

LET'S TAKE A LOOK

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On Being Mature And We Need Leaders!

"Your convictions are of crucial importance today."

"Keep an open mind—but not a vacant mind or a mind that is open at both ends."

"Avoid thinking with the crowd."

"Don't be afraid of being the minority—if that's where your convictions lead you."

"No strength is required to run with the crowd."

"It's easy to go with the current."

"Any dead dog can float down a stream!"

A LEADER SPEAKS . . .

I suppose most of us who have sons, daughters, sisters and brothers graduating this June will be hearing baccalaureate sermons. Some will be good. Others will be a lot of words that don't mean a thing.

But a group of us recently heard a hard-hitting sermon that made all of us listen and think. The subject was "On Being Mature."

Speaking with a slow, positive delivery, The Reverend Robert Worth Frank, President of the McCormick Theological Seminary, told seniors at Lake Forest College one of the world's No. 1 problems is the immaturity of men in high office.

WHAT IS MATURITY . . .

The old are too babyish; the middle-aged are too adolescent, Dr. Frank declared.

"There's too much habitual slackness. There are too many of us who have a plus ability yet turn out C minus performances. We're living at a passable minimum. Not enough of us are rising to the height of our capacity," he continued.

The incentive to excel has gone. We're content to be average. And to be satisfied with an average performance is a definite sign of immaturity, Dr. Frank said.

A mature person is he "who has the sure and steady quality of being there. He keeps his word. He sticks to his job. He believes in responsible living."

GOOD WORKING TERMS WITH SELF . . .

A mature person, Dr. Frank continued, is on good working conditions not only with his fellow man, but with himself.

He has poise, stability. He is neither servile nor domineering. He is neither too pliable nor too cantankerous. He has self-insight. He can look at himself critically. A mature person has a sense of humor, Dr. Frank went on. And a sense of humor is "what few people have but what everyone thinks he has."

FORWARD LIVING . . .

It's not easy to be in the minority. It's easy to think with the crowd; to follow the leader . . . and not ask where he's going. Needed today is a man who will stand by his convictions. A man whose character will make him challenge the crowd, Dr. Frank said.

There's a greater need for forward and positive living today than ever before, Dr. Frank warned.

"We must create the habit of intellectual growth. We must keep the habit and ideal of education without graduation," he told the attentive students.

PIONEER SPIRIT . . .

The pioneer spirit, the spirit that built this nation, was not a lot of safe men playing for se-

curity. Rather, they were men with ideas. They had goals, high goals . . . and they went after them.

There was none of today's if-you-don't-succeed-give-up thinking. Nor was there that if-you-don't-succeed-let-someone-else-do-it way of living.

But there was ambition. There was conviction. There was tenacity of purpose. There was that if - you - don't-succeed-keep-trying approach to life.

And that's what's needed today—now! Dr. Frank concluded.

Well, Highland Parkers, it was a moving speech. It did me some good, I know. It's not easy to stick to your convictions, believing that there's nothing more important than a strong, safe, clean America, run by Americans—people who put the welfare of our country first—always!

Not selling it out. Not talking it down. But building it—finer, better; keeping it strong, respected, admired.

HOME MOST IMPORTANT . . .

Nor is it easy to stand up for convictions which are: the importance of a happy home. A love for the bright, the beautiful.

Nope, and it's not easy to always keep faith in your fellowman. And it's certainly not easy to keep saying yes to life, and to keep looking for the positive when everyone is pointing to the negative.

We Americans have so much. How thankful we should be. How lucky we are that we have plenty and we can share this abundance with those in need. This is true and practised Christianity. Yes, hold tightly to those convictions of yours, Highland Parkers.

Without them you're a crowd-follower. But with them, you're a leader. And our world needs leaders!

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Chamber To Hear Jane O. Robbins On Alaska

The monthly dinner-meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at the Sunset Valley Club and will feature Miss Jane O. Robbins as the guest speaker.

Miss Robbins, who has been a resident of Highland Park most of her life, recently returned from a month's visit to Alaska, this visit being principally to shoot about 1000 feet of colored motion picture film she intends using in her future lectures on Alaska. That country is not new to Miss Robbins, as both her brothers and late father were long associated in gold mining there and she has made several trips throughout the area since her initiation in 1933.

Chamber members will be given an authentic word picture of Alaska and the Eskimo people—living conditions, the climate and its growing commerce.

Miss Robbins, a capable pilot for the past 10 years, on this last trip flew from Point Barrow to Nome and then along the Siberian Coast and the International Date Line. She added a great deal to her prior knowledge of Alaska and local business people are certain to hear many interesting bits of drama not usually encountered by the inexperienced visitor.

Wesley Methodist Youth Fellowship Elects Officers

At the Sunday Evening Meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Wesley Methodist Church the following young people were elected to offices in this High-School-Age organization: Jim Bench, President; Wayne Patrick, Secretary; Kathryn Baruffi, Treasurer.

Jim Bench, whose home is at 614 Homewood Avenue, will be a Senior in Highland Park High School next fall. Wayne Patrick, whose residence is at 308 Prairie Avenue, will begin his Sophomore studies when he returns to school. Kathryn Baruffi, of 215 Evolution Avenue, is also going into her Senior year at Highland Park High School.

These officers will be presented to the congregation of the church in a service of Dedication on June 26th and will begin their term of office the first of July.

Lutherans Participate In "Building for Tomorrow" Offering

Redeemer Lutherans are at present in the midst of a church-wide "Building for Tomorrow" drive. The national goal is \$2,500,000. Local Lutheran people are asked to assume a pro-rated amount of \$450. This is the first effort in 25 years for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod devoted purely to new buildings and expansion to meet future needs. The Reverend Doctor John W. Behnken, President, is leading the work of in-gathering. One of the beneficiaries of the collection will be a Chicagoland institution, Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Illinois. The date for the receiving of the offerings was Pentecoste. However, contributions are expected to continue to come in during the following weeks.

H. P. Library — (Continued from page One)

During the year, the Friends held three open house meetings and were helpful in preparing several exhibits at the Library. The current exhibition, which the Friends secured from the New York Times, graphically portrays details of the Berlin Air Lift and Blockade.

In addition to the officers, the following were elected to serve on the Executive Board: Leonard H. Arnold, 1887 Pleasant avenue; Philip C. Biggert, 484 Fairview place; Woodward Burgert, 337 Oakland drive; Walter A. Gatzert, 126 Beech street; Mrs. Earl W. Gsell, 421 S. Sheridan road; Louis P. Haller, 619 Bronson lane; Mrs. Eugene Hotchkiss, 213 Bronson avenue; Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, 699 Yale lane; Leslie Libbaken, 607 Skokie avenue; George S. Lyman, 910 Linden avenue; Mrs. Morton A. Livingston, 803 Roslyn lane; Mrs. Harold N. Rosenheim, 342 Park avenue; William H. Savin, 2333 Lakeside place; Harold G. Schick, 233 Cedar street; Mrs. Weyland D. Sears, 234 Central avenue; Mrs. Henry Spero, 1133 Marion avenue and Herbert L. Stern, Jr., 1404 Westview avenue.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Club To Give Musicale Sunday At "Y"

To you who love good music, this is a reminder of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Musicale to be held Sunday afternoon, June 12th at the "Y." at 3:00 o'clock. A group of very fine artists has been selected for this program. These will be Mrs. Dorothy Jefferson, lyric soprano, from the Chicago Conservatory of Music, Mr. Hugh Buchanan, baritone of unusual ability, and Mr. Marion Kay, tenor concert artist. Mr. Kay has sung at Carnegie Hall New York and throughout Europe. Accompanist for these musicians will be Mr. Clyde Winfield of the faculty of Roosevelt College, himself an outstanding artist, who has graciously consented to take part in the program.

Elks To Observe Sports Night On Tuesday, June 21

Highland Park Elks lodge No. 1362 has set aside June 21 as annual Sports Night, to be given this year in honor of the new exalted ruler, John Zahnle, and his officers, at the Elks hall at Laurel and McGovern.

Dinner will be served at 6:45. Charles Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, and Gabby Hartnett, former Cub manager and catcher, have promised to take over and supply entertainment after dinner. Several sports films will be shown.

Raymond Sheahan, who is in charge of the dinner, has promised all Elks one of the biggest nights of the year.

The lodge will hold a special meeting June 14 at 8 p.m. for the initiation of new members.

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Lions Annual Golf Tournament Slated For June 15

At the June 2 meeting of the Lions club, a scholarship for 1949-50 was awarded to Robert Demichelis, of the Highland Park High school. The presentation was made by Mr. Paul Olson.

The annual Lions club golf tournament will be held at Sunset park on Wednesday, June 15. There will be golf in the afternoon, followed by dinner at the club house. There will be the usual prizes, etc. Lions Duncan and Schweiger are in charge of the affair.

Election of officers was held today (Thursday), and installation will take place on June 30.

Blackhawk Society Elects Officers For Coming Year

On Sunday, May 22, at the home of Mrs. Henry Millet, 2000 Clavey road, the following new officers were elected for the Blackhawk society, Children of the American Revolution, for 1949-50:

President—Charlotte M. Leaming; vice president—Helen Jessie Hadley; recording secretary—Cynthia Sinclair; corresponding secretary—Margaret Wilson; treasurer—Joan Avery; color bearer—George Freeman; senior president—Mrs. John Casperson; registrar—Mrs. Edwin Hadley Jr.; historian—Gwendolyn Olson; program—Susan Shafer; membership—Jan Ann Turner; social—Joseph R. Leaming; junior group leader—Louise Millet.

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