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Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

Mr. Truman is going about the country promising many things to many, many men. We hope that a remark made by a good Republican friend of ours is not typical of the thinking in the high councils of the Republican party.

This friend opined that the trip was a waste of time, because "People aren't going to go on believing that Truman or anyone else can give them something for nothing."

We wouldn't bet on that. Scarcely a week goes by but that the daily papers carry stories of some trusting soul who drew money out of a bank to let some gypsy bless it to take the curse off it; of someone who gave a total stranger a large sum of money to show his "sincerity" as a condition to sharing in a sum of money "found" by a confederate of the stranger. The Brooklyn bridge is still being sold, and people are buying gold bricks or the equivalent.

Neither do we think the Republicans can gain any ground by trying to outpromise such a champion promiser.

However, the program of the so-called "Democratic party" is as full of holes as a Swiss cheese, and we think a careful explanation of those holes might produce results—if the explanation is simple enough not to need further explanation and if it is emphasized, repeated, repeated and repeated again at all political levels, starting with the precinct and working on up.

We don't think it possible to win against Truman simply by telling the people that he can't give them something for nothing. We think he can be beaten if each promise is taken apart, point by point and the impossibility of keeping it is clearly shown.

With that accomplished, the first half of the job would be done. The second half would consist of a practical platform of pledges with a thorough explanation showing why and how each of the promises making it could and would be fulfilled.

PTA Council Discuss Initial Plans For Consolidation

The PTA Presidents' council, representing the Highland Park High School and the ten elementary schools of the area, met in the English club room of the high school May 10, to discuss first steps in the plan for study of the question of consolidation of their school districts into a unit system.

A committee of representative citizens from all the districts will be formed by the appointment of two citizens from each school area, whose duty it will be to make a preliminary investigation of the probable educational effects of consolidation and to report their findings to their respective PTA groups. If this committee finds it advisable to seek expert counsel that recommendation will be made at the time of their reports.

This action came as the result of the motion passed at the joint PTA meeting held in the high school auditorium on April 26, 1950 at which time the subject of consolidation of the various school districts with the high school was discussed.

Attending the PTA Presidents' council meeting were Lawrence T. Herman, Lincoln school, temporary chairman; Wyatt Jacobs, Braeside; Hiram Kennicott and Richard Fehheimer, Elm Place; Mrs. Sydney Graham and Mrs. Earl Diehl, Green Bay; Mrs. Harold Nelson and Mrs. Richard Seitz, High School; Mrs. Richard Hedberg, Oak Terrace; Mrs. Douglas Boyd and Mrs. Melvin Wolens, Ravinia; Mrs. Thore Johnson and Harry W. Knoll, West Ridge.

Auxiliary Conducts Tea For Nurses

Mrs. G. O. Strecker, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Highland Park Hospital Foundation, announced today that she, Mrs. Francis Knight, and Mrs. Charles Rubens were serving tea to the Nursing Staff of the Highland Park Hospital, Thursday, May 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the new board room at the Hospital.

General W. H. Wilbur Announces Candidacy For Congress

Yesterday, General William H. Wilbur of Highland Park announced his candidacy for Representative in Congress from the 13th Illinois District. His background includes a broad knowledge of world affairs, outstanding military service, and varied experience as an executive, the whole built on a foundation of rugged Americanism.

Wilbur comes of American Quaker stock and has always displayed the integrity that characterizes his forebears.

Born in western Massachusetts, he attended Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from West Point. As a result of his military service, he has lived



GEN. W. H. WILBUR

in all parts of the United States and has made extended visits to all the vital countries of the world. He moved to Highland Park in 1938 and has made his residence here since that time.

During World War II, he was in the forefront of the fighting war. He landed with the leading assault wave in Morocco on November 8, 1942, participating in the fighting in Tunisia, landed with the assault waves at Salerno, Italy, and took part in much of the tough, grueling fighting in Italy in 1943 and 1944. For his personal heroism in battle, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor as a result of the recommendation of General Patton. He was also promoted to the grade of Brigadier General, based on his battlefield performance and following General Patton's recommendation that he be so promoted.

General Wilbur terminated his active service in the Army in 1947 and has since engaged in business and travel. He stands for a virile aggressive Republicanism. He believes that the important issues today are honesty in government, a sound government fiscal policy, and the preservation of individual liberties. His wide knowledge of world affairs convinces him that the Truman administration is bungling our foreign relations so seriously that it is leading us step by step down the road to war.

He is an ardent admirer of Everett Dirksen and feels that Mr. Dirksen's election as Senator is the outstanding opportunity offered Illinois this year.

General Wilbur is active in Republican circles in Highland Park. He is a Vice-President of the Highland Park Men's Republican Club and carries the highest recommendation of that organization.

Wilbur brings to the Republican party superior ability as a speaker, a robust, aggressive personality, a keen, analytical mind, and a firm conviction of the soundness of forward-looking Republicanism. His friends call him "Bill" or "General Bill" and like to dwell on his stability, the reasoned optimism of his personality, and his friendliness. He likes people.

charge of the awarding of the General Electric Roaster which will take place at the party that afternoon.

Tickets may be purchased in front of the church after the Masses next Sunday or at the door the afternoon of the party. There will be a nice assortment of door prizes, as well as attractive table prizes. Members are urged to bring their friends and make this party a big success.

Mrs. Oscar Schmidley is President of the Guild.

AWARD HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Woman's Auxiliary Announces Scholarships For Field Of Nursing

Mrs. G. O. Strecker, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Highland Park Hospital Foundation, announced that her organization had awarded three scholarships for the field of nursing.

Applicants for the scholarship have been processed through the Dean of Women at the Highland Park High School, and the scholarships were awarded on the basis of desire, aptitude, and proven abilities, Mrs. Strecker said.

The three recipients are: Miss Delia Mae Cabonargi, 801 Princeton avenue, Highland Park, who is going to the Evanston Hospital; Miss Helen E. Hout, 850 Warrington road, Oak Brook, who is at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago; and Miss Ruth Lucille Reilly, 108 Elm avenue, Highwood, who is to train at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago.

All three of the girls plan to work at Highland Park Hospital this summer and then to report to their respective training schools this fall.

Completing their three year training period, the girls are expected to spend one year at Highland Park Hospital.

Jewish Women Plan Annual Luncheon At Standard Club

Six women from Highland Park are among the group planning the 16th annual luncheon of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Chicago. The meeting is to be held Thursday, May 25, at noon in the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct.

Two of the women have been nominated and will be re-elected and installed as directors of the organization. They are Mrs. Louis J. Cohn, 334 N. Sheridan Rd., and Mrs. Joseph L. Gidwitz, 290 Woodland Avenue. Mrs. James H. Becker, 333 Maple Avenue, is publicity chairman of the luncheon.

Active members of the program committee are Mrs. Jack V. Spachner and Mrs. Richard Uhlmann, both of Oakmont Road, and Mrs. B. G. Davis of 1527 Sheridan Road.

Principal speaker at the meeting will be Dr. E. M. Bluestone, director of Montefiore Hospital, New York, who will discuss the ways in which recent medical discoveries offer new hope to patients with long-term illnesses. Dr. Bluestone has received national recognition for his work in the rehabilitation of patients who had previously been considered disabled by chronic illness.

North Shore Citizens' Committee Plans 3rd Meeting Of Series

Representatives of four North Shore Parent-Teachers Associations will discuss "PTA's Responsibilities In The Field Of Minority Group Relations" Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House. The panel discussion, moderated by Northwestern University's Dr. E. T. McSwain, of the Department of Education and Dean of the Downtown College, is sponsored by the North Shore Citizens' Committee.

Among the speakers will be Mrs. Douglas Boyd, outgoing president of Ravinia School PTA, Highland Park.

Also on the program for the meeting is the Committee's annual election of a Board of Directors.

Included in the slate selected by the Nominating Committee are Mr. W. A. Thomas of Highwood; Miss Alice E. Anderson, Leonard H. Arnold, Miss Annis E. Jenkins, and William E. Peters, Jr., of Highland Park.

\$5,000 Blaze At A. J. Becker Home

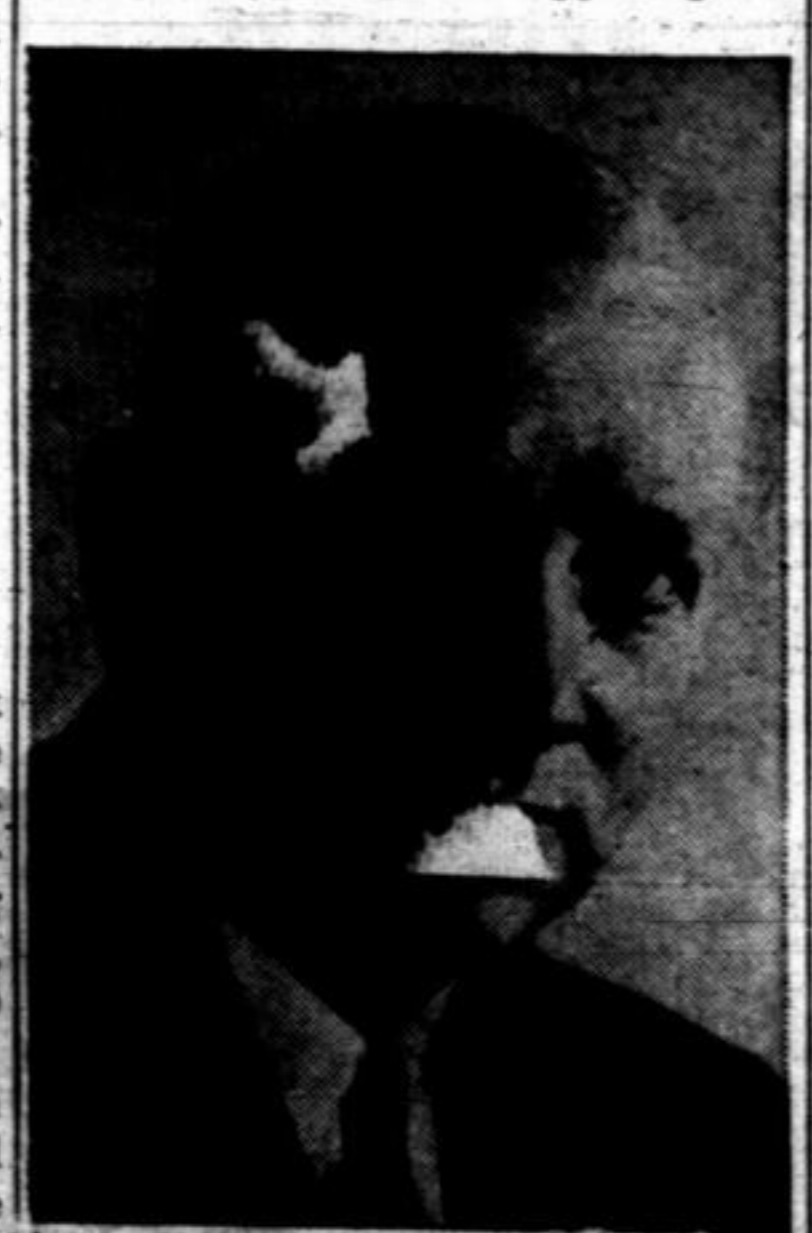
A two-hour blaze was extinguished by fire crews of Highland Park, Highwood and Glencoe last Saturday at the home of A. J. Becker, 547 S. Sheridan road.

Evidently starting in an empty room, the fire was discovered about 7 p.m. Damage, including the burned attic and roof and water-soaked downstairs, was estimated at about \$5,000.

New \$350,000 Ravinia Pavilion To Open With Ormandy As Conductor

Howell W. Murray Honored By Friends Of Hospital

Hundreds of the friends and neighbors of Howell W. Murray last week presented to the Highland Park hospital, in his honor, a completely equipped Physical Therapy Department. The formal presentation to Mr. Murray was in the form of a book, the first page an illuminating letter addressed to Mr. Murray. The following names of the contributors are listed: approximately 1000 names of the friends and neighbors who contributed to the required funds. The book was presented by Ellsworth L. Mills. The required funds for furnishing the Physical Therapy Department were contributed as a result of the mailing of only one letter of solicitation addressed to the contributors to the original hospital building funds.



HOWELL W. MURRAY

Contributions were received from various parts of the United States and, in one case, from Sweden. The fund was oversubscribed.

Mr. Frank Selfridge is President of the Board of Trustees of the Highland Park Hospital Funds and Chairman of the Board of Managers of the hospital. Following is the letter of tribute to Mr. Murray:

To Our Good Friend and Neighbor Howell W. Murray

To show our heartfelt appreciation of your magnificent contribution of time and energy toward the expansion of Highland Park Hospital, your friends and neighbors have provided an urgently needed Physical Therapy Department at the Hospital. It is being dedicated in your honor as a perpetual reminder of a job well done.

In so doing, we are expressing not only our own thanks but also the gratitude of the hundreds of patients who will return to well-being more speedily because of the splendid facilities which your efforts have made possible.

Ravinia PTA To Hold Annual Meeting On Wednesday, May 24

The annual meeting of the Ravinia PTA will be held in the Village House, May 24, at 7:45. There will be a short business meeting at which time the newly-elected officers will be installed.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Cushman, president of the School Board, district 108. His topic will be "Consolidation."

A social hour, with refreshments, will follow the meeting. All members of the PTA are urged to attend and become acquainted with their new board and with the directors.

Royal Neighbors

The Highland Park Camp of the Royal Neighbors will meet at Witten hall, Wednesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. according to Mrs. Matt Maiman, oracle. A social hour will follow the meeting.

Menahem Pressler, Pianist, Soloist

The gala opening night (Tuesday, June 27) program for the 15th Ravinia Festival season, and a new soloist for its summer schedule were announced Tuesday, May 16, at the annual kickoff luncheon for the Ravinia Festival coupon book sales campaign in the Casino Club.

Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will conduct the first concert in the new \$350,000 Ravinia pavilion. For the occasion he has chosen to present, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the following music: The Bach-Ormandy "Passacaglia and Fugue, C. Minor;" the Beethoven "Symphony No. 8;" and Brahms "Symphony No. 1."

The new soloist for the fifteenth season is Menahem Pressler, 22-year-old pianist from Tel-Aviv, Palestine who won the Debussy \$1,000 prize in San Francisco in 1946. He will replace on the program Byron Janis, pianist, originally announced as soloist for the July 27 and July 30 concerts under the direction of William Steinberg. Illness will keep Janis from filling his Ravinia engagement.

This will be Pressler's first appearance in the Chicago area.

Mr. Howell W. Murray, chairman of the Ravinia Festival Association, presided at the Casino luncheon which launched the coupon book sales campaign. Members of the Executive Committee were hosts with Mr. Murray at the luncheon.

Mrs. Ernst von Ammon of Winnetka again heads the Coupon Book sales Committee with her co-chairman, Mrs. L. F. McClure of Highland Park.

Among the suburban chairmen who were honored guests were Mrs. Karl H. Velde, Mrs. Duane L. Clinton and Mrs. Walter E. Lilienfeld of Highland Park, and Mrs. Frank L. Frable of Deerfield.

Local Men Are Successful Candidates For NROTC

Four Highland Park men were named by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, recently, as successful candidates for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The men are Edgar Alonzo Jett, III, of 2417 Valley rd., Victor Friedrich Lubke of 832 Roslyn Circle, Frederick Marvin Schweiger of 534 Gray ave., and Mark A. Rolfe, III, of 236 Beech.

This group was selected from 25,000 high school seniors or graduates who applied for the program last fall.

State quotas were apportioned on a percentage basis of male high school graduates in each state during 1948.

In addition to the 1,800 civilians, 2,200 candidates were selected from the Fleet for the NROTC program.

Annual Conference Of Evangelical United Brethren Wednesday

The 106th annual Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Churches in Illinois will be open on Wednesday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the First Church of Aurora, Fourth and Clark Streets, and will continue through Sunday, May 28. Bishop George E. Epp, Bishop of the Midwest Episcopal Area, will preside.

Bethany, the local congregation, will be represented officially by M. A. Frantz as Lay Delegate, and Sture Johnson as Alternate. Rev. Lester H. Laubenstein, Minister, will be the Ministerial Representative.

If weather is favorable the Sunday afternoon meeting on May 28, will be held on the scenic grounds at Mooschart. At that time the appointments of ministers to the more than one hundred congregations will be read.