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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • THAT \$20-A-WEEK RIDE

Have you ever heard anyone griping about the veterans "all" going for a free \$20-a-week ride on the "52-20" gravy train? You'll probably recall that any veteran could draw unemployment compensation amounting to \$20 a week for a year during the period of his readjustment from military to civilian life.

It was standard operating procedure for confirmed "viewers with alarm" to declare that "anyone can get a job now," that "most of the veterans refuse to work at all as long as they can get \$20 a week for nothing."

Well, the record is in now, and "all the veterans," or "most of the veterans" proves to have been a slight exaggeration—as usual. The record shows that about 3% of the veterans in Illinois used up their one year's unemployment allowance. All told, Illinois had 1,034,000 veterans eligible for the allowance. A total of 30,286 drew 52 checks.

Undoubtedly there were some in that group who might have gone to work if they hadn't been able to draw the "rocking chair money." Undoubtedly there were thousands who drew their limit without abusing the privilege in any sense.

At any rate, a certain portion of 3% isn't "all the veterans" or even "most of the veterans." As usual, those who were attacking an entire group weren't saying anything worth hearing.

### Timken Roller Bearing Company Convenes At Moraine Hotel

Officers and chief sales executives of the Timken Roller-Bearing Company of Kenton, Ohio, met at the Moraine Hotel for a 4-day sales conference January 16-19. Sales representatives from throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico attended the conference where Mr. Wm. E. Umstatt, president of the company, spoke Monday forenoon, followed by Mr. W. B. Moore, vice president, in charge of sales. High light of the conference was the premier showing of "Big Tim," an animated cartoon depicting to the public the advantage of freight car journals being equipped with roller bearings. The conference ended today (Thursday).

### Highland Park Man To Serve In Cancer Drive

Walter Schwimmer, 105 Ravinia Court, Highland Park, Ill., president of Radio Features, Inc., has been appointed to the public relations committee of the Illinois Division, American Cancer Society's 1950 fund-raising drive, it was announced today by A. E. Patton, chairman of the campaign. Mr. Schwimmer, who will head the radio section, is serving for the second year with the committee. He attended Northwestern University and began his long advertising and publicity career as publicity director for a band, and worked with WIBO, Chicago radio station.

### Opening Of New Shop In Home Furnishings

Big values in fine decorative fabrics for home furnishings may be found at the January Sale of Old Colony Home Fashions, the new shop now open at Green Bay and Central.

Other Old Colony Home Fashions shops operated by Linnie M. McComas, are found in Wilmette and Park Ridge.

### Baked Beans And Corn Bread On Wesley Family Night

A baked bean and corn bread supper will be held at the Wesley Methodist church, Highwood avenue and Everts place, Highwood, on Wednesday evening, January 25, at 6 p.m. This will be followed by an unusual program prepared by the youth groups of the church at 7:00.

The public is invited to attend.

### Instructive Films Featured At Meeting Of Kiwanis Club

At the Monday night meeting of the Highland Park Kiwanis club a sound, colored motion picture, directed and produced by American Airlines, was shown by Andrew F. Simpson, of that company. The film, documentary in subject, depicts life in the Scandinavian countries, and covers the social and economic aspects of these lands. It was sponsored by Chester Davis.

Next week, through the courtesy of Mr. Edward Knox, manager, the Illinois Bell Telephone company, a technical explanation of the dial system of telephoning will be given by Mr. Garbo of the Telephone company.

### Free Lecture On Christian Science Tuesday, January 24

On Tuesday evening, January 24th at 8 o'clock, the residents of this and neighboring communities will have another opportunity to hear a lecture on Christian Science. Mrs. Elisabeth Carroll Scott, C.S.B. of Memphis, Tennessee, a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, will speak on "Christian Science: The Revelation of God's Sustaining Love". The local Christian Science church will be hosts on this occasion and the lecture will be delivered in their church edifice, 387 Hazel Ave., Highland Park. All are most cordially welcome. The lecture is free.

### NOTICE

To Members of the Highland Park Community Chest, Inc. MEMBERS' ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CHEST WILL BE HELD TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24, 8 P. M. Community Center Auditorium, 549 Central Avenue. The annual reports of the officers will be made and eight members of the board of directors will be elected. Every contributor to the Highland Park Community Chest is a member of the organization and is entitled to one vote.

### Active In Producing Film On Social Welfare

Highland Park women have joined with hundreds of Chicago's Jewish women in planning and producing "Only Yesterday"—a tableaux series depicting the role of women in the social welfare movement of Chicago during the past fifty years. Mrs. Benjamin F. Goldstein, president of

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### Audience To Query Senator On World Peace Planning

A chance for all comers to question United States Senator Paul Douglas on world peace planning will highlight a mass meeting sponsored by twelve North Shore civic organizations at Cahn auditorium, Northwestern University campus, at 8:30 P.M. on Sunday, January 22. The floor will be thrown open to discussion after the speaker tells of world peace proposals now before Congress.

Joining in support of the meeting are North Shore chapters of the American Veterans Committee, of which the Senator is a member, the Atlantic Union Committee, and United World Federalists; the International Relations Club of Northwestern University, and the Leagues of Women Voters of Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Northbrook, Wilmette and Winnetka.

Illinois' junior senator, noted for his willingness to expose himself in debate with political rivals and currently embroiled in an economy duel with President Truman, is himself co-sponsor of the Thomas-Douglas resolution aimed to bypass United Nations Security Council veto obstacles in case of war danger.

Other leading peace plans before Congress are the Atlantic Union resolution which requests the President to call a convention among Atlantic Pact nations to explore possibilities of joining them into a regional federation, and the World Federation resolution to put the United States on record in favor of a world government with limited powers to prevent war. League of Women Voters policy, hailing the United Nations as "the most comprehensive system for international cooperation the world has yet achieved," has stressed the importance of examining all possible methods of strengthening the U. N. within the present charter, or of creating a stronger world authority.

Lively debate on the various peace proposals will be a feature of committee hearings during the 1950 session of Congress.

Senator Douglas is serving his first term in Washington after a career as economics professor. He was a wartime officer in the Marine Corps, suffering disabling wounds in Pacific combat. During the war his wife, Emily Taft Douglas, served as Congresswoman at Large from Illinois. At present Sen. Douglas is chairman of a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report which is making a study of fiscal policies.

### High School Problems Presented By Member Of School Board

By Mrs. Mason Smith

#### ARTICLE I.

Does our High School adequately take care of our present enrollment?

How can future growth be foreseen?

Will it adequately provide for future needs if there is growth in enrollment?

These are all questions being considered by the Faculty and Board of the Highland Park High School. The physical plant must not only adjust to numbers of students but to expanding needs of the curriculum as it is constantly being revised to meet the needs of our children.

In 1900, when our high school was built, our children had to pass through a rigidly set-up college preparatory program "or else". As a result many did not finish or even go to high school. Over the years we have gradually evolved a fluid program, which adjusts itself constantly to the demands of real life. We now try to develop the whole personalities and physical well being of our children as well as give them the knowledge for full living.

In suburban and city communities more and more of this responsibility has been handed over to the schools from the home. It has been a gradual and logical development of city living. It is a constant struggle here in Highland Park to remodel our aging buildings year after year to meet this changing public philosophy and the growth of our town. That is as it should be and it will continue.

## DIAL PHONE SERVICE SUNDAY

### Close Timing Required To Make Switch Without Interrupting Service

With split-second timing, more than 9,800 Highland Park and Highwood telephones will be changed to dial operation at midnight, Saturday (January 21).

Simultaneously with the awaited word that no calls are in progress through the switchboards, crews of men will snip cables taking the non-dial switchboards out of service while other operations start the new dial switches clicking. E. M. Knox, Illinois Bell Telephone manager, said this week.

This close timing of various operations at cutover-hour is required so that the new system will replace the old without interrupting service, Mr. Knox explained.

City officials, representatives of civic and business organizations, clergy from Highland Park and Highwood churches and military representatives from Fort Sheridan are expected to attend the Saturday night ceremonies.

Mayor R. F. Patton of Highland Park will make the first dial telephone call to Mayor T. F. Musatto of Highwood, immediately after the inauguration of dial service at the new two-story and basement telephone building, 116 North Second Street.

As part of the change, every telephone involved will have a new or modified number when dial service starts. On Sunday subscribers should remove the temporary number mask from their telephones revealing the new dial number, according to Manager Knox.

Subscribers are urged to be sure of the dial numbers, listed in the new directories, when dialing calls to avoid getting wrong numbers or no numbers at all.

Information on how to use the dial telephone and other service tips are covered in the directory's preliminary pages. Delivery of the 9,800 copies of the new 250-page book will be completed today, Mr. Knox said.

Highland Park telephone numbers are prefixed by HI ghland Park 2 and Highwood numbers by HI ghwood 2. The manager explained that customers dialing HI ghland Park 2-8134, for instance, should dial the black "H" and then the black "1", followed by the figures "2-8-1-3-4," which are red on the dial.

Telephone users will dial special numbers.

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But the time has now come for a new outfit, not discarding the old, but putting new life into the old by the addition of something new.

We desperately need a new gymnasium, swimming pool and cafeteria, among other things. Anyone familiar with the high school will agree, but for those who are not familiar, these articles will present the facts leading to that need.

Does our high school adequately take care of our present enrollment? Enrollment for the fall of 1949 was 1024, distributed through the school in this way: senior class 223, junior class 253, sophomore class 263, and the freshman class 285. Please note an increase each year. We will consider future growth in a later article.

Many will here recall that in 1934 before Lake Forest High School was built we had 1418 students enrolled, and ask if we could take care of that many then, why can't we take care of 1024 now. We couldn't then! We had one-way traffic in the halls, we could not handle all the students in the lunchroom, classes were too large and difficult situations arose, etc. etc. We are headed toward that situation again in five to seven years and our plant is 15 years older. We don't want to repeat our difficulties.

What about the present? Right now the state requires five periods a week of Physical Education for each child. Our facilities allow not more than three. Our pool is so small and inadequate that we cannot allow as many students to take swimming as wish it each year. The ceiling of the pool room is so low we cannot allow much

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## COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE ENDS WITH \$68,171 TOTAL

### Record Collection For Member Agencies

The Highland Park Community Chest has completed its 1949 campaign with a total of \$68,176.14, announced Francis D. Weeks, General Campaign Chairman, this week.

"This year's pledges and contributions represent the largest amount of funds ever raised for the member agencies of the Chest in the history of Highland Park," Mr. Weeks stated. "While the total is actually 2% less than the announced goal of \$69,700.00, the showing is considered highly satisfactory in view of present conditions under which the Chests in many cities have found it extremely difficult or impossible to meet their quotas. It shows that the citizens of our community possess the public-spirited interest necessary to maintain the health and welfare groups which are vital to the needs of our city."

"The Chest extends its thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the Chest drive, with particular appreciation to those who increased their contributions this year to meet our increased budget. The Chest sincerely thanks the large group of workers who also gave unstintingly of their time to effect the solicitation of funds," concluded Mr. Weeks.

### Woman's Club Plans Dessert-Card Party January 24

The annual dessert-card party of the Highland Park Woman's Club will be held in the Club House at 1:30 P.M. next Tuesday, January 24th.

Mrs. Earle K. Spangler, chairman of the Finance Committee, which is sponsoring the party, promises a delicious dessert and attractive table prizes.

As this is a pleasant manner in which to entertain friends, the Club members and friends are urged to make up tables for bridge, Canasta or whatever game appeals to them.

This is the one event in the year from which the proceeds are given to maintenance of the Club property. It is not absolutely necessary to make advance reservations, but Mrs. Spangler will be pleased to accept them or give any further information to those who call her at Highland Park 2622.

### Ice Carnival With Skating Exhibitions At Lincoln School

The Lincoln School Ice Carnival, sponsored by the PTA, will be held on Sunday, January 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the school.

Chairman of the carnival is Mrs. Al Kloos, and she, with her committee, Mesdames Robert Churchill, Donald King, Cyrus Mead, Harvey Hopp and Roger Baker, under the direction of Mr. "V", are planning an interesting group of races and special events.

There will be races for the kindergarten through the eighth grade, also mimetics, folk dancing, rhythm dancing, relays and basketball on ice. Debby Keough, Mary Belle Biggert and Cherry Mason will give an exhibition on skates. Larry and Ronnie Reich, with Sherman Kilen, will entertain with a bull fight skit.

Refreshments will be served and the committee promises an afternoon of fun for young and old.

### League Health Workshop To Meet January 25

The health workshop of the League of Women Voters will meet at the home of Mrs. Elwood Hansmann on January 25th at 1:30 p.m. The workshop, headed by Mrs. Eugene Hotchkiss, is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each of the months following, through April. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Bank Re-elects Officers In Annual Meeting Held January 13

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of The First National Bank of Highland Park was held on Friday, January 13th. The principal matter of business was election of directors for the ensuing year. All members were re-elected, and they are: Messrs. Vallee O. Appel, Fred A. Cusca-den, Joseph E. Garnett, Charles F. Grant, Herbert M. Lautmann, Morton R. Mavor, Theodore L. Osborn, Cale R. Torrence and Frederick A. Watkins.

The directors held their organization meeting immediately following the shareholders adjournment. An election of officers was announced as follows: Re-elected as President — Mr. Vallee O. Appel; as Executive Vice President, Cale Torrence and as Vice President and Trust Officer, Raymond L. Erskine. Promotions include Mr. Martin C. Hart, from Assistant Cashier to Vice President, and Anthony N. Schinler, from Assistant Cashier to Cashier.

#### Annual Report

Excerpts from President Appel's annual report are as follows: "1949 was a satisfactory year of operation for our bank. An increase in deposits, a consistent gain in the number of accounts, and expansion of banking activities and services — all of these aggregate a record of considerable accomplishment. Coincidentally, during the period your directors and officers have constantly been alert to the primary objective of their fiduciary obligations—the maintenance of soundness and liquidity in the bank's investments.

Deposits for the year reflect an increase of \$698,130.98, while loans show an increase of \$937,000.00, the major portion of which was in mortgage loans. We have experienced a steady demand for funds to finance home purchases, and the bank has endeavored to meet this demand on a fair basis to the borrower and on a safe basis for the bank. Mortgage loans are confined to properties in Highland Park and adjoining communities.

Earnings reflected a modest increase over 1948, and your directors have seen fit to write down our furniture and fixtures, always an asset item of uncertain value, to \$1.00. Losses during the year were minor in number and amount, and all known losses have been eliminated.

#### Special Loan Department

A Special Loan Department for the handling of personal, automobile, appliance and installment loans was established on May 1, 1948. The gain in volume of business, both as to the amount of loans and the number of people served, gives evidence that this department is rendering an essential banking service to a substantial segment of the community. Although interest charged to borrowers is considerably below the usual pattern followed by loan companies, the department is operating on a reasonable profit basis.

At the close of 1949 our investments in United States Government securities was \$8,642,625.00 classified by maturity dates as follows: \$5,345,000.00 (or 68.8%) due or callable in one year; \$2,622,625.00 (30.8%) due one to five years; and \$675,000.00 (7.4%) due over five years. Holdings of other bonds, mostly State and Municipal obligations, were \$1,434,779.72 all of which have been carefully selected. Analysis of the security portfolio as of the date of this report indicates an appreciable increase over book value.

On October 2, 1949 the bank celebrated its Fiftieth anniversary, an event observed with fitting ceremony. Well may we of today point with justifiable pride

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