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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • THANKSGIVING

Like anyone else who can remember back more than 20 years (OK, more than 30 years) we have occasion to think of thinking that maybe it would be nice to be able to top about 10 (OK, about 20) years off our age. However, from time to time, there comes a season when it's nice to be able to remember back along the years, and the longer back your memories go, the better those memories are.

Thanksgiving is one of those times. It's good, at this time to drift back along the corridors of time and know again the feeling of coming home from first grade, full of the excitement gained in hearing for the first time, the story of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving.

It's good to remember, however dimly, those Thanksgiving dinners Grandma prepared; dinners that would have been incomplete without suet pudding, plus mince pie plus pumpkin pie for dessert.

In retrospect, even that 1942 Thanksgiving dinner on the Queen Elizabeth wasn't so bad. Latrine rumor had 20,000 of us on board and we dined on cold frankfurters (they were NOT "hot dogs") dehydrated potatoes and something called coffee that looked like muddy water and tasted like nothing we've ever known before or since. It seems funny now, but our comments at the time can't even be paraphrased for a family newspaper—the GI was not given to euphemisms.

It's good to remember at Thanksgiving time, and if we have any particular wish for us and all of you it's that we all get to pile up memories of lots more Thanksgivings.

### School District 108 Announces Reductions In 1949 Levies

The Board of Education of District 108 this week announced reductions in its previously filed tax levies for the tax year 1949. This action by the Board was first given consideration at the meeting of the Board of Education held on August 9, 1949, at which time the Board announced its intentions to study the possibility of such reductions. The Board announced its intention to reduce these levies in a letter sent to all residents of the community on September 14, 1949. The Board has now worked out the details necessary for reduction in its Education Fund levy for the operation of schools during the fiscal year 1950-51, and a reduction in its Bond and Interest levy for the same period. The reduction in the Educational Fund levy amounts to \$75,000 over the previously filed levy, and a reduction of \$95,000 over last year's levy, and the reduction in the Bond and Interest levy amounts to \$16,190.08.

The reduction in the Educational Fund levy was made possible by the decision to carry forward a smaller cash balance than had originally been contemplated, by the Board's decision not to have the new school ready by the Fall of 1950 and due to the general trends that indicate that tax delinquencies will be lower than had been previously estimated. Further by its higher tax rate of last year the Board of Education has also been able to eliminate the deficit in the Educational Fund previously incurred, and thus no levy is necessary for this purpose. This is in line with the Board's statement to the community of May, 1949, that a lower rate would be possible once the deficit had been eliminated.

The reduction in the Bond and Interest levy was made possible by the investment of bond proceeds not presently being used. These funds were invested by the Board of Education in short term U.S. Government securities and the interest earned will be used to reduce the Bond and Interest levy.

The decision of the Board of Education and its action on these reductions follows a series of meetings of the Board of Education at which this proposal has been carefully discussed and the possibilities of such a reduction carefully surveyed. These proposals have been discussed by the Board of Education with the Lake County Civic League represented

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### Lincoln Book Fair Offers Choice Christmas Gifts

The Lincoln School Book Fair sponsored by the PTA will be held at the school on November 30th, December 1st and December 2nd and will be open during the following hours:

Wednesday—1:15 to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon—1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday

There will be a large selection of carefully chosen books for all the family, along with a fine assortment of Christmas cards, playing cards and records, and you will have an opportunity to place magazine subscriptions here.

This year the Book Fair is proud to announce the added attraction of a door prize of The World Book Encyclopedia.

You have a rare opportunity to add a fine and essential set of reference books to your library.

At a special assembly on Thursday at 1:15, Mrs. Arthur Bletsch, a former teacher, with a wide experience in the field of children's literature, will tell stories and discuss books. Everyone is cordially invited to hear her.

Mrs. Lucille Rosenheim, author of the popular, "Kathie the New School Teacher" will also be present on Thursday to autograph her fine story.

On Friday evening the Book Fair will close with its usual gala evening of movies for the children.

The entire proceeds are used for the school library, for maintenance replacement, and the purchase of new books.

The three Co-chairmen are Mrs. Charles Pollack, Mrs. J. M. Maxwell, and Mrs. Thomas Keogh.

### LIBRARY NOTES

Mr. J. F. Burhorn, one of the editors of "The Illinois Junior Historian," was a visitor last week at the Highland Park Public Library.

### Paul Lawrence Dunbar Club To Discuss Christmas Plans

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the "Y" on Thursday, December 1, at 9:00 A. M.

This will be an important meeting so all members are urged to be present. Plans will be discussed for the Christmas party to be held early in the month and there will be other business of interest to everyone.

Remember your "Sunshine Pal" girls, to-morrow is Thanksgiving.

### Mrs. Ernest Sundell Shows Historic Scenes To Chicago Clubwomen

On Wednesday of this week members of the Chicago Woman's club were shown a series of slides in color representing the high points of interest in 200,000 miles of travel through the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave."

The 200 slides, grouped under a title borrowed from the national anthem, were taken from her husband's remarkable library of over 5,000 slides on subjects of historic interest, and were presented as a program in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Mrs. Sundell gave the accompanying commentary.

The series Mrs. Sundell showed is a record of six long trips made over a period of eight years. One group of her travelog was devoted entirely to homes of presidents and vice presidents, 13 of which have been photographed by the Sundells. These range from Calvin Coolidge's birthplace, a simple, gray two story clapboard house at Plymouth, Vt., to Jefferson's classical Monticello in Virginia. Among others in the Sundells' collection was Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, Mount Vernon, and the family home in Paducah, Ky., to which Vice President Alben W. Barkley has taken his bride.

### Open Letter

Board of Education  
School District No. 108  
November -15, 1949

To the Voters' League of School District No. 108

Messrs: Raymond C. Warner, Gordon E. Clavey, Frederick J. Halton, Jr., Wendall H. Haner, Lorant B. Knouff, Bruce Krasberg.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of transmittal which accompanied the petition which you presented to the Board of Education on November 8, 1949. We regret that you rejected our earlier suggestion of a Fact Finding Committee consisting of four members of the Voters' League, four representatives of the P.T.A.'s and four representatives of the Board of Education.

Instead you proposed the formation of a joint committee to "consist of not more than ten members, five to be designated by the Board and five by the Voters' League," which would "arrive at conclusions with respect thereto (the intermediate school) and recommend procedure in conformity with such conclusions." Although you state at the same time that "Such an impartial determination of an issue concerning the expenditure of public funds cannot be construed as any usurpation of the functions of the Board," it is our opinion that a Committee with powers such as you suggest would actually usurp the functions of the Board.

For these reasons we are unable to accept your proposal.

Very truly yours  
School District No. 108  
Board of Education  
By: J. M. Maxwell  
President

November 15, 1949

To the signers of the Petition presented to Board of Education, School District No. 108.

The large number of signers of the petition presented at our meeting November 8, 1949, was most impressive to the Board of Education. We have a deep sense of responsibility to you and other residents of the District who have a genuine interest in the welfare of our schools.

In your petition you asked us "to defer said building project (intermediate school) indefinitely, pending your affording a means to all voters in School District No. 108 of an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval, after a full study and presentation of all the facts pertaining thereto shall have been made." In our letter to the residents dated September 14, 1949, we made the following statement regarding the intermediate school: "Before proceeding with construction of the school, the Board is studying every phase of the program involving both community and educational problems and educational needs, including a careful study of the pupil load that may be anticipated in the next few years."

The census of pre-school children is nearing completion and

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## FRED WARING TO APPEAR HERE

### Waring and His Pennsylvanians At High School Nov. 29

Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians will make their first appearance in Highland Park in their two hour concert, to be presented under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Highland Park American Legion, at the Highland Park High School on Tuesday, November 29, at 8:30 p.m.



Mr. Waring will present his entire company including Joanne Wheatly, Gordon Goodman, Daisy Bernier, Stuart Churchill, Joe Marine, Jane Wilson, Gordon Berger and the full glee club and orchestra exactly as featured on radio and television. This is probably the most outstanding attraction ever to appear in Highland Park, and the tremendous advance order for tickets indicates a complete sell out. However, some seats may still be obtained by mailing a check or money order with self-addressed envelope to American Legion Auxiliary, Box 665, Highland Park, Ill.

The profits of this show will benefit the Auxiliary earning fund.

The committees that are working to make this event a success are under the chairman and president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Evelyn Mathiesen, Mrs. Peter Duskey, publicity; Mrs. DeWitt Manasse, Miss Marion Manasse, Mrs. Bernard Sheehy, Mrs. Gust Norrlein, Mrs. Ann Haltermann, Mrs. Oscar Iverson, Mrs. Margaret Ives, Mrs. Raymond Benson, Mrs. Herman Leuer, Mrs. Jerry Leaming, Mrs. Winfield Zimmer, Mrs. Norman Culver and Mrs. Edwin Gilroy.

### AVC Elects Four To Chicago Convention

North Shore Chapter of American Veterans Committee this week announced the election of two delegates and two alternates for AVC's fourth national convention to be held in Chicago during Thanksgiving weekend.

William Steel, Winnetka, and Dick Ettliger, Highland Park, will be delegates, while Chapter Chairman Edmund Levinson, Wilmette, and Everett Millard, Highland Park, are alternates, according to the announcement by Martha Ann Stein, Waukegan; Sanger Steel, Lake Forest; Robert F. Walker, Jr., Highland Park; Richard Ginsburger, Winnetka; Seymour Graham, Glencoe, and Dr. John J. Ballenger, Wilmette, of the AVC Program Committee.

Little horseplay is expected at the parley of AVCmen whose sessions guided by the motto "Citizens First, Veterans Second" are featured by hours of serious debate on local, national and world issues.

### International President Guest Of Lions Club December 3

On Saturday, December 3, the International president of the Lions club, Walter C. Fisher, Queenston, Ontario, Canada, will be the guest of District 1-F, at a dinner to be held at the Moraine hotel.

## American Legion Lays Plans For Games Party On November 26

### Dr. James T. Case, Highland Park Hospital, Speaks In S. America

Dr. James T. Case, staff radiologist of the Highland Park hospital, is on a trip in South America, with the main purpose of attending the Third Inter-American Congress of Radiology to be held in Santiago, Chile, November 11 to 17.

Dr. Case is chairman of the delegation named by the Department of State to represent the United States at this Congress. About twenty-five members of the various radiological societies in the United States are to be in attendance at this Congress. The First Inter-American Congress of Radiology was held in Buenos Aires in 1943; the Second Inter-American Congress of Radiology in Havana in 1946.

Enroute to Santiago via the east coast Dr. Case had appointments with university groups in Uruguay and in the Argentine, as well as at Santiago, Chile. On his return trip via the west coast he will speak at the University of San Marcos in Lima, one of the oldest universities in the new world; also at the National University, Bogota, Columbia.

### Friendship Club Christmas Party At "Y", December 1

The "Friendship Club" will observe Christmas at the "Y" with a Christmas party which promises to be everything a Christmas party should. Thursday, December 1st is the date.

Following a carol "sing" Christmas dinner will be served at 6:30 in the big hall. There will be Santa Claus with a gift for everyone, a real fireplace, and many other attractions.

But this is not all. The best part of the program will be the stuffing of a couple of dozen soft for needy little youngsters, with toys, candy and other goodies.

You will want to have part in this so be sure to make your dinner reservations by Tuesday, Nov. 29th.

### Mary Bartleme Club To Make Plans For Annual Fashion Show

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Bartleme club Evanston Senior Auxiliary will be held on Monday November 28, when Mrs. Wilson C. Smithers, 551 Monroe Street, Glencoe, assisted by Mrs. R. D. Curtis, and Mrs. D. Faverty, entertains at luncheon.

At that time the group will report on their progress in planning the annual "Spring Tempo" fashion show to be held at the Pump room the in spring.

### Legion Prepares To Entertain Santa At Children's Party

The Legion Santa Claus is getting ready for the Legion Children's Christmas party. It will be held at the Elm Place school auditorium on Sunday afternoon, December 11 from 4 to 6 p.m.

### West Deerfield ASSESSMENT ROLL IS PUBLISHED

The assessment roll for the Town of West Deerfield, as fixed by the assessor, appears on pages 6 and 7 of today's issue of the HIGHLAND PARK PRESS. Every resident of the Town of West Deerfield, which includes the Village of Deerfield and Bannockburn and Part of the cities of Highland Park and Lake Forest should make it a point to check up on the amount of his assessment.

Any property owner who objects to the amount of his valuation should file a formal complaint with the Board of Review within 10 days from the date of publication of this assessment roll.

Combining fun with business, the Highland Park American Legion post plans a games party for Saturday, November 26, 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple on North avenue. These games parties are highly enjoyable, and the proceeds thereof enable the Legion to carry on its favorite projects and activities. Among these are budget increases for Legion Boy Scout Troop No. 31, entertainment for hospitalized veterans, at Downey, Christmas parties, etc.

There will be three grand awards, consisting of a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, an \$85 Ladies' or Man's Wrist Watch and a \$25 string of pearls.

Refreshments and admission are free. The committee in charge consists of William Altman, Sr., chairman; Bernard Sheehy, Miller W. Schriener, Chris Mathiesen, Albert Bork, Herman Leuer, Karl Salo and Mike Nolan.

### Voters' League Rejects Reply Of School Board

The District 108 Voters' League through its chairman, Raymond C. Warner, has sent the following letter, dated November 21, to Mr. J. M. Maxwell, president of the School Board:

"We have read your letter to the Voters' League, dated November 15, 1949, and your open letter to the petition signers, which appeared in the public press.

"In the former you reject our proposal for the formation of a joint committee to make an impartial study of the need for the proposed intermediate school. In the open letter you spurn, in effect, the petition of the 3,080 voters requesting that the building of the school be indefinitely delayed until the voters have the opportunity to express their approval or disapproval after an impartial study and presentation of all the facts which they did not have at the time of the referendum.

"Your refusal to comply with the expressed wishes of over 75 per cent of the voters is extremely difficult to understand, and we are unable to accept your reply as satisfactory.

"We note that your Board has conceded that further investigation is necessary to determine the need for the proposed school before proceeding with the expenditure of over \$1,400,000 of public funds. Your acknowledgement that the facts upon which you based your proposal to build the school are now inadequate is at least some progress in the right direction.

"However, we are unable to understand the basis for your rejection of our request for a joint committee to gather and study the facts. We originally proposed a committee of ten, five to be designated by the Board and five by the Voters' League, in order to give fair and equal representation to both sides of the issue. The Board proposed a committee of twelve, with yourself as chairman, on which the voters would be represented by only four members.

"You state that you believe that a committee such as proposed by us, with equal representation for both sides, would usurp the Board's powers. Apparently the Board had no such fear with respect to the committee which it proposed. Is not the real motive for the rejection of our proposal the fact that the Board is unwilling to give the people any voice in the determination of the issue?

"Your letter to the Voters' League and your open letter to the petition signers both indicate clearly that the Board proposes to decide the intermediate school question independently of the people and their expressed wishes. You therefore leave them no alternative but to make use of the procedures designed to protect the public interest in such situations.