather of the present bearer of that name. This Thomas Creigh was graduated from Dickinson College in 1828. Following his graduation he studied for the ministry and was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Mercersburg, Penn., in 1831. He remained at this post until his death in 1880. During his long service in Mercersburg he gained a degree of respect and personal influence which, contemporary accounts relate, "far exceeded that of any other person."

One of the sons of the Reverend Dr. Creigh was Thomas Alfred Creigh, born in 1840. He enlisted and served in the Signal Corps during the Civil War, after which he accompanied a mining outfit to Montana, making a 100-day trip with a train of ox-drawn wagons across the plains. Later he moved to Omaha, where he became general manager for a wholesale and retail drug business. He remained in Omaha until his death in 1909.

The present Thomas Creigh was born in Omaha in 1873, was graduated from Princeton in 1894 and three years later from the University of Nebraska Law School. Some five years later, he was appointed General Counsel for the Cudahy Packing Company, and has filled that important post since.

Thus, the material he has to draw on for his address covers every important period in the his-

"The Mikado"—A Coming Attraction At Elm Place School

by Audrey Bock

"The Mikado" is a coming attraction. Mark your calendar and save the evening. You will enjoy this operetta given by the seventh and eighth grade classes under the direction of the music teacher, Mrs. Joy, in the Jesse L. Smith Auditorium, Elm Place School. The dress rehearsal, to which Green Bay Road and Elm Place School children will be admitted free of charge, will be given at 2 P.M., April 28, 1949. The evening performance, presented at 8 p.m., April 29, will be the climax of many weeks of hard work and fun—dancing, singing, and acting, under the coaching of Miss Sprague and Mrs. Bromberg.

The attractive programs, made in true Japanese style, read from back to front. Be sure to take note, and do not think that we have made a mistake. Have you noticed the poster publicity in the store windows? These, as well as the programs, have been designed in the fine arts department under the supervision of Miss Hanscom, the art teacher. You will be pleased with the typical Japanese scenery that has been constructed under Mr. Cockrum's direction in the manual arts department. The lighting effects are being worked out by the eighth grade stage crew.

The tickets will be on sale, April 18. Children will ask you to buy them. Don't refuse. Patronize your school production. Be prompt as no seats are reserved.

CAST

Nanki-Poo David Reid
Fish-Tush Harold Freberg
Poo-Bah Byron Botker
Ko-Ko George White
Yum-Yum Sally Quigg
Peep-Bo Betsy Phelps
Pitti-Sing Sys Graham
The Mikado Ted Talano
The Umbrella Man Bob Swanson
Katisha Wendy Robbins
Attendants on Ko-Ko
Tom Bahr
Gino Dal Ponte
Attendants on the Mikado
Warren Petersen
Art Weinstein
Over 100 voices will be included in the various choruses.

Ill. Bell Telephone To Move Business Office, May 1

Highland Park's telephone business office will be moved by May 1 to the first floor of Illinois Bell Telephone Company's new building at 116 North Second Street, Manager E. M. Knox announced today.

The new office will continue to handle payment of bills, orders for service and other telephone transactions.

"Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays," Knox said. "The office will be closed all day Saturdays; but for customers' convenience there is a place at the entrance to the building where payments may be made after hours."

American Legion 2nd Division Organization To Meet in No. Chicago

On July 16-17 Lake County will for the first time be host to the 2nd Division Convention organization of the American Legion, at North Chicago.

The Second Division, representing all of districts in the northern section of the state, has an enrollment of one hundred and seventy Legion posts.

tory of the United States, from its birth in rebellion against the Old World, through its fight for freedom on the seas, the blood bath that assured one nation instead of two, down through its participation in two world wars. The thread of continuity, made up of one member of his family after another serving his country in his appointed station, culminated in World War II with the service of his three sons as naval lieutenants, and is symbolic of the enduring nature of the country they served. The path of that country has been consistently forward. It has been, is today and will be tomorrow, men like those of the Creigh family who help it in that forward course.

CITY TO OPERATE 7 PLAYGROUNDS

Recreation Board Gets Plans Under Way For 1949 Season

Plans for the summer playground program are well under way according to a report from the Playground and Recreation Board.

7 Playgrounds To Be Operated In Highland Park

Mr. Art Olson, President of the Board states that seven playgrounds will be in operation in Highland Park this summer. These will include Sunset Park, Ravinia School Playground, Lincoln Playground, Braeside School Playground, Elm Place School Playground, West Ridge Playground and Highland Park Woodlands in the northwest section of town.

The playground season will open June 20th and continue for a seven week period.

Junior Playgrounds for children 4 to 10 years will be operated from 9:00 to 12:00 noon each morning, Mondays through Fridays, for a seven week period at Sunset, Ravinia, Braeside, Lincoln and Elm Place playgrounds. A part time schedule will be maintained at West Ridge and Highland Park Woodlands play areas.

The Wednesday Day Camp will be operated at Sunset Park for children of all ages. The children bring their lunches to Sunset Park and a full day's program of sports, camp and nature craft will be carried out.

A competent staff of part time and full time instructors and counselors has been selected.

A full report of playground schedules, instructors and activities will be made in the near future by Mr. Herbert Schaffner, Chairman of the Activities Committee of the Playground and Recreation Board.

School Trustees Get High School Separation Petitions

The Deerfield township school trustees were given Lake Forest's petition to separate from the Deerfield-Shields Township High School District, at a special hearing held last Thursday, April 14th, in the English club room of the high school. The opposing petition, signed by over 9,800 citizens of Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Bannockburn, was also presented. Arguments for both sides in the controversy were made by representatives of the two parts of the high school district.

It is understood that the ruling on the petition will not be forthcoming for several weeks, while the trustees study the problem.

A spokesman for the committee handling Highland Park's opposition to the petition has stated that the facts published last week by the Lake Forest group do not tell the complete story of the effect of the separation. A statement with additional facts is now being prepared for publication so that all citizens may have the complete information on this important question.

The Lutheran Redeemer Guild Rummage Sale

A rummage sale will be held at the church hall of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Wednesday night and Thursday morning of May 4th and 5th, according to Mrs. Marcus Hagen chairlady of the arrangements. As in the past the Wednesday night sale will be conducted from 7 p.m. through to 9 o'clock. On Thursday morning it will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon. Clothing and articles for the sale may be left either at the parsonage or at the church hall. The committee will maintain the same schedule of attractive prices.

Kiwanians To Hear Discussion Of Atlantic Pact

At the April 25th meeting of the Kiwanis club, Edward E. Burwell, of the Sociology department of Highland Park High School, will discuss The Atlantic Pact, and some of its implications. He is sponsored by Harold N. Finch.

Thomas F. Mussatto Again Elected Mayor Of Highwood

Mrs. Marc Law Tells Large Crowd Of Stay In Italy

The spring luncheon of the League of Women Voters, held yesterday (Wed.) at Country Fare, was enjoyed by a large number of people. New officers were nominated and elected.

Highlight of the occasion was a most interesting talk by Mrs. Marc Law, former vice president of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and former president of the Highland Park organization, who fascinated her audience with an account of her recent stay in Italy, where she was sent to explain the workings of a democratic form of government to Italian women, recently granted voting privileges. Her accounts of living conditions and of her reception in different parts of the country held the undivided attention of her listeners.

Gowns To Be Modeled At Hospital Auxiliary Style Show Wednesday

Among the many creations to be featured at the dessert and style show party given next Wednesday, April 27th at 1 p.m. at Exmoor by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park Hospital, will be Adele Simpson's, Davidow's and Isenberg's afternoon prints and short length dinner dresses, all from Edgar A Stevens' new collection.

This gala affair, being given for the members of the Auxiliary and their guests, is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Gerald D. Stone, assisted by a large corps of committee chairmen and workers. Arrangements chairman is Mrs. Kellogg Patterson assisted by Mrs. G. Q. Grady and a committee including Mesdames Spencer Keare, John Bigler, Vallee Appel, Alfred Sihler, Jess Halsted, Charles Grimes and Allen Dicus. Bridge chairman is Mrs. John Newey assisted by Mesdames C. W. Haupt and George McSweeney. Style Show chairman is Mrs. George L. Martin assisted by Mesdames Jackson Smart, James Quigg, R. R. Wible, W. Rutherford, Morley Reading, J. E. Middleton and Horace Vaile. Special program chairman is Mrs. Harry Van Ornum assisted by Mesdames Richard Allenby, V. E. Lawrence, J. Mills Easton, Donald Rossiter, James Murphey, A. S. Bauer, Allen Dicus, C. O. Husting, Frank Landing, H. A. Bridges, Oliver Weed, George McSweeney, Morley Reading, Robert Sherwin, D. M. Gutwin, Nathan Corwith, Jr., Charles Grimes, Ralph Mack. Flower chairman is Mrs. Mason Armstrong assisted by Mesdames D. D. McCormick, Samuel Bingham, Carl Velde, Herbert Delafield, Allen Dicus, L. F. McClure, Charles Henkle, John Newey, Harold D'Ancona, J. E. Middleton, Jr.

The following will be the models in the style show: Mesdames Norman Vance, Edward A. Murray, John Middleton, Bryan K. Perault, Carl Lamley, Woodward Burgert and Robert C. Brown, Jr. Modeling junior dresses will be DeeDee Smart and Virginia Martin. Grammar School Girl models will be Sally Quigg, Geraldine Reading and Mary Reading.

Mrs. George O. Strecker is president of the Woman's Auxiliary which is conducting this affair to help pay for the elevator in the new hospital wing.

Sermon Series At Redeemer Lutheran

A series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer will begin on Sunday, April 24th, with the 8 o'clock matin worship at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 587 West Central avenue according to the pastor, H. K. Platzer. Each Sunday a separate section of the Savior's model prayer will be treated until the end of the series on May 29th.

Thomas Mussatto, Peter Carani, Carl Pasquesi And Russell Clark Are Reelected

Unofficial results of Highwood's election on Tuesday are as follows:—

Mayor—Thomas F. Mussatto, 1394; Fidel Ghini, 489.

City Clerk—Guy J. Bernabei, 1237; James J. Antonetti, 589.

City Treasurer—Louis Crovetti, 1348; Howard G. Roshto, 470.

Police Magistrate — Peter A. Carani, 1250; Cesare Caldarelli, 584.

Alderman (1st ward) — Carl Pasquesi, 275; Henry A. Pasquesi, 179.

Alderman (2nd ward)—Russell Carlson, 271; Adolph Baracini, 115.

Alderman (3rd ward)—Joseph Calzia, 302; James Magnani, 186.

Alderman (4th ward)—William De Vroeg, 358; Louis Santello, 157.

Of the newly elected officers, Thomas Mussatto, Peter Carani, Carl Pasquesi and Russell Clark were reelected.

The proposal on whether municipal employes shall share in the Illinois Municipal Retirement fund was unofficially reported to have won 5 to 1.

John Ugolini, who has been Highwood's City Clerk for the past eight years, did not run for reelection.

Boat Owners Warned Of Firing Practice At Ft. Sheridan

Boat owners are warned by Col. Maurice C. Bigelow, commanding officer at Ft. Sheridan, that daily practice in small arms firing will take place daily April 24-30, including Sunday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in an area three miles over Lake Michigan, from the north to the south of the Fort.

Red streamers displayed, visible to the lake, will warn when firing is in progress, and guards with telephone communication with the firing line will be stationed on the beach to warn all boats away from the danger zone.

Ft. Sheridan Depot Robbed Monday

Articles to the value of \$50 were taken from the Ft. Sheridan depot on Monday. Apparently entering through the main office, and breaking through to the inner office, they broke the combination of the safe, but failed to reach its contents—three packages addressed to soldiers at the Fort. No clues had been found at this writing.

Bell Boy Makes Off With \$500 Worth Of Jewelry

A bellboy, whose name is withheld by authorities, is suspected of having stolen over \$500 worth of jewelry belonging to a guest at the Moraine hotel on Monday of this week. The boy entered the room around 1:15 p.m. to install a radio. Leaving shortly after, the guest returned to find the jewelry and the radio both missing.

The suspect had not been apprehended at this writing.

Men's Garden Club To Observe Anniversary Tuesday, May 3

The Men's Garden Club of Highland Park will celebrate its 10th anniversary on May 3 at the Villa Moderne, according to M. B. Schamberg, publicity chairman of the club. Guests will be Club members and their wives. Reservations may be made through Secretary Lorentz Knuff, H. P. 3450.

The featured speaker will be Dr. B. L. Wade, head of the horticultural department at University of Illinois.