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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • BIG ONES FROM LITTLE ONES

We have been hearing a great deal lately about the lampreys, which are said to be responsible for a serious decline in the numbers of lake trout caught in Lake Michigan. Granted that big trout grow from little trout, which in turn grow from eggs, we wonder if year after year unrestricted commercial fishing during the spawning season couldn't have something to do with it, too. Maybe if you cut down the numbers of eggs which have a chance to hatch, it cuts down the number of little trout which might have grown into big trout, maybe. Sounds vaguely like a story we heard once about a goose and some golden eggs.

### • THAT MUCH WORSE

Those of you who are not commuters will have little interest in the following, but the recent humidly hot weather adds a sort of crowning touch to one of the more or less minor annoyances of commuting—the seat hog.

Now you can't spot the seat hog on the platform, and you can't be sure you have found a seat hog even when someone starts crowding you in the seat. Some commuters have become so case-hardened that they notice neither crowding nor being crowded. There is just one way you can classify the breed. If you note some one whom you have observed to be a persistent crowder, giving off with the outraged dignity when HE is crowded, there's a 100 per cent, simon pure, guaranteed unadulterated seat hog.

They say that everything has its compensations, and seeing the show when fate throws two seat hogs in the same seat is compensation for a lot. The jerking, the twitching and the not-too-subdued rumbles that emerge from behind their newspapers is sweet music to the ears of the commuter whose ribs, et al, are still sore from yesterday morning's encounter.

### Important Notice

According to Gregory M. Sheehan, township tax collector, 1948 tax bills for Deerfield Township were mailed from his office on Thursday of last week. The first installment of tax bills are due July 1st and becomes delinquent August 1st. A penalty of 1% will be added on the first installment after August 1st. All bills should be paid to the local Township Collector, Gregory M. Sheehan, 394 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.

1948 tax bills will show increases varying from 10% to 35% over last year's bills depending in which school district the property is located. A comparison between the 1947 and 1948 rates on each \$100 of assessed valuation is tabulated below:

School	1947	1948	
Lake Forest	67	\$1,608	\$1,813
Highwood	111	1,881	2,191
Highland Park	107	1,854	2,115
Highland Park	108	1,886	2,617
Highland Park	109	2,072	2,314
Highland Park	111	2,009	2,308

Current tax bills covering 1948 taxes will show increases varying from 10% to 35% over last year's bills throughout Deerfield Township depending in which school district the property is located. Many taxpayers believe that higher tax bills are due to higher assessed valuations of their property. Such belief is false.

Accompanying each tax bill to be mailed this year will be a pink slip from Harry Earhart, local assessor, explaining that increase in taxes are not due to any increases in assessed valuations of properties as far as his office is concerned. Assessments on real estate remain the same on the assessor's books for four years (1947-1951). Under the Butler tax law each year the Department of Revenue for the State of Illinois applies a county correctional factor to the assessor's valuations throughout the county to establish a 100% assessment, however, such variations from the assessor's figures are but slight (this year only 2 1/2% more than last year).

The size of your tax bill, according to Mr. Earhart is determined by the amount of money appropriated and levied by our various governmental units consisting of elementary schools, high schools, city, park district, mosquito abatement district, sanitary district, township and county. During the past few years the voters of this township, especially in all school districts, have approved by public referendum various bond issues and increases in tax rates, which in turn are bound to reflect in a higher tax bill.

### U. E. Church Choir To Present Recital Friday, July 8

The senior choir of the First United Evangelical church will present a special recital tomorrow evening (Friday) at 8 p.m. in the church auditorium, according to the announcement made by Mrs. Nestor Daggitt, directress of the choir.

Guest soloist for the occasion will be Mrs. Patricia Laegeler of Highwood. Mrs. Laegeler came from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada to accept a full scholarship at the Cosmopolitan School of Music in 1939. Increasingly active in concert and church work, she is a member of the North Shore Musicians club and of the Phi Beta Music fraternity.

Miss Romayne Gunsteens will be the organist for the program which is as follows:

- "I Will Extol Thee" (J. F. Ohl) Choir
  - "Seek Ye The Lord (Roberts) Choir
  - (Soloist, Mrs. Laegeler)
  - "Adoration" (Beethoven) Choir
  - Male Chorus
  - "Go Down Moses" (Negro Spiritual) Male Chorus
  - Selected Numbers Mrs. Laegeler
  - "Master the Tempest is Raging" Choir
  - "My New Life" (Stewart) Choir
  - "Sylvia" (Oley Speaks) Treble Choir
  - "Trees" (Joyce Kilmer) Treble Choir
  - "Lift Thine Eyes" (Mendelssohn) Treble Choir
  - Selected Numbers Mrs. Laegeler
  - "Gloria" (Mozart) Choir
- There will be no admission, but an offering will be received for the Building Fund of the church. The general public is invited to attend.

### Dr. Robert Lundin To Teach At Hamilton College

Appointment of Dr. Robert W. Lundin, Highland Park, Ill., as assistant professor of Psychology at Hamilton College was announced today by President Robert W. McEwen.

At Hamilton he will be in a two-man department of Psychology. He was graduated from DePaul University in 1942, and holds a master's degree from Indiana University in clinical psychology and a doctorate from Indiana in general and theoretical psychology. He also has studied at the National University of Mexico and at Northwestern University.

While a graduate student at Indiana he served as an assistant in the Psychology Department. In 1947-48 he was an instructor in Psychology at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and the next year was promoted to assistant professor.

### Ray Sheahan Installed As Lions Club President

The Highland Park Lions club held a combination Charter night and Installation meeting Thursday evening at the Elks Club rooms. About 90 members, Ladies and guests were present.

Robert Pease, Paul Olson, and Ing. Rasmussen, the only three remaining charter members and Thor Lundgren of Winnetka, organizer, recalled the early activities of the club.

An impressive Installation ceremony was conducted by District Governor Elect. Burton Hoffman of Barrington who presented the gavel to the new president, Ray J. Sheahan. Floyd Godfrey is retiring president.

Regular monthly business meeting will be held next Thursday noon at the Moraine Hotel.

### Woman's Auxiliary Of Highland Park Hospital To Meet July 13

The Woman's Auxiliary of Highland Park Hospital will meet Wednesday, July 13, at the parish hall of Trinity church.

Mrs. William Nelson, in charge of surgical dressings, will have work ready for folding at 10. Mrs. Lewis Sinclair will supply the machine sewing.

Following a business meeting luncheon will be served by Mrs. Harry Van Ornum and her committee at 12:30.

## REINER TO CONDUCT AT RAVINIA

### William Kapell, Piano Soloist, To Be Heard On Thursday

Ravinia Festival audiences next week will hear three "firsts", two of which will be presented by William Kapell at the Thursday evening (July 14) concert with Fritz Reiner of the Metropolitan Opera Company conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Fritz Reiner, who first came to this country from Europe in 1922, has had a distinguished career as a conductor and as head of the conducting and operatic departments of the Curtis Institute. From 1922 to 1932 he was leader of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, next spending several years as guest conductor in this country, as well as in Europe and South America. In 1938 he was appointed conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, a post he held for ten years. Last fall, he went to the Metropolitan Opera, distinguishing his year there by his sensational presentation of "Salome."

Robert McBride, the young American composer whose work is scheduled for the Saturday concert, is a product of the University of Arizona and taught at Bennington College in Vermont. He was born in Tucson, Ariz., in 1911.

Complete program for the third Ravinia Festival week are as follows:

- Tuesday, July 12, 1949, at 8:30
- Overture "Roman Carnival" Berlioz
- Symphony No. 2 Brahms
- "Festivals" and "Clouds" Debussy
- Fire Bird Suite Stravinsky
- Thursday, July 14, 1949, at 8:30
- William Kapell, Soloist
- Symphony No. 8 Beethoven
- Piano Concerto G major Mozart
- Nights in Gardens of Spain de Falla
- Sorcerer's Apprentice Dukas
- Saturday, July 16, 1949, at 8:30
- Overture to "Rienzi" Wagner
- Swing Stuff McBride
- "Damnation of Faust" excerpts Berlioz
- Symphony No. 5 Tchaikovsky
- Sunday, July 17, 1949 at 4:00
- Symphony C Major Mozart
- Symphony No. 4 Mendelssohn
- Dance of Seven Veils Strauss
- Till Eulenspiegel Strauss

### Sarah Chandler Egan, One of Highland Park's Oldest Residents, Dies

On Wednesday morning, July 6, Mrs. Sarah Chandler Egan, of 300 Egandale road, passed away at the Highland Park hospital after being a patient there only three days.

On July 2, she celebrated her 93rd birthday with a small family group. Born in 1856 in Detroit, Michigan, she had been a resident of Highland Park since 1889.

Private funeral services will be held at Trinity Episcopal church. Mrs. Egan, one of Highland Park's oldest citizens, was a Past Regent of the North Shore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Founders and Patriots Society.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sewell Truax of 300 Egandale; a son, William Bradshaw Egan, Chicago; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A son, Henry Chandler Egan of California, passed away several years ago.

### Wesley Friendship Circle To Hear German P W On Friday Evening

The Friendship Circle of the Wesley Methodist church will meet at the west church, Highwood avenue and Everts place, Friday, July 8th at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Siegfried Trammer from Germany, who was with Rommel in the North African campaign, and was captured by the American forces and taken as a prisoner of war. He has come to this country to study for the ministry. He will speak from his experiences on spiritual needs of his homeland.

Mrs. Barber Smith, president of the circle urges that all members of the church attend and bring their friends. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

## Rex Winters, 11, Holds Lucky Number At Legion Carnival

### Open Letter

We received our real estate tax bill last week and were astounded to find that in School District 108 it had risen 35%, with over half of the tax money (56%) going for elementary schools! The worst of it is that the present tax rise is only the beginning of a 20-year period of paying for the new elementary school planned for District 108. How high will the bill go when we begin really to feel the weight of that \$1,400,000 load?

We have found that we are hardly alone in our concern over such extreme school costs. At every turn the questions are: "Have you received your tax bill? What do you think of the terrific increase?" A friend who called on the phone summed up one viewpoint when he said, "This tax bill is an ultimatum to the small home owner to get out of the district!" Others are observing that statements made by the supporters of the Cox-Moore-Finder opposition ticket during the April School Board election campaign are proving only too accurate.

It is disturbing to note that elementary school costs in District 108 are already 52% above those of our neighbors in District 107, the respective rates being 1.460 and .958!

If no building contracts have been signed as yet (and we understand they haven't), would it not be wise for our School Board to postpone the building of the new elementary school until enrollment trends can be gauged accurately. Perhaps a smaller school will prove sufficient for District 108. Perhaps a less pretentious building to accommodate the same number of pupils can be constructed, as is being done in a neighboring community for \$500,000 less than our proposed \$1,400,000, according to the admission of one of our school officials. And it is possible that we don't need a new school at all. Many citizens are of that opinion.

We understand that School Board meetings are now open to the public and that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, July 12th, at Lincoln School. That might be a good time and place to voice opinions on taxes and the proposed new school.

Friendly interaction and co-operation between home and school, which are so vital to the welfare of our children, can hardly be present in a community where the school is making such exorbitant financial demands on the home.

Two Taxpayers

### The Rose Garden In Ravinia

The Rose Garden in Ravinia has been a lovely spot this past week with the roses in full bloom.

This little garden, tucked away on Roger Williams avenue, just west of the Northwestern Railroad is a favorite project of the Ravinia Garden Club, whose members are responsible for the planting and upkeep both financially and physically devoting many hours there weeding, planting and trimming; keeping it the delightful place it is.

The public is cordially invited to drop in at the garden and view the roses, or sit on one of the benches in the cool shade of the trees and enjoy its quiet beauty.

### Service Mothers' Club Plans August Picnic

The Service Mother's Club has announced that there will not be a meeting held during July. However, the annual picnic is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Sunset Park. The noon gathering will be a pot luck affair and each member is asked to bring a dish, either hot or cold.

The beautiful super deluxe Buick Sedan given away by the Highland Park American Legion, as the climax of their Fourth of July carnival week-end, was won by Rex Parkin "Duke" Winters, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Winters of 188 Laurel avenue. The eleven year old lad, an Elm Place sixth grader, was awakened from sleep to be told the exciting news.

Billy Jo Asbury, 8, of Renick, Missouri, step-brother of Timmy Seyl of 640 Homewood avenue, was the winner of the Hotpoint Electric dishwasher. Timmy, 10, had taken the chance in his brother's name. Tim, it has been reported, was a tireless worker in the selling of tickets for the American Legion. He was not at the Park at the time his brother's name was called. He is the son of Mrs. Asbury, the former Mary Schmidt.

The lucky ticket for the watch was held by Herman Nelson, of Bowen Country Club, Waukegan. Fletcher Lewis of 597 K. Ball road was the winner of the Electric blanket. He and his family were at the Park as his name was called.

### Schedule For Wastepaper Collections

- Monday, July 11—Elm Place
  - Tuesday, July 12—Lincoln
  - Wednesday, July 13—Ravinia
  - Thursday, July 14—Braeside
  - Friday, July 15—Green Bay and West Ridge
- Please have all papers tied securely in bundles, and place them on the curb early in the morning to insure their collection.

### Church, Good, and Bobinette Form New Law Firm In Chicago

Congressman Ralph E. Church, (R), 13th District of Illinois, James W. Good, Jr. and Charles K. Bobinette today announced the formation of the law firm of Church, Good and Bobinette, with offices at 10 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, occupied for thirty years by the law firm of Church and Traxler.

Congressman Church's former law partner, Dean Lake Traxler, died last April, and the new firm of Church, Good and Bobinette was organized as its successor.

Mr. Church is a graduate of the University of Michigan (A.B.) and the law school of Northwestern University (LL.B. and M.A.). He served in the Illinois State Legislature for sixteen years and is now serving this thirteenth year in the United States Congress.

James W. Good, Jr. obtained both his preparatory and legal education at Northwestern University (A.B. and J.D.). He is the son of the late James W. Good, Secretary of War under President Hoover. After service in the Navy during the war as a Lieutenant, he resumed the practice of law in Chicago.

Charles K. Bobinette also received both his preparatory and legal education at Northwestern University (A.B. and J.D.). Mr. Good and Mr. Bobinette have been practicing law in Chicago under the firm name of Good and Bobinette.

Harry L. Rickard, a practicing attorney for nearly 40 years will office with the above firm and act as counsel as he has been doing with the firm of Church and Traxler for the past 15 years.

Thor Narum Nielsen who attended the University of Illinois and graduated from John Marshall Law School will serve as an associate with the firm.

As a member of Congress, Mr. Church serves on the Committee on Appropriations and has been one of the leading advocates of economy. He has been outspoken in his opposition to the Truman Administration's program generally as "costly" and "socialistic".