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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• THIS IS YOUR CAUSE

The Highland Park Legion Post is conducting a drive to raise \$30,000.00 needed to help finance the erection of a Legion Memorial Building for Highland Park.

It is a fact, although not generally realized, that every resident of Highland Park benefits, directly or indirectly, from the activities of this organization. For the Legion is not a "social club" for veterans; neither is it an organization designed solely to help former members of the armed forces. Of course it functions in both of these roles, but its activities are not circumscribed within these limits.

Have you a son of Boy Scout age? The Legion sponsors a Boy Scout Troop. Have you a boy serving on school patrol duty? The Legion furnishes him with his rainy weather gear. Was your baby one of the many born within recent months at the Highland Park hospital? The Legion furnished the bassinets. Do you, or any of the members of your family drive? The Legion is taking an active part in the battle to lower the highway accident rate. Are you concerned by the threat of foreign "isms" to our way of life and national security? The Legion forms a hard core of Americanism, alert to danger and intelligently resistant to undercover attack.

The Legion has already raised some \$60,000. It can finance a loan of about \$35,000 more. It needs another \$30,000 in cash. Can you afford NOT to give?

• RALPH CHURCH SAYS

Commenting on what he aptly terms the "utter lack of direction" in the session of Congress just ended, Congressman Ralph Church says, "President Truman promised something for everyone, and the results are exactly what one would expect. There will be nothing for anyone." While we haven't always agreed with Congressman Church 100 per cent, we think he has a good point there. And, incidentally while we often find ourselves in disagreement with the Chicago Tribune, one of its editorial writers turned a phrase the other day that we think bears repeating.

Commenting on one of the President's more than usually incredible utterances, the Trib said, "... the little man in the White House has lost none of the native shrewdness that enabled him to go broke as a haberdasher nearly 30 years ago."

That sarcasm may be unfair, but it's more than fairly keen.

Hallowe'en Carnival At Braeside School Saturday Night

The Braeside Parent Teacher Civic Association is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival on Saturday night October 29th at the Braeside School.

Mr. Wyatt Jacobs, president, has appointed Mr. David Riskind chairman of the event. The Carnival is to have a dual purpose. First it is to be a night of fun-making for all the children and adults of Highland Park who attend. Second it is to raise funds for the important projects the PTA has agreed to sponsor this year. For this reason an admission charge will be made and the tickets for children will include all young people through high school age.

The festivities will begin at six o'clock when traditional American food will be sold. Mrs. Norman Schreiber, social chairman, will be in charge of the preparation and sale of the refreshments throughout the evening assisted by Mrs. Leonard Kriser and Mrs. S. R. Maness, who, with twenty-four other mothers comprise the hard-working committee.

Highland Park Woman's Club Announces Golden Anniversary Ball

"The Highland Fling" will open its first season with the Golden Anniversary Ball, to be held at the Highland Park Woman's Club on November 12, 10 P.M. to 1 A.M. Music by George Burnett's Orchestra.

"The Highland Fling" is the new dance club sponsored by the Highland Park Woman's Club with a limited membership. Special table reservations should be sent to Mrs. Herbert Alexander, H.P. 4667. For further information telephone Mrs. Charles A. Simpler, H.P. 6121.

Special Gifts Committee Of Legion Holds Monday Meeting

A small but satisfactory meeting of the Special Gifts Committee of the Memorial Building Fund of the American Legion Post 145 was held Monday evening at the Moraine Hotel, Mr. Albert Pick Jr. pinch hitting for Jerome P. Bowes, chairman, who was out of town. Short talks were given by Albert P. Snite and Harold Florsheim.

One gift of \$300 was pledged at this meeting, as well as the gift of all lamps (floor and table) for the new building.

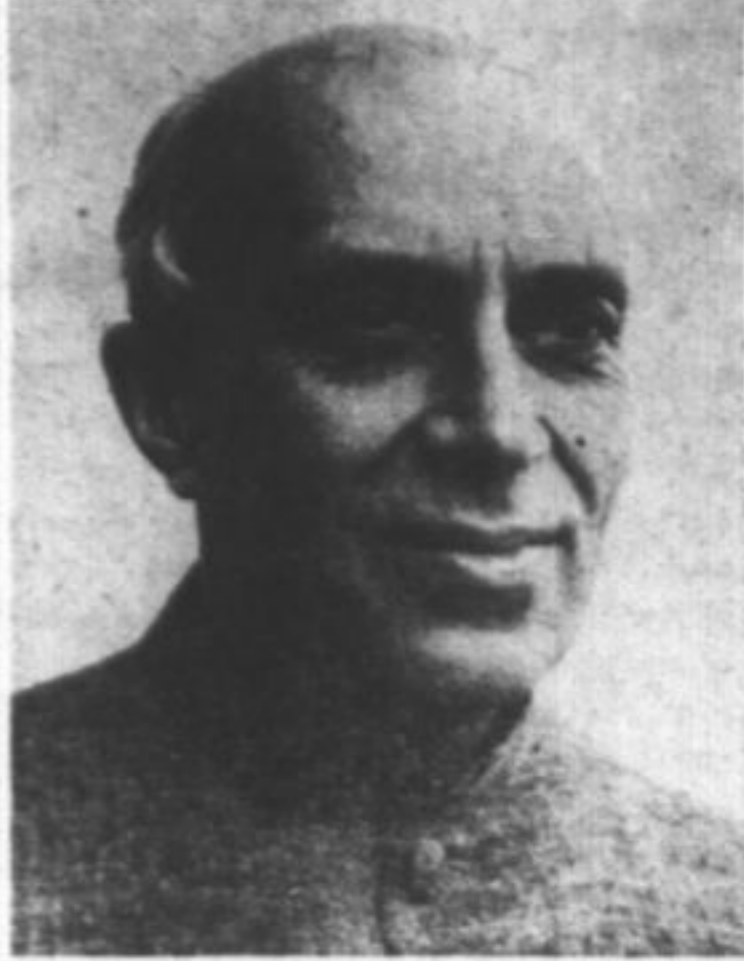
The design of the Memorial plaque of Ralph Fletcher Seymour, well known artist, has been given to the committee. It will contain the names of twelve World War I and sixty World War II veterans who gave their lives for their country, and will be placed in the main lobby of the entrance of the building.

Here is what General Robert E. Wood, nationally-known industrial and civic leader, and a 30-year member of the Highland Park Post has to say about the Legion and its contribution to America:

"I believe that the American Legion, which stresses the duties of patriotism, service to the city, state and nation, and adherence to the free American way of life, is one of the most potent forces this nation has in its struggle to defend Americanism from encroachment by foreign or domestic enemies.

"I believe that support for the Highland Park Post of the American Legion is support for the preservation of those values that we, as Americans, have learned to cherish as the most important things in our national life."

GIVE TO THE
COMMUNITY CHEST



The above cut of Prime Minister Nehru of India was made from a photograph taken by Bernard G. Davis, 1527 So. Sheridan road. A short time ago while visiting in India, Mr. Davis was introduced to Mr. Nehru through their mutual friend, Mr. Louis Johnson, now our Defense Secretary. During his stay in New Delhi, Mr. Davis took a number of photographs of Mr. Nehru but considered this portrait the best of the group—an opinion shared by the Prime Minister in his expression of appreciation upon receipt of the photograph.

Mr. Davis is President of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company of Chicago, publishers of such magazines as POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY, RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS, FLYING, MODERN BRIDE, the Ziff-Davis fiction group, as well as many popular books.

Local Students Display Talents On Downtown Show Window

Completion of the 1949 Art Witches Program of the Highland Park Kiwanis Club is expected to be reached today, with the painting of the last of more than 100 downtown and Ravinia show windows by students of our local schools, assisted by George Straub and a group of local artists, whose professional touch is to be seen throughout.

In order to transform Highland Park and Ravinia into a city of witches and goblins, more than 14 cases of paint were distributed by the Kiwanis Club. The work was supervised by the following Art Teachers: Mrs. Sargent, Elm Place School; Mrs. Apitz, Braeside; Mrs. Pearce, Ravinia and West Ridge; Mr. Wirt, Oak Terrace; and Sister Mary Edna of Immaculate Conception. The news of the winners in the contest to determine the best paintings will appear in the next week's issue of the Highland Park PRESS. The judging of the winning paintings is by no means an easy one.

To conclude the program for this year, a surprise treat will be given to all students who participated in the project. The Kiwanis Club wishes to thank everyone, Merchants, Art teachers, local artists, and especially the students . . . for helping to make the program possible.

Lest We Forget

"To minister the best we can to the disabled comrades of our sons . . . if we are to carry on the torch our sons let fall with death."

This is the creed of the organization known as the American Gold Star Mothers of Cook County. Mrs. Joseph Riddle, 330 Vine avenue, is a chairman of this organization, and on the fourth Friday of each month she and her committee journey to Downey and McIntire hospitals, where they devote the entire day to patients in four of the wards.

These good offices have been aided and abetted by interested volunteers who have contributed in different ways to these activities. It is to these people that the Gold Star Mothers wish to express their heartfelt appreciation.

The big feature of this day at the hospital is a party, with refreshments (big rosy apples for the diabetics) and bingo or other card games for entertainment. Prizes for the winners lend spice to the games.

Anyone interested in the work of this organization may obtain further information by telephoning Mrs. Riddle at H.P. 4264.

SOPRANO TO HEAD CONCERT LIST

Dorothy Maynor To Appear November 1

Dorothy Maynor, distinguished soprano, will appear in Highland Park next Tuesday, November 1, when the Community Concert



Association presents its first program of the 1949-50 season.

The concert, open to those who hold season memberships in the association, will start at 8:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Gifted with a beautiful voice, Dorothy Maynor has constantly won the highest praise of critics and music patrons everywhere during her brilliant career. Wherever she has sung, enthusiastic audiences have agreed with Olin Downes, New York Times critic, who wrote: "She has virtually everything needed by a great artist: the superb voice, one of the finest the public can hear today; exceptional musicianship and accuracy of intonation; emotional intensity and communicative power. She should be able to reach almost any height as one of the leading concert singers of her generation."

Although this will be Miss Maynor's first appearance here, she is no stranger to music lovers in Highland Park. Many have heard her in Chicago appearances, and more recently during the Goethe festival last summer at Aspen, Colo. There she was engaged for two programs by Mrs. John V. Spachner, who is vice president and program chairman for the Community Concert Association here.

Miss Maynor is at the pinnacle of her achievements. As recitalist, as well as soloist with all the leading symphony orchestras, and as a frequent guest star on outstanding radio programs, she delights music lovers everywhere. A year ago she conquered new fields on a concert tour through South and Central America.

The story of her sensational "discovery" by Serge Koussevitsky at the Berkshire Music Festival has become musical history. He exclaimed, "The world must hear her voice." Critics who were present wrote enthusiastically, and her New York debut following soon after, was a brilliant triumph. Subsequently in that first season she sang with four of the nation's leading orchestras—the New York Philharmonic, under Barbirolli; the Boston Symphony, under Koussevitsky; the Philadelphia Symphony, under Ormandy, and the Chicago Symphony, under Stock.

During her program, Mrs. Spachner has announced, Miss Maynor will sing compositions by Hansel, Mozart, Brahms, Marx, Smetana, Hahn, Poulenc, Bachlet, two Negro spirituals, and three folk songs, Irish, Jamaican, and Creole, arranged by Benjamin Britten. The artist's accompanist will be George Schick.

Concert officials have asked that those who find they will be unable to use their membership cards for any program during the season, call Mrs. Spachner, at Highland Park 1911; Mrs. Robert Ingwersen, secretary, at Highland Park 259, or any other member of the executive committee. Because membership is limited and no individual seats are available, such unused admissions will be offered to deserving children or others who otherwise would be unable to attend.

A change on the association's executive committee has been accepted. Robert Ingwersen has accepted the post as treasurer,

Rodde Named New Administrator Of Highland Park Hospital

Open Letter

October 12, 1949
Mr. Raymond C. Warner
735 South Sheridan Road
Highland Park, Illinois
Dear Mr. Warner:

At the meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday evening, October 11th, the Board proposed a meeting of representatives of other community groups with the Board of Education for the purpose of making a study of facts relative to the current controversy in District 108 about the proposed Intermediate School. It was our suggestion at this meeting that this group meet together for the purpose of reviewing factual information and to obtain if possible, common agreement on the basic facts relative to such items as school enrollment, school finances, class load and the like, and if possible, issue a joint statement of agreement relative to these facts.

This proposal was agreeable to the co-chairmen of your group who were present at this meeting. I am therefore inviting you to select four members of your organization to meet with four members of the Board of Education plus one representative from each of the four Parent Teacher Associations in an attempt to achieve the above purposes. I will serve as chairman of the group.

You will understand that the purpose of this proposal is not to assume the responsibilities of the Board relative to the decisions the Board must reach, rather merely an attempt to avoid misunderstandings and hard feelings that may occur due to a lack of common factual information.

I will appreciate hearing from you as to the representatives you appoint and I will arrange to hold a meeting of this group in the near future.

Sincerely,
J. M. Maxwell,
President

Open Letter

October 20, 1949
To the Editor:

In August I attended the meeting held in West Ridge School to hear the discussion regarding the proposed intermediate school for District 108, after personally checking on the news stories which had appeared on this subject.

At this meeting certain figures were presented to the people of the community in the presence of several members of the school board and the superintendent of schools of District 108. At no time was exception taken to any of the figures; at no time were any contradictory figures presented by the members of the board. I can arrive at only one conclusion. The figures as gathered and presented by the District 108 Voters' League must be correct. I have yet to see any specific correction of any of these figures by the board.

I subsequently volunteered my services to circulate a petition against construction of the school. As I called on my neighbors I attempted to give as clear a picture as possible of the situation, constantly bearing in mind that the true needs of the children are to be considered. Everyone I contacted signed the petition thoughtfully and willingly.

I feel that the implication made by a speaker at the last school board meeting that the West Ridge people got their school addition and now have no concern for the rest of the district is a base calumny. There are approximately 300 voters in the West Ridge district. Over 3,000 voters signed the petition.

If our educational standards are to be maintained, we must consider the ability of the community to absorb the costs. If they become excessive and the bill cannot be met, educational bankruptcy will ensue. I do not care how figures are juggled to make the cost of the new school appear to be \$20 per year on a \$10,000 property valuation, when tax bills on average

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Lamley Leaves For New Fields in Topeka, Kansas

Herbert R. Rodde of the administrative staff of St. Luke's Hospital at Duluth has been appointed as the new administrator of the Highland Park Hospital, succeeding Carl C. Lamley, according to a statement released this week by Frank F. Selfridge, hospital president.

Mr. Rodde brings to his new post an interesting background of



both practical experience and specialized training. Before coming to Duluth, he was connected with the Passavant Memorial Hospital at Chicago and has had six years of medical administration in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Hospital Administration and has also studied at Kansas Wesleyan University. He is married and has a 5 year old son.

Mr. Rodde will assume his new duties at the Highland Park Hospital on November 1st, working for several weeks with Mr. Lamley to become thoroughly oriented in the hospital's program and policies.

Carl C. Lamley leaves the Highland Park Hospital, after 3 years as its administrator, to become the executive director of the Stormont-Vail Hospital at Topeka, Kan., where he will consolidate the operations of two 100-bed hospitals. In announcing his leaving, President Selfridge stated:

"Carl C. Lamley has done an outstanding job at the Highland Park Hospital in directing its operations during the difficult period of transition and planning for the building program that is now in its final stage. We are sorry to see him go and we wish him every success in the fine opportunity for service and growth that has come his way. He leaves Highland Park with the respect and friendship of everyone who has worked with him during the past three years."

Legion Auxiliary To Meet November 3 At Lutheran Church

The Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting November 3 at 8 p.m. in the assembly hall of the Redeemer Lutheran church, with Mrs. Chris Mathiesen presiding. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Mrs. Grant Benson, Rehabilitation chairman, asks that candy bars or wrapped candies be brought for distribution at Downey's hospital.

Swing Club Season Opens With Dance Saturday Night

The first dance of the season for the Swing club will be held at the Woman's Club next Saturday night, October 29. The hours will be from 9 to 12. Music will be furnished by Jim Varney and John Erickson.

No freshman girls or boys will be admitted to the Swing club dances.