



LET'S TAKE A LOOK

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Notes From Here And There

And, so, football is once again pushing baseball out of the spotlight . . . Notre Dame is winning again . . . and Northwestern is still spending Friday night before a home game at Highland Park's Moraine Hotel.

And, that reminds me: I'm wondering if local safety rules aren't tossed aside when police-escorted busses, carrying the team, race through town, sirens screaming, while speeders weave in and out of the heavy Highland Park traffic on a busy Saturday morning.

We're wondering if all this speed is necessary? Couldn't the team get up earlier and then drive slowly to Evanston?

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We predict many more successful anniversaries for Highland Park's bank which each day is trying to better its service for the help and convenience of Highland Parkers!

A BIT ON LINDBERG . . .

We who have believed that the "Lone Eagle", Charles Lindberg, was sincere in his devotion to his country and his desire to think about and act for America first, surely were pleased to read newspaper accounts of his distinguished pre-war, during-the-war and post-war service to our nation.

Lindberg, in our opinion, deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor, not alone for his great service, but for his patience and his courtesy and his understanding shown to those who stripped him of his rank and almost banished him from our country.

Yes, more than any other single person, Lindberg could have done more to halt World War II if his recommendations had been taken, acted upon and then put into effect.

We hope those who ridiculed Lindberg and all the other American Firsters will now be sports enough to stand up and say: "Yes, you were correct!"

PARTING THOUGHT . . .

A wise old person, one of the happiest and most successful I've ever known, once told me:

"If you can't say something nice about a person, a situation, or something, don't say anything!" There's lots of wisdom in that statement.

More of us should practice it!

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Mary Conen Writes Anniversary Pageant For Woman's Club

(Copy of an open Letter on Golden Anniversary Pageant)

Dear Reader:

This is just an open, friendly letter to the members of the Highland Park Woman's Club, and to the citizens who have all benefited by the service that organization has given throughout the past half century. This is their Golden Year.

As an interested bystander, the writer felt that her lucky star was shining brightly when the club chose her to write the pageant commemorating this great occasion. It has been a delightful adventure to discover, through old newspapers and the Club's scrapbooks, the bright personalities that were its leaders through good times and bad. They served the youth of the community, their city, and the members who found an outlet for creative talent or for social service.

Many old settlers will remember the names of those who organized the club.

Mrs. L. D. Fessenden was the first president, from 1899-1904, after she and a group of progressive-minded ladies had founded the club. Thru their persistence Andrew Carnegie finally gave in and promised a public library. Mrs. Frank B. Green was president when the Cornerstone of the library was laid. Mrs. Abbie B. Bastin was a steady skipper and held to the idea of keeping the club active. The motion to disband was defeated.

During Mrs. George H. Campbell's term as president the club celebrated its tenth anniversary and sold 29,484 Christmas seals. At this time a P.T.A. was organized in Highland Park. Mrs. Charles Baker, president from 1913-14, saw the women up in arms over the price of eggs: 36c a dozen. There was a boycott on eggs. They came down! (Woman Power!). Whether or not to buy an umbrella for the officers policing the intersections was the problem facing the club under Mrs. John Putnam's presidency. The Mayor and the Council approved, but the cop on the corner said, "No, thanks!"

Mrs. Frank M. Terry was presiding through the years of the first world war. The club served through the Red Cross, and bought 41,150 dollars worth of Liberty Bonds.

Mrs. Clarence Thayer, during her term, presented Mrs. L. D. Fessenden with life membership. At this time the club bought land for a club house and became a corporation. Mrs. Frank R. Cain saw the support of the club go to worth while civic projects. One of these was the crusade for garbage disposal, and proper container.

Mrs. Wilford Shipnes saw her dream come true, for this president had worked uniringly for the new club house and opened her first meeting in the new home. Those were happy times under Mrs. Robert E. Seyfarth when each husband bought a new chair for his wife to occupy at the meetings. The tax to friend husband was \$3.70. Mrs. R. W. Stevens organized the club into departments: Fine Arts, American Citizenship, American Home, Philanthropy. The offer to study in

whatever phase of work interested her most caused someone to call the Woman's Club "Home-makers' University". In 1928 the mortgage was burned!

Mrs. Erastus R. Phelps who had always worked to reduce the mortgage on the club house, served as president from 1929-31. She promoted successful rummage sales and garden shows, but always Social Service was the club project predominant with her. Mrs. Carleton A. Harkness, president thru two of the depression years, encouraged the preservation of things of enduring value, and many art exhibits marked her term. Mrs. Charles Mason was another steady skipper. Ships and clubs, becalmed, must be kept at an even keel, ready to sail again—out of a depression. Hope and activity were slowly but surely reviving.

Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey filled her term with merriment and laughter. A Fashion Show for funds resulted in a larger budget, and the Open House in April was a festive climax for her term as president. Mrs. Herbert R. Smith was the gracious and charming presiding officer when the club celebrated its fortieth anniversary, and the Swing Club was organized. Mrs. Poyntz was presented with the task of securing new chairs to replace those the husbands had purchased back in 1926. They were replaced by quiet sturdy elegance in silver and red velvet. The Kensington Teas, The Blue Jean Ball for teenagers were popular projects that have become traditional.

Mrs. Harry Pertz faced the war years as president from 1941-43. War-gardening, Red Cross work, and 400 serviceman's scrap books were club projects crowned with success. Mrs. Claburn Jones was president from 1943-45. "There was nothing much done in my term", the modest chairman of the Golden Anniversary said, but the records show: The Blood Bank had headquarters in the club house, Red Cross workers used the building, the gardeners continued to sow and reap, and Mrs. Pertz collected and shipped a carload of clothing to Europe!

Mrs. Leonard Keaster saw the club promoting local talent. Artists, sculptors, musicians and the local high school students were encouraged by the club. The collectors' Antique Show and service to Ridge Farm were projects typical of the spirit of the Highland Park Woman's Club.

To Mrs. Kenneth Lacy, 1947-49, Social Service came first, but during her term the club kitchen was renovated. It is fitting that the new light fixtures which illuminate the auditorium should have been purchased in time to shine on this: The Golden Year. As a fellow student at Home-makers U. it has been a happy privilege to read of the service you have given, to marvel at the high standards always maintained in the selection of musical talent and speakers.

The Pageant will be a three way picture of half a century of work. Many things influenced the progress, and the "stumbling blocks" became stepping stones to the members of this organization. The woman in the home, however, with a mind ever eager for knowledge with a hand always ready to serve, with eyes that seek beauty, with a heart full of charity and com-

passion, she and she alone makes a club. Collectively they become a power for good and it is fitting that the city of Highland Park should share with them THE GOLDEN YEAR. Much of the material has been gathered from

your news clippings. The Press has been good to the Highland Park Woman's Club. In fact your writer can say with Will Rogers, "All I know is what I read in the papers." (Continued on page 5)

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Charles Z. Henkle Banker, Civic Leader, Taken By Death

Private services were held on Tues. for Chas. Zane Henkle, 57, banker, civic leader, and decorated hero of World War I, who died on Monday in Highland Park hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was vice president of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust company in charge of the savings department.

Mr. Henkle was a veteran of both World wars. He served as combat infantry captain in France in the first war and was wounded in action. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the silver star for valor. In the second war, he served as a full colonel in the then 6th army command in Chicago, as deputy director of personnel.

Chairman of Red Cross At his death, Mr. Henkle was chairman of the Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross, a trustee of the Ravinia Festival association, a director of the Illinois Society of Mental Hygiene, and treasurer of the Military Training Camps association. He headed the 1948 Red Cross campaign in Chicago.

Mr. Henkle also was a past president of the Union League club, which he headed in 1946, and a member of the Exmoor Country club, Cornell University Club of Chicago, the Caxton club, the Commercial club, and the American Legion.

Mr. Henkle had been with the Continental Illinois bank and its predecessors for 29 years, becoming vice president in 1941.

Son of Banker

Born in Chicago and educated at University High school and Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., he was the son of William H. Henkle, secretary of the old Illinois Trust and Savings bank, one of the constituents of the present Continental bank. He had lived at 17 Brittany road, Highland Park for the past 18 years.

He leaves his widow, Rita, and a sister, Miss Alice B. Henkle, of Harbor Springs, Mich.

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