

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

• THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Monday night's storm, with its interruption of "pushbutton" living, pointed up the tremendous burdens that have been lifted from the ordinary routine of our daily lives through the combination of invention and big business.

Like anyone else who has reached the 40 mark, we are occasionally beset by spells of nostalgia for the "good old days, when life was slower-paced and simpler." We can remember when we didn't depend upon electrical gadgets to operate our heating plants, to provide us with light and to refrigerate our food. No, we sure didn't. We depended upon our backs. We lugged in buckets of coal for the stoves in individual rooms, we carried out buckets of ashes; we emptied ice box pans and we read (or looked at picture books) by flickering gas jets.

The "good old days?" We wouldn't take a million for the experience of having been there, but we wouldn't give a nickel to go back—not even despite the impending hydrogen bomb.

• A MINE OF MISINFORMATION

Speaking of the hydrogen bomb, Rep. Rankin the Mississippi statesman (to use the word "statesman" in its loosest sense) has announced the startling news that Prof. Albert Einstein, whose theory of relativity formed the basis for scientific research that led to the discovery of the atom bomb, "had no more to do with it than if there had never been such a thing." Mr. Rankin, besides being a veritable mine of misinformation on almost any subject, is possessed of a brand of intolerance that makes tolerance hard to practice.

THANK YOU, JACK FROST, FOR THE PRETTY VALENTINE, BUT DIDN'T YOU OVERSHOOT YOUR MARK, SOMEWHAT?

Young Highland Park Rings The City For Today

In conjunction with the American Government classes at Highland Park High, the city government will be taken over today by members of the freshman and sophomore classes, under the supervision of Leslie Libakken, class instructor.

The post of Mayor Robert F. Patton will be taken over by Marian Angster. Other positions will be filled as follows:

David Baughman, commissioner of streets and superintendent of streets; Frances Warner commissioner of health and safety and superintendent of the sewer and water department; Elizabeth Phelps, commissioner of accounts and finance and meter collector; Allan Rubenstein, commissioner of public property and fire marshal.

Robert Irons, city engineer; Peter Husting, police magistrate and city clerk; Sylvia Angstman, corporation counsel; Robert Lempinen, son of the police captain; Earl Lempinen, police marshal; Judy Laegeler, accounting clerk in the water department; Robert Jahn, incinerator plant foreman; and Judy Harris, city treasurer.

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At 6:00 o'clock a dinner will climax proceedings, with Mayor Patton and Commissioners Gouley, Humphrey, Moroney and Turner as hosts.

FBI Agent To Address Taxis Society At Presbyterian Church

The Taxis society of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will have for its speaker this Sunday evening, Special Agent Sterling F. Tremayne of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The meeting will be held in the Church Parish House at seven-thirty promptly. In arranging this program Mr. G. R. McSwain, Special Agent in charge of the FBI in Chicago, has picked a man of wide experience to fill the assignment and one that is sure to hold the attention of the

The Bible Study Group To Hold Its Second Meeting February 20

Due to the universal request for a continuance of the study of the Bible, the first of which the Rev. E. W. Greenfield conducted at the Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon February 6th, the second class will be held 9:00 Monday, February 20th at 1:30 P.M.

At least a hundred women assembled as this series was inaugurated, and the interest and enthusiasm was quite overwhelming. Rev. Greenfield beginning his theme "The Sweep of Biblical History" with such depth of clarity and understanding that many vouchsafed the fact that he was meeting their individual need, showing the way for which they had here-to-fore been searching.

The Woman's Association are very grateful to him for his willingness to continue this series now, and are happy to offer it to the women of the community in place of the former plan of not meeting again until April.

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Boy Scout Appreciation Dinner Planned For Feb. 23

The Annual North Shore Area Council Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Glencoe Temple, Glencoe, on Thursday, February 23rd. Over 600 leaders will be present at this function. Mr. J. F. Conley, Assistant Scout Executive of the Chicago Area Council, will be the speaker of the evening. The Highland Park High School Chorus under the direction of Chester Kyle will sing. Mr. John J. Noel, Vice President of the Council will serve as toastmaster. Recognition of leaders will be given by Milton H. Wright, President of the North Shore Area Council and E. A. Schwechel, Scout Executive.

High School Problems

ARTICLE V

By Mrs. Mason Smith

The greatest headache the board has to face at this writing is a just decision between repairs and replacements to the physical plant. With old buildings it is always a question whether it is as economical to repair as to replace.

We could make only a minimum of repairs during the war, and conditions are crying for attention now. We told you of the lighting situation in a previous article and our solution. Let us consider other aspects of our problems in this and following articles.

A complete survey of the buildings has been made by our Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Earling Zaeske, and by our Principal, Mr. A. E. Wolters, and these articles will relay to you the gist of their report to the Board and steps that have been or will be taken to remedy the situation.

This summer we rebuilt the stoker in the big boiler, which was installed in 1928. Besides this boiler, we have a hand-fired one, as stand-by equipment. It is not adequate to keep the buildings above a freezing temperature, should the big boiler go out at any time. If and when a new building should be added to the plant, we will need a new boiler plus a stoker under the hand-fired boiler. When we have converted all of our power to alternating current, we can go to low pressure boilers. This would be an economical change as then the heating plant would require the services of only one man for its operation. The services of an assistant engineer and two firemen, required now, would be eliminated.

The bus garage is new. It is adequate for our present transportation equipment. Should the North Shore Railroad be discontinued and more students be added to our present transportation load,

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Chicago Commons Auxiliary Plans March Rummage Sale

The regular monthly meeting of the Ravinia Auxiliary to the Chicago Commons will be held Friday, February 24th, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Garfield Canright, 636 S. Linden Avenue. After a dessert-luncheon, Mrs. Armand McPhee, the President, will hold a short business meeting to complete the plans for the Spring Rummage Sale, to be held at the YWCA Friday, March 31st from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

It is hoped that the members and interested people in the community will collect a large amount of rummage, and bring it to the "Y" the afternoon preceding the sale, Thursday, March 30th. If it is to be called for, the Chairman of the Sale, Mrs. Guy Finlay, HI 2-3596 will see that it is picked up before that date.

The usual hour of sewing will follow the business meeting, under the direction of the Sewing Chairman, Mrs. Robert Billeter.

Community Players To Present "Adam's Evening" Sat. and Sun.

The Community Players of Highland Park will give their new production "Adam's Evening" at the Elm Place School Auditorium this Saturday evening at eight-thirty and Sunday afternoon at two-thirty. The Kiwanis Club of Highland Park is sponsoring the show to raise funds for its children's fund. The Show is a farce written by Katharine Kavanaugh. Starring in the show are Barbara Clark, Gail Karger, Gloria Holland, Art Goelitz, Bill Karger, Virginia Pickhardt, Robert Will, Alex Rice, Doris Ream, and John Meyer.

Notice To All Highland Parkers

To report a fire dial HI-2-2121 and give correct address and wait for verification from the Fire Department before you hang up.

To contact Central Station for any other call dial HI-2-0888 and Ravinia Station dial HI-2-0556.

William J. Hennig
Fire Marshal

YWCA OPENS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Former Resident Recalls Early Days Of Organization

The YWCA membership drive, which will be launched on February 23 with a tea, has as its objective a membership of 600.

This organization, housed at 374 Laurel avenue, has a sentimental as well as a practical side. Especially to the "old timers" who helped organize and maintain it. One of these is Mrs. O. L. Olesen, 83 years young, who has for the past few years made her home in Hollywood, California.

Mrs. Olesen, recalls that the first movement toward starting a "Y" came in the "horse and buggy" days—1910, to be exact, when women of Lake Forest and Highland Park became aware of the need of a place for girls to stay while seeking employment. Mrs. Henry Mason of Highland Park became the president of the first joint organization serving the two towns.

It was in 1913, when the two units divided, that Mrs. Olesen became actively interested. Mrs. W. A. Alexander was president and Mrs. Mary Searcy secretary of the Highland Park unit. One thing that impressed Mrs. Olesen, no end, was the record that Mrs. Searcy was obliged to keep. In a book "so large that it covered the entire space of her large desk" she was required to enter the name of every person who came into the building, lodger and caller alike, even if she stayed but a minute.

"One day," Mrs. Olesen goes on, "I stopped in at the 'Y' to find Mrs. Searcy trying to bring her record up to date. It was a nice day and many mothers with small children out for an airing had stopped in at the 'Y' for a rest." Some had two or three children, and before Mrs. Searcy could get at her records, crumbs had to be brushed up, furniture arranged, etc. At that time there was no other place for these mothers to go with their children. "I went back several times," Mrs. Olesen states, "to find the same condition each time."

This condition led to the organization of the Mothers' club. It was started by Mrs. Olesen, who has been called the Mother of the Mothers' club. At the first meeting seven were present. In less than a year the membership numbered 100. "For four years I furnished the program, once a month, in the evening. The Mothers' club had talent galore, and what plays and entertainments they staged!"

When the location of the "Y" was changed to its present site, Mrs. Olesen was instrumental in making some very important arrangements in the new home. Perhaps this is the reason why Mrs. Carl Bingham was so insistent that she take the presidency of the club. Finally she did so, and shortly after this Mrs. Lydia Hutten came to act as house secretary. She was succeeded by Miss N. Gertrude Ames, who still occupies that post.

Present officers of the "Y" are: Mrs. J. M. Watkins, president, assisted by Mrs. Bowen Schumacher, Mrs. Donald Nichols and Mrs. Edelbert Leonard as vice presidents; Mrs. Frank Peers, secretary, and Mrs. Edmund Froehlich, treasurer. Miss N. Gertrude Ames is house secretary and Miss Rebecca Anthony is executive director.

The "Y" provides a home, at the present time, for 13 girls. It also sponsors the Mothers' club, the Friendship club, the Pi Deltas, the Interfaith group, the Paul Lawrence Dunbar club, the Saturday evening club, the Newcomers' club and the Sewing group.

Other groups using the "Y" as their meeting place are the Creative Writers' group, classes in Art, the Modern Dance, Silver Jewelry, Millinery, Canasta, Ceramics and Flower Design.

Public Library To Close On Feb. 22.

The Highland Park Public Library will be closed on Washington's birthday, Wednesday, February 22. Hours for the remainder of the week will be 9:00 to 9:00 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; 9:00 to 6:00 on Saturday.

Jamboree To Highlight N. Shore Brotherhood Week, February 22

Garroway, Don McNeill Head Gala Program

Highlight of Brotherhood Week on the North Shore will be the Brotherhood Jamboree to be held at the Leslie-Freeman Gates gymnasium of New Trier Township High School on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 8:00 p.m., an evening of entertainment and good fellowship. Heading an all-star program of television, screen and radio stars will be Dave Garroway as master of ceremonies, with Don McNeill of "Breakfast Club" fame, and All-American Sid Luckman, among his guests. On the musical side there will be Art Hodes and the Blue Note Dixielanders featuring Art Hodes on the piano and Pee Wee Russell on the clarinet plus the famous songs of Chippie Hill. Several other stars to be announced at a later date will add to the gaiety of the evening.

The program is to be primarily one of fun and entertainment and to show that brotherhood can and should be fun. Admission is free and tickets will be distributed through the schools. Two tickets will be given to all students who have entered in the Essay and Poster Contests sponsored each year by the North Shore Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the North Shore Citizens' Committee. The winners of these contests will be announced and the awards made during the Jamboree program. A number of tickets will be made available to the general public at the door on a "first come, first served" basis while they last.

District 107 To Consider Candidates For School Board

The caucus committee of District 107, which consists of Green Bay and Elm Place schools, met Thursday, February 9. Mrs. Sydney Graham was elected chairman. Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson and Mrs. Robert Metzberg, having no children in either school, were selected to represent the non-parent taxpayers.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 20 at 8 p.m. at Green Bay school. At this time candidates will be considered for the School Board to fill the expiring terms of Franklin Lunding, president, Robert Koretz and Vernon Peterson. All voters of District 107 are urged to submit the names of qualified candidates either at the meeting or to a member of the committee. The committee includes Mrs. Sydney Graham, Mrs. Anfon Fox, Mr. Roy Millen, Mr. Harry Pierce, Miss Sara Wheelock, Mrs. Gail Compton, Mrs. J. U. Houghtaling, Mrs. W. H. Aaron, Jr., Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, Mrs. Robert Metzberg, Mr. Harry Temple, Mrs. Arthur Cook and Mr. James Griswold.

The nominations will be announced the first week in March and the election will be held April 8.

District 108 Establishes Four Polling Places

The Board of Education of School District No. 108 at its last meeting approved a resolution establishing four polling places for the school board election to be held Saturday, April 8th, 1950. The established polling places for the election will be each of the four schools, Lincoln, Ravinia, Braeside and West Ridge.

In past elections there have been only two polling places within the district, one being located at the Lincoln School and the other at the Ravinia School.

The purpose in establishing the four polling places instead of two is to make it easier for residents of the District to vote on election day and to prevent the possibility of there being a need for waiting lines at the time of the election. In each case the boundaries for the given polling precinct will be approximately the boundaries for school attendance established at the present time.

Specific information relative to each polling place will be issued by the Board of Education in advance of the election and detailed instructions as to polling places and boundaries will be included.

Republican Club Presents Everett M. Dirksen Tonight At Elm Place

How the trend toward statism threatens American freedom will be emphasized tonight (Feb. 16) by Everett M. Dirksen, Republican candidate for nomination to the U. S. Senate, when he addresses the public at the Elm Place school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Speaking with Mr. Dirksen will be George B. McKibbin, former candidate for mayor of Chicago. The meeting is being sponsored jointly by the Highland Park Men's Republican Club and the Deerfield Township Republican Women's club and is open to the public without charge.

Tonight Mr. Dirksen, who is a superb orator, is expected to take up the issues that are jeopardizing basic American principles on the domestic front. He has pledged himself to defend human liberty and individual dignity in order to help make the most of individuality and maintain American freedoms.

E. L. Gilroy, president of the Men's Republican Club, has named Channon Bowes chairman of the reception committee made up of young Republicans, and has appointed William J. Paap publicity chairman.

Miss Mary Santi, Highland Park dramatic soprano, will lead the National Anthem, accompanied by Harold Pfister.

Officials of the two sponsoring organizations are:

Highland Park Men's Republican Club: Mr. Gilroy, president; Francis J. No sek, first vice president; Brig. Gen. W. H. Wilbur, second vice president; Stanley L. Lind, secretary; Harry E. Eichler, treasurer.

Directors at-large are Harry B. Aiston, Jerome P. Bowes Jr., William J. Curotto, Harold M. Florsheim, Alfred C. Houser, Frederick S. Livingston, Harold O. McLain, John Picchietti, Henry C. Siljestrom and Horace C. Vaile.

Precinct directors: William Heinrichs, 5th; E. B. Sherwin, 6th; Clayton F. Lundquist, 7th; William T. Jones, 8th; George Bock, Jr., 9th; Ralph A. Trieschmann, 10th; George W. McGhie, Jr., 11th; Emory B. Curtis, 12th; Robert S. Earhart, 13th; Lyle Gourley, 14th; Ralph J. Galitz, 15th; William B. Wrenn, 16th; Elzie C. Partlow, 17th, and Frederick J. Halton, Jr., 18th.

Deerfield Township Republican Women's Club: Mrs. Ellsworth L. Mills, president; Mrs. Harold O. McLain, first vice president; Mrs. Clinton Fritsch, second vice president; Mrs. Elmer Freytag, third vice president; Mrs. Roswell Swasey, treasurer; Mrs. Samuel Martin, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. Richard J. Allenby, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Grace Gregori, precinct chairman; Mrs. Roger Vail, finance chairman; Mrs. Burdette Elmore, publicity; Mrs. Nathan Corwith, Jr., program; Mrs. Frank C. Randolph, membership, and Mrs. W. L. Winters, and Mrs. Horace Vaile, directors at large.

City Manager To Address League Of Women Voters

Mr. George Young, Glencoe's City Manager, will speak to the workshop (Better Services For Your Money) of the League of Women Voters on Monday, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Library.

Glencoe, with several other nearby suburbs, has been a pioneer in the city management type of government because it has been in operation since 1914. Everyone is welcome.

Kiwanians Treat Ladies To Valentine Dinner

The Monday night dinner meeting of the Kiwanis club took the form of a Valentine party held at the Island Restaurant. The food and the entertainment, the latter under the sponsorship of El Niels and his committee, were voted a great success.