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Present at the ground breaking ceremonies at the Highland Park Hospital were—Mrs. George O. Strecker, Mrs. Harry J. VanOrnum, Mrs. George W. McSweeney, Dr. James W. Merricks, Stanley R. Clague, Dr. Douglas Boyd, Frank F. Selfridge, Mrs. Richard J. Allenby, Paul Beuttas, Mrs. Charles Rubens, Dr. Robert H. Herbst, Carl C. Lamley, Dr. Donald E. Rossiter, A. E. Patton, Mrs. Robert K. Belt, Joseph Beuttas, Ernest H. Volwiler, Joseph H. Caro, Edward A. Ravenscroft, Samuel R. Rosenthal, Howell W. Murray.

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

The job of inheritance tax "investigator" in Lake County is nice work, if you can get it, according to statements attributed to two of the persons involved in a story in The Chicago Daily News last week. The story revealed that the two sons of the publisher of The Waukegan News-Sun received something over \$50,000 as holders of such jobs during a seven year period.

The two statements are: the one attributed to Harold Tallett, who set the fees, that "Anyone can do it," and the statement attributed to F. Ward Just, business manager of The News-Sun, that the work did not interfere with their (his and his brother's) duties on the newspaper.

On the basis of these two statements, which we take to mean that the work requires no special training or talent, and that it can be done in one's spare time, we think it would be possible, on short notice, to furnish a list as long as anyone's arm, of applicants who would be willing to investigate all over the lot, and at greatly reduced rates.

However, it appears that such rate-cutting will be unnecessary while William T. Kirby is in charge. Since he took office on January 11, this year, he has approved only one investigator fee, and that for only \$35.00. This fee, compared with those ranging up to \$4,800.00 approved by his predecessor, would indicate that he is something of a penny-pincher with public funds. If so, let's keep him in public office, appointive or elective, no matter what his political affiliation. A slow man with the taxpayer's buck is a good set-up in any party.

Incidentally, we wonder if the leadership of the Republican party appreciates, to the fullest extent, the harm this sort of thing does the party. It might well lead to the point where the independent voter will deliberately vote for a Democratic spendthrift in preference to a Republican spoils politician. In fact, that's what we think they did last November.

• YOU SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN, UNLESS...

According to reports from the county clerk's office, residents of School District 108 in Highland Park will see sizable boosts, estimated at about 35 per cent, in their tax bills this year.

It can be assumed that those who voted in favor of the referendums, which are the main cause of the tax increase, will accept the higher bills with equanimity. They realized that the improvements they wanted would cost money and they were willing to pay it. Those who voted against the measures have every right to moan. They didn't want to spend the money. But—the group that stayed home on election day have no excuse for crying about the tax increase. By staying home, they too, in effect, voted for it.

• A WORTHY PROJECT

From Bob Robinson comes the suggestion that organizations in Highland Park could find worse things to do than to raise funds to replace the trees destroyed by the recent fire in Ravinia Park. The park has an international reputation, not only for the music that is played there, but also for the beautiful surroundings in which the music is played. No small part of that beauty is lent by the trees which are almost synonymous with Ravinia Park.

Helping to restore that beauty would be a worthwhile project for any organization.

Sellery Re-elected President of Friends of H. P. Library

Harry A. Sellery, Jr., 215 Bronson avenue, was re-elected president of the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library to serve for the next two years, following the recent meeting of the organization held in the Library.

In his report, Sellery said that the last year had been a period of development for the Friends and stressed the need for broadening the membership. He urged that all residents of Highland Park join the group which has for its purpose "to make our Library the best of its kind."

Membership applications can be obtained at the Library and should be returned with the nominal dues to Harold L. Nelson, 164 Elmwood drive, who is continuing as Treasurer.

Other officers for the coming year are Mrs. John A. Bigler, 400 N. Sheridan road, Vice-President and Mrs. Arthur Raff, 245 Cedar street, Secretary.

Highlight of the annual meeting was a summary of the record-purchase program of the Friends. A sum of \$400 is being spent to purchase records of both conventional and long-playing types to augment the Library's collection.

Sellery pointed out that this contribution was made following a poll of members which indicated a large interest in classical recordings. "We are anxious that more Highland Parkers join in our activities so that not only our open house program but also our endeavors to assist the Library shall reflect the wishes of the greatest number of residents," Sellery said.

Every membership card provides a place for members to indicate the type of activity desired and all previous and new members are urged to express their views.

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BREAK GROUND AT H. P. HOSPITAL

Break Ground For Highland Park Hospital's New Wing

Officials of the Highland Park Hospital, members of its medical staff and of the Woman's Auxiliary took part in the ground-breaking ceremonies at the hospital on Tuesday of last week, May 31st, inaugurating the construction of the new east wing. It is expected that the new section, including the new Glenview Avenue lobby, emergency entrance and administrative offices, will be under roof before winter and will be completely ready for use in the fall of next year.

This newest step in the hospital's expansion program follows the completion of 1) the new, completely modern obstetrical department, 2) the new 20-bassinette nursery, 3) the new 2-boiler power plant, 4) the acquisition of a 4-acre plot of ground on Glenview Avenue to provide adequate off-the-street parking for the hospital's enlarged bed capacity.

Increased Costs Alter Plans

When the enlargement was first estimated 4 years ago, it was expected that \$525,000 would be ample to do the job. But sharply rising building costs soon made it evident that at least \$150,000 more would be needed to complete the program. The Building Fund Committee under the energetic leadership of Howell W. Murray has, therefore, continued its money-raising activities and, at last report, the fund has reached a total of \$700,000, with contributions still coming in.

Costs have not stood still, however, and the Board of Managers was faced with making a decision either to hold up the construction of the new wing until costs come down, or to go ahead and cover the extra cost by mortgage financing. Various plans were presented at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on May

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Bonnell Kitchens Last Word In Housewifery

Those who may have missed the opening of the Bonnell Kitchens located at 20 So. First Street, next to the Pearl Theatre, have missed a sight to warm the heart of any home lover. The many who attended the grand opening on June 6 came away filled with enthusiasm over the display, as proven by the orders already taken by these authorized St. Charles Kitchen dealers.

News-Sun Bosses Get Ride on Gravy Train Says Chicago Daily News

F. Ward and William L. Just, sons of Frank H. Just, publisher of The Waukegan News-Sun, were named last week in a signed story appearing in the Chicago Daily News as the recipients of a \$51,420 slice of "hundreds of thousands of dollars paid out in 'investigator' fees" in Lake County Court inheritance tax cases during the past seven years.

The Daily News story revealed that F. Ward Just, business manager of The News-Sun, received \$15,525.00 in seven cases, an average of about \$2,218.00 per case while his brother, William L. Just, News-Sun director of advertising, collected \$35,895.00 in 16 cases, an average of about \$2,225.00 per case.

Although only the names of the Just brothers were played up in the Daily News headlines, very respectable sums were also paid out to others, including the son of Harold J. Tallett, assistant attorney general. Tallett, in his capacity as assistant attorney general, set the fees, which were approved by the county judge, until the defeat of the Republican attorney general, George S. Barrett last November. After that time the approval of the fees was transferred, at the request of a representative of Tallett's office, to Probate

Judge Charles E. Jack

Fees received by others than the Just brothers included \$15,650 paid to Tallett's son; \$18,915 to William Marks, Lake County Republican chairman; \$17,800 to Robert Hogue of Highland; \$5,825 to Max Przyborski, who shares law offices with Tallett; and lesser amounts, ranging from \$350 to \$1800 to various precinct captains and to township supervisors, the story said.

The Daily News story further stated that during 1948, under Tallett, investigator, appraiser, and stenographer fees totaled \$45,427.80, while, since Tallett was replaced on January 11, 1949, by William T. Kirby, one investigator's fee of \$35.00 has been approved. Thirty-five dollars is less than one tenth of one percent of the amount paid out in 1948. However, the Daily News story did not state whether any drop in the number and size of the estates which have been possible subjects for investigation this year have had any effect on the staggering drop in the cost of investigating them.

According to the Daily News story, Tallett said, "while I was in office, there never was a fee split, or anything dishonest done."

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School Trustees Of Twsp. 43 Refuse Division Petition

First National Bank Makes Change In Hours

The local First National Bank has announced a change in banking hours, the effective date to be Friday, June 10th. On that day and every Friday thereafter the hours that have been regularly observed for many years, namely 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., will be continued and a two hour evening opening period from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. will be added. On Wednesday beginning June 15th the closing hour will be 12:00 O'clock noon instead of 2:00 P.M.

The bank's officers give as the reason for the change—a genuine effort to serve more people of the community, and better. It is their thinking that by adding the evening hours on Fridays, the "peak load" of Saturday morning should be spread and make it possible that all customers be served more promptly. They state further that since many local business houses, offices and professional men close on Wednesday afternoons, the volume of business transactions after 12 o'clock on that day is negligible.

About a year ago The First National opened a "Special Loan Department" which handles appliance, automobile, FHA Title I Improvement, personal and all miscellaneous special type and installment loans and this activity has had extraordinary growth. Many patrons of this department find it difficult to call during the hours provided for in the bank's previous schedule, but will find the evening hours helpful to them. Also many commuters who find present hours inconvenient and other people who have Friday as their weekly pay-day can be better accommodated.

The officers stress the fact that six-day banking service is continued under the new schedule of hours and that the evening period of operations will find all departments of the bank open for regular customer service.

Chamber Announces Dates For Second Annual Home Show

At a recent meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, representative Merchants and board members unanimously agreed to the sponsorship of the second annual North Shore Home Show to be held at the Moraine Hotel beginning September 9 and running four days thru September 12.

Featuring demonstrations of home appliances and devices, to air conditioning units and floor coverings most everything that is essential to modern living will be shown the thousands of visitors who will attend.

The Auditorium of the Hotel will house Hobby and Gadget display, a new feature that promises to be both interesting and enlightening.

Official opening of the show will be at 7:00 P.M. Friday, September 9. Opening at 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. the following three days.

Report On Building For Month of May

Mr. P. E. Cole, City engineer and building inspector, reports that permits for the month of May, 1949, include 19 dwellings, 5 garages, 5 alterations (dwelling) and 1 alteration (garage), total valuation, \$366,495 with fees at \$1250.72. 27 electrical permits and 1 sign permit brought the total building fees to \$1403.72. Miscellaneous permits totaled \$3258.72.

In May, 1948, 51 building permits were issued with a valuation of \$706,536.00, while in May, 1949, the total was 30 permits with a valuation of \$366,495.00.

Granting Petition Would Create An Undesirable Precedent

Petitioners in the northern portion of High School District No. 113 seek to detach from District 113 the area described in their petition, consisting of all of Shields Township and part of the northern portion of Deerfield Township, and to form "a new Community High School District."

District 113, as originally constituted, consisted of Deerfield Township. In 1907, desiring to obtain the use of District 113's high school facilities, the voters of the southern portion of Shields Township voluntarily elected to attach to the District. One large school, located in Highland Park called Deerfield-Shields Township High School, served the entire area until 1935.

In the late 1920's certain Lake Forest citizens sought to detach the northern portion of the district, and, as a result of their efforts, legislation intended to permit detachment was enacted by the State Legislature, which legislation was subsequently held unconstitutional. By 1933, Deerfield-Shields Township High School was seriously overcrowded and physical expansion was imperative; payment for which would have required new bonded indebtedness. Lake Forest citizens then renewed their efforts to detach the northern portion. These citizens argued that, since physical expansion was necessary, it should be accomplished by building a second high school in the northern portion of the district to spare that portion's children the burden of traveling to and from the one school. They took this position even though the cost of such a

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Park District Announces Rules For Bathing Beaches

The Park District is taking this means of informing the residents of Highland Park that they will again be in charge of and will operate the two public beaches. The Beaches will open on the 18th of June if the weather permits or as soon after as is possible.

The two beaches are: Central Beach which is located at the foot of Central Avenue, and Rosewood Beach which is located at the foot of Roger Williams Avenue.

These are the only two guarded beaches that will be operated by the Park District.

As has been the practice, a small fee either daily or seasonal, will be charged to those who use the beach facilities. This is necessary if adequate beach protection is to be available to the people of Highland Park. The money received from fees is to be used to help defray the operating expenses of the beaches.

The 1949 rates are as follows: Season Tokens for Residents Only Children under 8 years...No charge 8 to 16 years.....\$.76 Inc. Tax Over 16 years..... 1.50 Inc. Tax Family Rate*..... 3.00 Inc. Tax *Allows a token for every member of the immediate family.

Resident Daily Fees Week Days.....\$.16 Inc. Tax Sat., Sun. and Hol.30 Inc. Tax Guests—Any day..... .35 Inc. Tax

Season tokens may be purchased at either of the two beaches from attendant in the bath house or at the Park District office in the City Hall Building. It is suggested that they be purchased from the beach attendants to enable them to become acquainted with you and your family.

We suggest that you pay a visit to the new and modern bath house that has been built at the Rosewood Beach and which will be in operation for the first time this season. We think that you will be pleasantly surprised when you see it.

Board of Park Commissioners