

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• AND THEN?

The year 1949 is being ushered out with two stories, either or both could have more profound effects on life on earth than anything that has happened within the memory of living man.

The first is the announcement that Einstein has released a new theory which may explain the law of gravity. The second, which has more of a Buck Rogers flavor to it, is a story to the effect that responsible observers believe the so-called "flying saucers" to be instruments for observation of the earth by dwellers of other planets.

If the Einstein theory is borne-out, it may provide the key that will open intrastellar space to human exploration; if the second (which is being widely derided) is borne out, dwellers of other planets may be considering an exploration of the earth.

What we think is the most interesting thing about these two stories is the lack of interest they seem to have aroused in the general public. People seem to accept the possibility that the stories and their implications may be true with much the same interest, or lack of it, that they would display if informed that a new use has been discovered for plastic.

Maybe we've just had too much. The telephone, the radio, television, radar, the automobile, the airplane and, finally, the atom bomb, seem to have brought us to a point where a new miracle can't excite as many people as can a big league pennant race.

As for the atheists among us; how can they accept the miracle of television and reject that of the loaves and fishes? Which would really be the more miraculous to one who had seen neither?

Approve Sale of Community Center: License Fees Increased

Center To Be Sold

An ordinance providing for the sale of the Highland Park Community center was approved by the city council Tuesday evening. The council announced that bids on the three lots and building will be opened and accepted on February 27.

Bids Refused

Refused, as being too low, were the bids previously received on the three properties comprising the old city hall, old fire station and USO building. The sale ordinance provides for the sale of the land separately or together to the highest bidder or group of bidders at a price deemed a reasonable real estate value price.

License Fees Raised

License fees for real estate brokers in the city were raised to \$25 a year by the council. The previous fee was three dollars.

Highmoor

A drainage problem brought up by the Highmoor Improvement association was referred for investigation to City Engineer Philip Cole and Commissioner Lyle Gourley.

Request Denied

M. B. Austin Manufacturing company of Northbrook requested fire protection from the Highland Park fire department. The request was denied.

New Building Inspector

Frederick Juseffy of 541 So. St. Johns avenue was appointed new assistant building inspector at an annual salary of \$3,180, it has been announced.

Bethany Church To Receive New Members Sunday

Junior department of Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church, Highland Park, held a Christmas party December 27. A sound-motion picture entitled, "Merry Christmas," featuring the Vienna Boys' choir was presented.

The New Year's Holy Communion service will take place in the church next Sunday at 11 a.m. Opportunity will be given friends to unite with the church, according to the pastor, the Rev. Lester Laubenstein.

Christmas Message

(Omitted from last issue by mistake)

The significance of the Christmas Event, the birth of Jesus Christ, is summed up in the Gospel according to St. John in these words: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The divine example prompts us also to give, and the many gifts make Christmas the happiest day of the year. We give because gratitude for gifts received moves us to acts of mercy and kindness. It is a wholesome and consoling thing for us to recall in these cloudy days that there is a Hidden Power who recognizes the desperate straits of mankind and is willing and able to bring rescue. Thank God! The burdens of world and life lie heavy, not only on our shoulders, but heavier still on the heart of our Father in heaven. God is still "Our refuge and strength."

Herbert W. Linden

Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Highwood

Salvation Army Warns Against Contributions To Unauthorized Solicitors

A service unit committee of the Salvation Army will be organized in Highland Park it has been announced by Lt. Col. Dallas P. Leader, divisional commander.

The Highland Park committee will handle its own funds, conduct its own health and welfare program, give advice and direction and officially represent the Salvation Army.

Col. Leader has asked all business, professional and industrial leaders and citizens to co-operate by refusing to contribute to any persons representing the Salvation Army unless they carry the official authorization of the local committee; make all contributions to the local treasurer at the time of the annual campaign; discontinue giving petty cash contributions to anyone supposedly representing the Salvation Army.

Highland Park will be one of 500 cities in Illinois to have Salvation Army representatives.

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Gregory Sheahan Candidate For County Clerk Office

Gregory M. Sheahan, 590 Elm Place, Highland Park, has announced his candidacy for the office of County clerk, which will be left vacant by the retirement of Jay B. Morse, who has served in the County court-house for the past 40 years. Sheahan has served as deputy County clerk for the past 14 years.

Sheahan has also been Deerfield township collector for the past 12 years, and was one of the founders of the Highland Park Republican Men's club.

Opposing Sheahan for nomination will be Garfield R. Leaf, County coroner, as announced last week. Guy O. Lunn, County treasurer, has also indicated that he will be a candidate for the post.

There is some possibility that another contender will be David Van Patten, long-time member of the Board of Supervisors of Newport township.

The fact that all these contenders are experienced campaigners promises to make the race a spirited one.

Inter-Faith Group To Announce Winners In Essay Contest

In keeping with its program of interesting young people in the vital program of racial and religious understanding, the Inter-Faith Group conducts an annual contest among local High School students, with money prizes and Honorable Mention awards. At the January meeting of the Group, to be held Thursday, January 12th, at the home of the President, Mrs. Harry L. Cannmann, Sr. the winners of this season's contest will read their essays and stories. Miss Edith Morgan of the English Department, who took charge of the contest in the school, Mrs. Jean Handberg, of the High School Faculty and Mrs. George W. Carr, Vice-President of the Group were the judges of the 26 stories and essays entered in the contest. The calibre of the entries was exceptionally high, and the sincerity and interest in the subject very satisfying. The following will be awarded prizes and recognition at the meeting. First prize, Story, Donna Stine, Second prize, Francis Nosek, essay; third prize, Evan Appleman, story; and Honorable Mention to Diane Weeks, Alice Gilbert and Kathleen Skidmore. Miss Bredin of the High School Faculty will introduce the prize-winners.

As always, the meeting will be preceded by a dessert-luncheon at one o'clock, in charge of Mrs. Frank Straight, Jr. Hospitality Chairman and her committee and Mrs. Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Social Committee.

At 1:30, with Mrs. George W. Carr, presiding, the new Constitution and By-Laws will be presented for ratification. At 1:45, the regular business meeting will be held, and the program will start at 2:00 P.M. In addition to the reading of the prize-winning essays and stories, Dr. Geraldine Gregg, of the Educational Department of the Congregational Church in Winnetka, who has done outstanding work with young people in the field of bettering human relationships, will give an inspirational talk on this subject. Discussion will follow. Guests are welcome, as always.

State-Wide Meeting Of Women Voters In Chicago, Jan. 11

Mrs. Frances Puestow will attend a statewide meeting of Education chairmen of the League of Women Voters in all day meeting on Wednesday, January 11, at the state office in Chicago. "How good are the public schools in Illinois?" is the question which will be analyzed.

"What we Want for Education in Illinois" will be proposed by Mr. Harold Norman, one of the speakers, who is not only a member of the State Commission to Survey and Study School Problems, but also president of the Board of the Highland Park High School.

"The meeting is intended to lead to a full evaluation of the League's position on Illinois school legislation," Mrs. Cade, state Education chairman, said. "The League has long supported the Unit district school system as providing greater equalization opportunity than the dual system."

\$500,000 Religious School Building Fund Drive Under Way

Following a "kickoff" meeting at the Hotel Moraine on December 4th, the North Shore Congregation Israel's Religious School Building Fund Drive is now well under way.

Attended by seventy workers on the drive, including Rabbi Siskin, the congregation's spiritual leader, and twenty-three trustees, the meeting covered all of the preparations necessary for a complete financial canvass of the membership of the congregation, including instructions which were furnished to all members of the volunteer soliciting organization.

In 1928, at the time North Shore Congregation Israel's present building was erected, in Glencoe, the membership was envisioned as eventually reaching 500, with 400 children in the religious school. However, with the rapid growth of the community the congregation has attained a membership of more than 900, with more than 650 children enrolled in the religious school. This over-crowded condition has resulted in a serious hampering of religious training efforts.

The \$500,000 building fund, more than half of which has already been raised by advance gift contributions, and with the canvassing drive, will be used for the building of a religious school capable of handling the vastly increased enrollment. It is intended that the building will also be used as a youth center for teen age activities, as a place for medium-sized communal and men's and women's club meetings, adult education classes, dramatics, choir activities, and the like.

Tuxis Society Plans Gay Party New Year's Eve

A New Year's eve party by Tuxis society of Highland Park Presbyterian church, will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The festivities will include a turkey dinner, dancing and a floor show, featuring Dr. Tarbell, the magician, and an accordion duet. Barney Barnes will be master of ceremonies.

WELCOME FRANCESCATTI MONDAY, JANUARY 9th

Concert Association Presents Famed Violinist As Third Attraction

Zino Francescatti, most celebrated of contemporary French violinists, will appear in a recital Monday evening, January 9, at the Highland Park high school auditorium. His performance will be the third musical attraction to be sponsored here this season by the Community Concert Association of Highland Park.

The French virtuoso is counted one of the great violinists of the world. Famous throughout Europe and South America before coming to the United States, he has since played with every major American orchestra and on every leading concert course.

In welcoming Francescatti to Highland Park, concert association officials feel that the fact the violinist was secured is one of the reasons why the current season series is receiving a response unprecedented for enthusiasm and attendance.

Francescatti (pronounced: Frances-Scotty) has been acclaimed "worthy of the mantle of Paganini." As a matter of fact, the glory of that supreme virtuoso comes to him by direct heredity. Francescatti's father, a naturalized Frenchman of Italian birth, played the cello with the "Concerts Classique" orchestra in Marseilles where Zino was born. The older Francescatti had studied the violin with Sivori who in turn had been the only direct pupil of Paganini.

In the Francescatti household the personality of Paganini was a living presence and when the violinist came to America he chose for his debut with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony in November, 1939, the Paganini D Major Concerto. He used the original edition which had been handed down to him from Paganini.

At five Francescatti made his first public appearance. At ten he astounded local musical circles in the Beethoven Concerto. At twenty he made his formal debut in Paris.

After a Chicago recital recently, the "Tribune" said of the violinist, "... Francescatti not only plays superbly, he plays in a way to mesmerize an audience." Among the thousands of laudatory reviews, the Philadelphia Inquirer paid this unusual compliment:

"If old Niccolò Paganini writhed and groaned in his grave yesterday it was with envy. For Zino Francescatti played his First Violin Concerto with breathtaking brilliance that surely its creator could not have excelled."

Francescatti attributes his rich and glowing tone to his acquisition in the United States of the fabulous "Hart" Stradivarius, Dated 1727, it is one of the finest examples of the great violinmaker's art.

Francescatti's recital will mark the mid-way date in the Highland Park Community season. In previous engagements members heard Dorothy Maynor, soprano, and Eugene Istomin, pianist. Both artists appeared before packed audiences whose ovations hailed the masterful performances of both.

Following Francescatti the association will offer Babin and Vronsky, world's foremost duopianists, on February 14, and the Pittsburgh Symphony orchestra on March 15.

Members of Kiwanis Club Will Fete Ladies, January 9

Ladies night will be held on the evening of January 9 by the Kiwanis club at Sunset Valley club. A good attendance is anticipated.

Woman's Club Begins New Year With Well-rounded Program

The new year will open next Tuesday, Jan. 3, for members of the Highland Park Woman's Club with a full schedule for the day. The Collectors' Study Group will meet at 10:30 A.M. Following luncheon there will be a book review which will precede the regular club meeting.

Dramatic Artist

The club president, Mrs. Sidney Frisch, will conduct the business meeting at 2 P.M., after which Mrs. Garfield Day, program chairman, will introduce the artist, Miss Brina Magida. Miss Magida is a dramatic artist of unusual talent and will present "Love In Any Language", a highly entertaining combination of songs and dramatic scenes from many lands. The program promises to be an outstanding dramatic performance because of the artist's ability as an interpreter of plays. Brina Magida also has an enviable reputation as a director of plays and has created and directed original musical shows which have been highly acclaimed. She has recently appeared before the Chicago Drama League, Elmhurst Women's Club, Milwaukee Athletic Club, WGN Television and Temple Shalom.

Collectors' Group

Mrs. Theodore L. Osborn will be in charge of the Collectors' Study Group meeting and will present Mrs. Margarita M. Jester in a talk on "Early American Glass", with emphasis on the Sandwich Factory. She will exhibit examples of various periods of the factory, including the rare Lacy open edge tray and the Constitution and Eagle bowl. Members will be glad to know that she will conduct a question and answer period at the conclusion of her lecture. Mrs. Jester is well qualified to speak on her chosen subject as she and her husband have been the owners of the Margo Antique Shop in St. Louis for fifteen years and have a summer shop in Delaware Water Gap, Pa. They specialize in American Glass, historical blue, and period furniture. Mrs. Jester, for some time, has been conducting a course on Antiques at the Adult Education Center which is held at the Y.M.C.A. in St. Louis.

A noon luncheon is being arranged and members are urged to attend. Because of the holidays it is imperative that reservations be made by Friday, Dec. 30. Kindly call Mrs. J. H. Lundstrom at H. R. 17.

Book Review

At 12:45 an unusually fine book review of "Because of the Lockwood," by Whipple, will be presented by Minnie Moreland Dow who will be introduced by the book review chairman, Mrs. Gordon B. Holland. Mrs. Dow, herself a poet of recognized ability, has for the past three years been a member of the National board of the National League of American Pen Women; and is a past-president of the Chicago branch of the National League of American Pen Women. She is also vice-president and chairman of Dramatic Book Reviews. Endowed with an attractive personality and fine talent Mrs. Dow holds her audience with rapt attention.

At the conclusion of the day's activities tea will be served in both the auditorium and the lounge.

The paintings which will be on display during the month of January are the work of the local artist, Mr. Tom Wilder and some of his pupils. Members are invited to a special showing and tea to be held in the club house on Sunday, January 8.

An announcement has been made that those desiring additional copies of the Golden Year Book and the Golden Anniversary Bulletin may obtain them for a small fee by contacting Mrs. J. William Goch.