

## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### LOCAL REPRESENTATION

We don't believe that geography should be the determining factor in selecting a public official to an entire area, but in the forthcoming Republican primary, it is a pleasure to recommend two Highland Park candidates for county posts. Both Hugo L. Schneider Jr. and Gregory (Bud) Sheahan have given ample demonstration of their fitness for the offices they seek—Schneider for county treasurer and Sheahan for county clerk. Being well fitted for nomination for the jobs, they deserve support in their home town and the rest of the county.

### MAGIC SPIKES

Various satisfied users have testified in court that the so-called "magic spike," a small brass tube said to possess wonderful curative powers, actually did cure them of varied aches and pains. All of which proves that they had aches and pains, and that the aches and pains went away after they paid several hundred dollars for the "magic spike." Anybody feel like laughing at African witch doctors?

Seriously, every experienced doctor knows that the patient who is sure he will get well has a tremendous advantage over the one who doubts or just gives up. Further, there are many types of ailments which will succumb to any treatment in which the patient has complete faith—whether that treatment be the application of heat, taking of pills or the rhythmic beating of a jungle drum.

## Open Letters To PRESS Pour In As Dist. 108 Controversy Nears Climax

March 27, 1950

To the Editor:

When the supporters of the "Caucus," a committee which is chosen only by the P.T.A., and which picks School Board candidates for District 108 in a closed session, selecting only one candidate for each Board vacancy, accuse a league of voters of "playing politics" when that league chooses opposition candidates and proposes an open election, we have a very interesting case of double talk.

The Caucus supporters have evidently chosen to ignore the fact that the District 108 Voters' League stands for elections in which the voters are afforded a choice of candidates and policies and believes that our citizens should not be forced to vote for candidates picked for them by a small group of "planners."

Candidates Knouff, Clavey, and Warner are supported in the present election campaign by an organization which now has several hundred enrolled and paid-up voters on its membership lists.

It is good to know that our citizens are beginning to take a vital interest in improving our school situation, and to see the American Way beginning to operate in School Board elections.

Sincerely,  
Walter C. Crowder  
916 Wade Street

After reading the report of the Citizens' Committee appearing in a local paper (March 23, 1950) regarding the selection of candidates for the Board of Education by the Voters' League, one is forced to ask several questions:

1. By whose authority does the committee which selected the "Caucus Candidates" act, and have they any more right to nominate candidates than the representatives of the Voters' League?

2. Does not every voter have the right to select his own candidate, whether or not he is endorsed by a select committee, claiming to be the leaders for the district?

Apparently the Citizens' Committee is the result of deliberations by the Parent-Teacher Association which represents a small fraction of the taxpayers in District 108.

While the selection of capable candidates is important, the program they propose to adopt is still more important, and from this point of view the Voters' League is far more definite than the Citizens' Committee, which so far has not announced any definite or conclusive plans.

Under the circumstances, it is this writer's opinion that it is well to have the matter thoroughly publicized and this can be done better by having opposition to the Caucus Candidates than by allowing the voting to go by casually. That is what happened when the matter of the intermediate school first came up in 1948. And if the voters who have since registered their objections had gone to the polls when the matter was on the ballot, the present differences might have been avoided.

In conclusion, let's all get out and vote April 8, 1950.

"Fair Play"

809 South Linden Avenue  
Highland Park, Illinois  
March 27, 1950

The Highland Park Press  
Highland Park, Illinois  
Gentlemen:

Last week I received copy of a letter which no doubt was sent to all residents of School District No. 108, from Mr. Raymond C. Warner, Chairman of District No. 108 Voters' League, inviting me and my family to become "Founding Members of District No. 108 Voters' League, with dues of \$1.00 per year per family.

Before I go further, I would like you to know that I have been a resident of Highland Park for the past 12½ years. I have two children attending the Ravinia School. I own my own home at the above address. I am unbiased in my opinions, and have no prejudices in regard to any School Board members or any individuals aspiring to membership on the School Board. My only interests are in our children, deriving the finest education possible, and that we have men and women administering the affairs of our schools who are thoroughly competent to perform the kind of a job that is necessary.

Being genuinely interested in the future of our schools and school system, and as a responsible citizen wanting to do my part in the way of casting my vote intelligently during the coming School Board elections, I telephoned Mr. Raymond C. Warner, Chairman of so-called District No. 108 Voters' League last evening to make some inquiry of him as to the Voters' League program and objectives, and to learn in what way the annual dues of \$1.00 per household will be used by the League. I thought that you and (possibly through you, if you should choose to publish this letter in "The Highland Park Press") the other voters of school district No. 108 might care to know some-

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## Deerfield Township Voters' Association Announces Stand

Robert S. Cushman, Harold E. Foreman and Munroe Fearing, Caucus Candidates for District 108 School Board have the active support of the Deerfield Township Voters Association; it was announced this week by Herbert L. Stern, Jr., acting chairman of the recently-formed non-partisan group.

The action followed unanimous approval by the membership of recommendations by the Association's executive committee made at the first general meeting of the organization.

The Association is joining with other groups actively engaged in the campaign to elect the Caucus Candidates.

The Association also considered the qualifications of candidates for County Superintendent of Schools. The recommendation of the executive committee that Republican Primary voters mark for Bert C. Williams was unanimously approved. The committee was influenced, John Rex Allen, vice-president, said, by the fact that the high school separation decision of the incumbent, W. C. Petty, was made in the face of overwhelming testimony by disinterested educators as to its inadvisability, and resulted in burdening the resulting Highland Park segment with a disproportionate share of the lower assessed valuation areas of the former consolidated district. The committee also took cognizance, Allen said, of the fact that the separation decision was still before the courts with a possibility that it might be upset.

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## School Wastepaper Pick-Up Schedule

Monday, April 3—Elm Place  
Tuesday, April 4—Lincoln  
Wednesday, April 5—Ravinia  
Thursday, April 6—Braeside  
Friday, April 7—Green Bay and West Ridge.

## From Vineyard To Table, At Kiwanis

On Monday evening, April 3, Kiwanians will enjoy a film in technicolor, shown by Mr. H. Nichols, telling the story of wine, from vineyard to table. Many of the scenic beauties of California are included in this film.

## Cancer Drive To Continue During Month of April

Lake county's third annual cancer fund drive, with a quota of \$26,000, will start Saturday, April 1, and continue through the month. It will be held in conjunction with the national campaign for \$14,565,000.

J. Robert Baxter, 1434 Alexander ct., Waukegan, will head this year's county drive.

Co-chairmen with Baxter will be the county chairmen for 1948 and 1949—Dr. Robert D. Coghil of Lake Bluff and Dr. Arnold E. Osterberg of Waukegan. Both are with Abbott Laboratories.

Irving E. Meyerhoff, 1225 Lin-

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## H. P. High School Band And Chorus To Present Spring Concert Sunday

The band and chorus of the high school will present the first of two spring concerts at the high school at 3:30 o'clock this Sunday, April 2.

More than two hundred fifty students will participate in the presentation of band and vocal selections. The band will be directed by Mr. Harold Finch, and the chorus will be directed by Mr. Chester Kyle.

The program to be presented by the band consists of the following selections—

"Eldorado, Paso Doble".....Caneva  
"Band Sonata".....Harvey  
"French Quarter".....Morrissey  
Patio  
The French Market  
St. Louis Cathedral  
"Traversinfonie".....Wagner  
"First Suite for Military Band".....Holst

Chaconne  
Intermezzo  
March  
The selections to be sung by the

## TO TELL OF JET AIRCRAFT SUNDAY

### Friends Of Library To Present Col. Howard Markey

The inside story on "Jet Propulsion and Guided Missiles" will be told by Lieut. Col. Howard T. Markey, U. S. Air Force Reserve—one of the original test pilots of jet planes—at the third open house of the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library, at 4 p.m. Sunday (April 2) at the Library.

All members of the Friends and their guests are invited; there is no admission charge.

Only 29 years old, Lieut. Col. Markey is widely known as one of the nation's foremost men in the



LT. COL. HOWARD MARKEY

new era of jet aircraft. He is one of two surviving pilots who were the first to experiment with the planes in early 1944.

Markey is presently Deputy Commander of the 437th Troop Carrier Group, USAFR, based at O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge. He has flown more than 2,500 hours in all types of planes and for seven years has been a flight instructor and test pilot.

He is well known as a speaker, unifying his account of the new type planes with personal experiences. His discussion of the principles and operations of the jet engines, guided missiles and ram jets is illustrated by a sound, color film showing the jets in acrobatics, formation flights and gunnery. The film includes pictures of the world's record speed run which brought back to the United States the world's record after 23 years.

### Florists Time Crop Of Easter Roses

How do florists insure an abundant crop of roses for Easter?

First they circle the Easter date on their calendars. Then, figuring back seven weeks to the day, they pinch off tender buds soon to bloom. A new stem starts where the embryo was plucked, and in seven weeks—on April 9, if the grower has counted correctly—the stem will bear a full-blown rose. Neat—what?

Crisp carnations, stately snapdragons, queenly tulips and yellow-cupped daffodils will also grace the Easter scene.

## H. P. Lions Club To Award Second Annual War Memorial Scholarship

### Lunn Supports Schneider For County Treasurer

Guy O. Lunn, present County Treasurer, is giving his unqualified support to Hugo L. Schneider, Jr. as Republican candidate for County Treasurer and is asking his many friends to aid in the election of Schneider to that post. In giving his support Lunn states that the public, confronted by everchanging problems relative to this office and who seek assistance of the County Treasurer, are best served by one who has actual experience with these current problems and with the duties of the County Treasurer. During Mr. Schneider's service as Chief Deputy County Treasurer, he has become thoroughly familiar with the numerous phases and the greatly varied details of the work of the County Treasurer whereby he has gained the experience and knowledge necessary to carry out the large volume of diversified work for the efficient running of this complicated office. His efficiency, honesty, responsibility, courteous manner, and leadership are other requisites needed of a public official.

Mr. Schneider has been an active Republican since coming of voting age, being a member of the Lake County Republican Central Committee and the Young Republican organization. He is also a member of a number of Veterans' organizations, having seen active service in the European theater during World War II.

### Citizens' Committee Says Voters' League Falsifies Facts

The Citizens' Committee for Education in District 108 challenges the Voters' League for resorting to what it terms "half truths" and "downright misstatements."

Taking notice of a letter in last week's "Highland Park Press" signed by F. J. Halton, Voters' League spokesman, Robert C. Brown, Jr., President of the Citizens' Committee, declared, "No wonder some people in District 108 are confused about the issues of the coming School Board election when the Voters' League through Mr. Halton and others makes such completely false and misleading statements concerning the cost of education in District 108."

"Either Mr. Halton is completely uninformed on these questions," continues Mr. Brown, "or else he chooses to ignore the facts in order to claim credit for the Voters' League. Let us see what the facts really are:

"First of all, take the present per pupil cost of education in District 108. The 1949-50 educational operating budget for District 108 is \$371,250. In September, 1949, there were 1090 pupils in the District. Thus the cost per school child was \$340.00. Comparing this figure with the same per pupil costs in other neighboring areas, we find—

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| District 108    | \$340.00 |
| District 107    | 318.00   |
| Lake Forest     | 392.00   |
| Glencoe         | 338.00   |
| Winnetka        | 348.00   |
| Kenilworth      | 356.00   |
| Wilmette        | 272.00   |
| Evanston No. 76 | 274.00   |

"The Voters' League arrives at a figure of \$452.64 per pupil in District 108. Here's how Mr. Halton does it! First, he uses a slightly erroneous pupil count of 1039. Then he employs an incorrect total cost figure of \$470,288. This amount of money, as our School Board has pointed out on a number of occasions to Voters' League spokesmen, was the tax levy for the year and not the actual expenditure. Why the difference, Mr. Halton? Once again in the plainest of English—

"The 1949-50 tax levy for the Education Fund of \$470,288 included approximately \$99,000 which was to pay off a debt of roughly \$67,000 created by grant-

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### Scholarships Intended As Living Memorial To World War II Casualties

The second annual War Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a senior student of the Highland Park High School in the near future, it was announced today by Dr. J. A. Butterworth, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Highland Park Lions Club. The Scholarship, which was instituted in 1949 as a permanent part of the civic program of the local Lions, is intended as a living memorial to the men and women of Highland Park who served their country and lost their lives during the last war.

Amounts up to \$300.00 may be awarded to one or more deserving applicants, the money to be applied to the tuition of the college or university of the applicant's choice, and, the successful candidate is eligible to reapply for the scholarship each year for four years or a total of \$1200.00 provided he or she maintains good work and remains outstandingly qualified otherwise. Funds for this scholarship are raised by the local Lions Club by various and ever continuing drives, the latest of which calls for the building and selling of the "House of Charm" during the summer of 1950.

Preference will be shown to candidates who are offspring of war veterans, according to the scholarship rules, but all applicants will be carefully considered. Deadline for application, which must be made through the Dean of Boys and the Dean of Girls at the High School, is April 15th.

The successful applicant for the 1949-50 scholarship was Robert Demichelis, 885 Taylor Avenue, Highland Park, who has made an outstanding record during the past year at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, where he is studying work which will eventually lead to a degree in law.

In addition to Doctor Butterworth, members of the Lions Scholarship Committee are Bert Greene, Jules Laegeler, Robert Pease, and Paul Olson.

## VOTERS' LEAGUE

Lorentz B. Knouff, candidate  
For President of the Board of  
Education

Lorentz B. Knouff is a prominent attorney and tax expert. He is a senior member of the law firm of Holmes, Dixon, Knouff, and Potter, 208 LaSalle Street, Chicago. He received his A. B. degree, magna cum laude, from Otterbein College. He graduated with the degree of Juris Doctor from Ohio State University and was appointed University Fellow of the School of Law, Columbia University, where he received the degree of Master of Laws and was awarded the Order of the Coif, one of the highest honors to be conferred.

He has served as associate editor of the Legal Encyclopedia, and has written a number of articles on taxes, probate law, and other legal matters.

Mr. Knouff is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Lake County Bar Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the LaSalle Hotel and of the Marshall and Huschard Machinery Company.

He has served for several years as a member of the Highland Park Traffic Commission and has done much to recommend and accomplish improvements in school safety over this period.

Knouff is secretary of the Men's Garden Club of Highland Park. He has served as chairman of the Legal Committee of the District 108 Voters' League since its founding, and in that capacity presented the League's petition signed by over 3,000 voters when the proposed \$1,400,000 intermediate school was protested at a School Board meeting last November.

He is a member of the Methodist Church and resides at 1011

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