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Deerfield Woman's Club presents Herbert R. Rodde, administrator of the Highland Park hospital, with check for \$400, for the purpose of completely furnishing a patient's room in the new addition to the hospital. Left to right: Grace Zimmer, executive secretary; Elizabeth Nicholas, nurse; Mrs. Paul Pagett, past president of Deerfield Woman's club, Mr. Herbert R. Rodde.

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• HOW "LOCAL" CAN YOU GET?

It has been suggested—at various times, and with varying degrees of asperity—that The Press might do better to accept the proposition of Democratic superiority.

The answer to that, of course, is that The Press is a Republican paper. It is openly and avowedly Republican, and has no intention of changing its coat. At times in the past we have been anything but pleased with Republican policies. Nonetheless, we feel that in an imperfect nation in an imperfect world, the imperfect Republican party offers the best hope this country has of emerging from the morass of debt and confusion that aimless political experimenting and the "something for nothing" policy has led us into.

It has also been suggested that we should confine our criticism to "local" affairs, leaving comment on Washington to others.

The answer to that is that we don't think that anything is more local than the organization which takes hundreds of thousands of dollars out of Highland Park every year.

There is controversy over the building of a new school in District 108. Opponents give as one of their chief objections the fact that it would cost a great deal of money. Not so long ago, those who bothered to vote, defeated a referendum to allow the city to raise more money to provide more civic services. The money involved in those two propositions was chickenfeed compared to the take of the federal tax collector. Every wage-earning resident of Highland Park is being tapped every payday by that collector. Can anything be more local?

Friends Of Library To Present Mr. Hughes Sunday, February 12

Three events of timely interest were announced this week for the Spring season of open house meetings conducted by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library. All Highland Park residents will be welcome to the meetings, according to Harry A. Sellery, Jr., president.

The events, all of them to be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the Library, are as follows:

Sunday, February 12: Donald J. Hughes, senior physicist of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, discussing "Recent Developments in the Peace-time Application of Atomic Energy." Mr. Hughes was one of the most popular lecturers in the Library series last year when he discussed other aspects of atomic energy. He explains, in simple, understandable fashion, a complex subject in which everyone is vitally concerned.

Sunday, March 5: Roy Macridis, assistant professor of comparative government and political theory, Northwestern University, will discuss "The New British Government." Dr. Macridis, who is considered an outstanding authority on Britain, will appraise the results of the elections in England, which take place February 23.

Sunday, April 2: Maj. Howard T. Markey, U.S. Air Force Reserve, who is the only survivor of the original seven jet aircraft test pilots, will explain "Jet Pro-

Ernest A. Belmont Accepts Bank Post

Fred E. Gieser, President of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, announces that they have accepted the resignation of Ernest A. Belmont who has served as Secretary of that body for the past 20 years. Mr. Belmont leaves the Chamber on March 1 to become Director of the First National Bank of Highland Park.

The Chamber of Commerce and Credit Bureau, of which Belmont is also Manager, have grown to outstanding organizations and have proven of great value to the business people and residents of this area. No little credit is due Secretary Belmont for his efficiency in handling the many details and problems that come daily to the busy Chamber office.

In joining the local bank, "Ernie" will further the bank's aim to make that institution a friendly and helpful one for all Highland Parkers.

No successor at the Chamber has as yet been appointed from the number of applicants now being considered.

pulsion and Flying Missiles." A film illustrating the subject will be shown.

There is no admission charge to the open house events.

After each lecture, a question period will be held for informal discussion of the speakers' remarks.

Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, Noted Civic Leader At Elm Place, Feb. 16

Persons who prize the principles of individual liberty are urged by the Highland Park Men's Republican-Club to hear George B. McKibbin when he speaks here Thursday, February 16. Mr. McKibbin will appear with the Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, of Pekin, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, at the Elm Place school auditorium, in address free to the public.

A civic leader of great stature, Mr. McKibbin has been a diligent opponent of measures that might threaten individual rights. His business and political acumen has won the respect of friend and opponent, and led to his nomination to run against Edward J. Kelly for the mayoralty of Chicago in 1943.

After a four-year term as director of finance for the state of Illinois, he served under General Lucius Clay in Berlin as director of internal affairs and communications and later was a governmental affairs advisor.

Last summer he toured western Europe in the interest of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, seeking leaders for the purpose of establishing a European council to carry on work similar to the National Conference in this country.

Mr. McKibbin was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1913 and has practiced in Chicago continuously except during his period of government service. He has been chairman of the State Board of Welfare Commissioners, president of the Civic Federation, president of the Chicago YMCA, president of the Cook County School of Nursing and board member of Iowa Wesleyan college.

Edwin L. Gilroy, president of the Highland Park Men's Republican Club, has issued an invitation for all to attend, regardless of political affiliation or interest.

Garden Club To Hear John C. Fiore

Mr. John C. Fiore of the Charles Fiore Nurseries, Prairie View, Illinois, will address the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park, Illinois, at 8:00 P.M. at its regular February meeting at the Sunset Valley Clubhouse on Tuesday, February 7. His subject will be "EVERGREENS—TO PLANT OR NOT TO PLANT".

High School Problems

ARTICLE III

By Mrs. Mason Smith

What are the enrollment trends for the Highland Park High School?

In order to predict for the High School, the enrollment figures for the grade schools are shown below. These do not include children in the Immaculate Conception school but do include Holy Cross and St. James as well as all of the public schools in the township, which are Bannockburn, Braeside, Deerfield, Elm Place, Lincoln, Oak Terrace, Ravinia, Ridge and Wilmot.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY YEARS										
Year	Kinder-	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	TOTAL
1946	311	322	321	303	339	277	291	273	279	2736
1947	390	328	321	298	292	328	285	289	272	2811
1948	364	434	375	328	288	299	344	295	278	3005
1949	371	427	411	382	346	298	318	355	287	3195
Enrollment at Immaculate Conception, 1949										
(We have no figures for the previous years)										
1949	44	52	44	43	41	28	32	36	24	344

Quoting our principal, Mr. A. E. Wolters, in a report to the School Board, "To do any predicting on the size of the school on a theoretical basis, all one has to do is subtract the enrollment in the senior class from the 8th grade enrollment and add the balance, to get next year's enrollment, in that class, and so on down through the 7th, 6th, etc. The predictions would come in this way: 1950, 1088 students; 1951, 1190; 1952, 1245; 1953, 1258; 1954, 1317; 1955, 1344; 1956, 1437; and in 1957, 1566. This should be our top year theoretically, although the high enrollment will continue into the 60's. This does not take into account students who might move out of this district, nor does it allow for any increased growth in the community. These figures do show, however, a 50% increase in high school enrollment in the next seven years."

Through 1951 we can absorb the enrollment by increased class

HOSPITAL FUND REACHES 765,000

New Committee Being Formed To Continue Fund Campaign

Howell W. Murray who, for the past 4 years has been the Building Fund Chairman of the Highland Park Hospital, has made his final report in a letter mailed a few days ago to all previous contributors. Mr. Murray originally undertook to raise \$525,000 but later agreed to stay on until \$750,000 was raised for the hospital's expansion program. A new committee is now being formed to carry on the work he headed since the campaign began.

"Your Building Fund Committee reports", states Mr. Murray's letter, "that \$765,000 has been pledged or contributed toward the hospital addition. This is the largest sum of money ever raised north of Evanston, for a community project, and to each of you who has had a part, large or small, go the hearty thanks of the Committee.

"While the two previously announced goals have each been reached . . . building costs have doubled in this period. The Trustees of the hospital have found it necessary to borrow \$200,000 to complete the building. Our plant is now a million dollar plant. The hospital will, therefore, continue to appeal to public spirited citizens to include contributions for bricks and mortar or debt service in their charitable budgets.

"I want to express my deep personal appreciation to all who worked so diligently in this common effort to provide adequate hospital facilities for our growing North Shore community. We can take pride in our hospital, administered so ably by the Board of Managers, in the interest of the sick and hurt without regard to race, color or creed."

New Committee Being Formed

Frank F. Selfridge, president of the Highland Park Hospital Foundation, in announcing the formation of a new Building Fund Committee, lauded Mr. Murray for his money-raising accomplishment of the last four years. "Howell Murray deserves the thanks of the entire community," said Mr. Selfridge, "for performing an outstanding feat of money-raising for the hospital's expansion program. After reaching and passing the first goal that we gave him, he agreed to stay in spite of his many other responsibilities, until \$750,000 was raised. This goal, too, has now been passed and although the hospital needs much more to complete its program, it is only fair that 'Howie' be given a rest from his 4-year term at hard labor. We expect to announce a new committee to carry on his work in the next few weeks, confident that the community will continue to respond until the work of enlarging the hospital is fully paid for."

Vronsky-Babin Piano Team To Play At High School Tuesday, Feb. 14th

Concerts Ass'n. Offers Fourth Great Program

One of America's favorite concert attractions, the two piano team of Vronsky and Babin, will appear in Highland Park Tuesday evening, February 14, at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Community Concert Association.

Their program will be the fourth to be presented this season by the concert association. Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin (Mr. and Mrs. in private life) are well known to North Shore music lovers through frequent appearances with the Chicago Symphony orchestra and at Ravinia Park. They have been called the "most brilliant two piano team of our generation."

Highland Park friends of the two artists know them as charming personalities who are equally at home whether it is as protagonists of an important concert honoring Rachmaninoff or in an exchange of musical banter with Hildegard on her radio program.

Their notable dual musicianship is well established through jammed concert appearances and from best selling records. As soloists with leading symphonies they are constantly in demand. In their appearance with the Minneapolis Symphony they were praised in the press as a "superlative combination" whose concert provided "a great evening, musically stimulating, long to be remembered."

Vronsky and Babin have been engaged by Dmitri Metropoulos for his Minneapolis Symphony one week and by Bing Crosby the next. Babin himself is a prolific and brilliant composer. He has originated works for piano, voice, and concerto for two pianos, and made numerous arrangements for two pianos.

Born in Russia, both artists have become naturalized citizens since making their American debut at Town Hall, New York, in 1937. Vitya Vronsky studied at Kiev Conservatory and in Berlin was a pupil of Artur Schnabel. Victor Babin entered the conservatory at Riga and later also studied under Schnabel. It was as fellow students in Berlin that the two pianists met and decided to merge their talents and their lives as well. They now make their home on a ranch on the outskirts of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

They have made orchestral appearances abroad under Mengelberg, Adrian Boult and others. In the United States they have played.

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Walt's Workshop Wins An "Oscar" On Television Show

In a recent "TV" mail poll "Walt's Workshop" ranked first in Educational Shows. Mr. Walter E. Durbahn of 158 Beverly place, a member of the Highland Park high school faculty, puts on the show over television each Friday night at 7:30 over WNBQ—NBC. The program is sponsored by Hines Lumber company and directed by Reinald Werrnath, Jr. of 645 Skokie.

The award will be presented to Mr. Durbahn tomorrow night. This is the second such award won by "Walt's Workshop." Last year the program received an award given by the Chicago Federation of Advertisers.

Highland Parkers Establish Memorial Fund For Soldier Son

The Ralph Arthur Raclin Memorial Fund for research in endocrinology and allied fields has been established at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

A gift in the amount of \$25,000 has been received from Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Raclin, 1469 Oakmont, Highland Park, for the establishment of the fund. The gift has been donated in memory of their son, Private First Class Ralph Arthur Raclin of the U. S. Army Medical Corps.

A. G. Ballenger Elected President of Jewish Federation

A. G. Ballenger, 221 Vine avenue, a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Chicago since January, 1931, was elected president of the Federation Monday, Jan. 30, by the newly-elected board of directors at its first meeting of 1950. He succeeds Joseph L. Block, who has just completed a three-year term.

Mr. Ballenger, who has been associated with Jewish philanthropic organizations since he be-



came director of the Chicago Home for Jewish Orphans in 1923 has been a vice president of the Federation for the past six years, and chairman of the Federation's important Budget Committee.

He is secretary-treasurer of Morris Paper Mills, manufacturers of paperboard and folding paper boxes.

A past president of the Jewish Children's Bureau, the Jewish Federation's official child care agency, Mr. Ballenger has also served as a member of the Elm Place School Board, chairman of the Paper division of the Community Fund of Chicago, a member of the Budget Committee and chairman of the Child Care Review Committee of the Community Fund, and a director of the USO Chicago Council.

He is a member of North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, as well as of the Standard Club, Lake Shore Country Club and Northmoor Country Club.

Ray Mann Heads Salvation Army Unit In Highland Park

Announcement was made recently by Mr. Ray Mann, 233 No. Second St. of the establishment of a Salvation Army Service Unit in Highland Park, Illinois and the selection of a local Committee to represent this well-known organization in this community. Mr. Mann, a member of the Highland Park Fire department, is chairman of this committee and is also acting as Treasurer.

The committee will conduct an independent campaign to raise funds for local and regional contributions to be mailed to the Treasurer.

The committee will conduct an independent campaign to raise funds for local and regional welfare needs. Special letters will be mailed to local citizens requesting contributions to be mailed to the Treasurer.

By mutual understanding, The Salvation Army resigned as a beneficiary member of the Highland Park Community Chest and is conducting an independent campaign—it was not included in the annual Chest campaign.

The fund will be used for research in endocrinology and allied fields under the direction of Dr. Willard O. Thompson, clinical professor of medicine.