

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

Daily papers recently carried a story about a German father who had a great deal of trouble naming his daughter. It wasn't that he couldn't decide on a name—he had one all picked out—Gerdi. He had his trouble with a bureaucrat. The bureaucrat in charge of the local branch of what must compare with our county clerk's office, refused to register the name. He said that there was no such name, therefore the father couldn't register it as his daughter's name.

The father, who seems to have the makings of a good American, didn't think it was any of the bureaucrat's business what his daughter was named, and carried the battle to higher courts where his right to give his daughter a name the bureaucrat didn't like, was finally sustained.

This all sounds rather funny to us, but it isn't as funny as it sounds. It is a very pointed demonstration that any governmental body, being made up of human beings, has an uncontrollable itch to mind every one else's business—right down to the most minute detail.

They always have some sort of half-baked excuse, too. The German bureaucrat's excuse was that he had an "official" list of German names, and the name "Gerdi" was not included.

The story seems funny to us because we can't imagine anyone presuming to tell us that we have to pick our children's names from an official list. Well, at one time, there were a lot of Americans who could not imagine anyone telling them that they couldn't have a glass of beer with lunch if they wanted it. However, someone did, and although Prohibition was repealed after failing to help anyone except the bootleggers, the bureaucratic itch to mind everyone else's business has abated not at all. Maybe some of our present and proposed laws will prove to be as futile as Prohibition; perhaps others will be as important as the anti-trust laws. In the last analysis, that is for the people, not the lawmakers, to decide. We hope.

Lake County Medical Society To Meet At Highland Park Hospital

The Staff of the Highland Park Hospital Foundation has invited the Lake County Medical Society to a special meeting on January 9th to be held in the new meeting room at the Hospital; the main purpose being to discuss and review the uses of the new wonder drugs, ACTH and Cortisone, that have had such a wide application in the treatment of arthritis, cancer, and infectious diseases, as announced by Dr. Douglass Boyd, Chairman of the Program Committee, Medical Staff, Highland Park-Hospital. After the meeting, the members of the Lake County Medical Society will be taken on a tour of the new Hospital and shown the modern equipment recently installed. Refreshments will be served.

The subject for discussion is entitled, "The Clinical Uses and Complications of ACTH and Cortisone". Speakers for the evening will be Dr. Howard Armstrong, who is the Rush Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois Medical School, and the Head of the Department of Medicine of the Rush Presbyterian Unit; Dr. S. G. Taylor, III, who is the Rush Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois Medical School; and Dr. Edwin Irons, Instructor of Medicine at the University of Illinois Medical School.

Home Owners Receive New House Numbers

Notices are being mailed this week to home owners in the city assigning them their new house numbers. Some have failed to make application for a new number, and these are asked to do so promptly. There are 4,500 families in Highland Park and only between 2,500 and 3,000 have returned their applications, according to City Hall information.

The grid system is being used in the new numbering, with a new number for every 13 feet. There are 100 numbers to a grid and a grid is 660 feet in length. East and west numbers start at the lake and north and south at County Line rd., so that every house in the city will have a new number.

North Shore Area Council Of Scouts Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the North Shore Area Council order of the Arrow Lodge was held in the Recreation Center in Highland Park on Thursday, December 28. Over 100 members of the Lodge attended and enjoyed a fine turkey dinner while renewing old camp acquaintanceships. Lodge Chief, William Tucker, of Wilmette presided over the meeting. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Lodge Chief—Jim Kilpatrick, Highland Park; Vice Lodge Chief—John Bonge, Wilmette; Secretary—Pat Montgomery, Highland Park; Treasurer—William Roser, Libertyville.

Executive Committee Members: 1 year—Ward Lowe, Wilmette; George Putnam, Wilmette. 2 year—George Christiansen, Wilmette; Arne Makala, Libertyville. 3 year—George Dinger, Glenview; Bud Spinney, Round Lake.

A new constitution and by-laws was voted. The program for the next year will include two service projects in a continuous reforestation program at Camp Ma-ka-jawan and the completion and interior decoration in Order of the Arrow motif of the Lodge building at the Camp.

Entertainment of the evening included singing by the mixed chorus of the Highland Park high school and all thoroughly enjoyed singing many of the old Camp Ma-ka-jawan song favorites led by former members of the Camp staff.

City Parking Meters Pay Off

During the past year the parking meter revenue in our city amounted to \$19,156.94, with an additional income from fines of \$2,877, according to authorities.

The city now has 293 meters, including the 43 installed during 1950 at a cost of \$2,495.50. The parking lot on First Street near the Northwestern station has been paid for from the revenue received, and the amount of \$3,700 remains on hand which will be utilized to establish another off-street parking lot.

Dudley Crafts Watson Guest Speaker At Ravinia Woman's Club

On Wednesday, January 10, at 2 p.m. members of the Ravinia Woman's Club will hear Dr. Dudley Crafts Watson speak on "Dazzling Lights of Darkest Africa." One of America's most popular travel lecturers, Dr. Watson is a staff member of the Art Institute of Chicago and was formerly Director of the Milwaukee Art Institute. His color motion pictures of foreign lands, exquisite art and glowing entertainment in themselves, have brought him the distinction of showing, for the first time, the artistic genius and achievements of many peoples, along with their daily life and the enchanting beauty of the scene in which they live.

In addition to his prodigious lecture activities consisting of over 200 lectures annually for various educational and art institutions, Dr. Watson has been Art Editor of the Milwaukee Journal, Dramatic Editor of the Milwaukee Free Press. He is the author of "19th and 20th Century Painting," "Taste Through the Ages," "Occupational Opportunities in the Fine and Industrial Arts," and numerous magazine and trade journal articles. He was a radio commentator for four years in Chicago and had a one-man show of watercolors at the Grand Central Galleries, New York, in 1944. In 1946, he was decorated by the government of Ecuador for his recognition of the cultural achievements of Ecuador.

Born at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Dr. Watson studied at the Armour Institute of Technology, the Art Institute of Chicago, and received his Doctorate in Fine Arts from Beloit College in 1935. He also studied painting in Spain, France and England.

For many years Dr. Watson and his family have been residents of Highland Park.

Tabernacle Guild Of Immaculate Conception Holds Meeting Today

The first meeting in 1951 of the Tabernacle Guild of the Immaculate Conception parish will be held to-day (Thursday), Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. in the Rectory Club Rooms.

A very interesting program, including a special movie, has been planned for the afternoon. Dr. Hugh McCulloch, medical director of the Chicago Heart Association, will be the guest speaker. He will be assisted by Mr. George M. Rudolphy, assistant campaign manager of Heart Association. The campaign for Heart Association will start in February and Dr. McCulloch and Mr. Rudolphy will discuss the activities and work of the association.

Refreshments will be served under the direction of the hospital-ity chairman, Mrs. Florio Orsi. All women of the parish are urged to attend.

Baker Brownell Guest Lecturer On Authors' Program

Baker Brownell, author and philosopher, and Professor of Philosophy at Northwestern University, will be a guest lecturer in the series "American Writing Today", to be offered at the Downtown Center of the University of Chicago.

The series, which will begin January 17, is given in cooperation with the Society of Midland Authors.

Brownell will lecture on February 28, will speak on "The Writer and the Community".

The other speakers will include some of America's leading novelists, journalists, and short-story writers.

The course will be given on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The series ticket is nominally priced, and single admission tickets will be sold at the door if space is available. Further information may be obtained from the Downtown Center, 19 South La Salle Street, Dearborn 2-7245.

Waste Paper Pick Up

Elm Place—Mon., Jan. 8.
Lincoln—Tues., Jan. 9.
Ravinia—Wed., Jan. 10.
Braeside—Thurs., Jan. 11.
West Ridge and Green Bay—Fri., Jan. 12.

Tri-Club Brings Cheer To Aged At Maryhaven

Christmas Eve was a busy and heartwarming time for the TRI-CLUB, Highland Park's energetic group of sixty young people, who presented a gala Christmas party for 100 aged and infirm at Maryhaven, the home for old folks in Wilmette.

Miss Betty Dompke, 135 McGovern, Highland Park, was Chairman of the Maryhaven party which featured a personal visit from Santa Claus, skillfully portrayed by Judge Henry Hansen, 126 Green Bay road, Highland Park. Santa distributed gifts and candy, and Christmas merriment to the bedsides of those too feeble to join the party downstairs. Members of the Tri-Club escorted Santa, singing Christmas Carols from room to room, to the delight of the old folks.

The Tri-Club is planning to sponsor activities for the old folks at Maryhaven for the coming year. Mr. Joseph Cameron, 159 Michigan avenue, Highland Park, President of the Club, states that there is a great deal to be done for the aged and infirm, and that the support of the Club will be most welcome at Maryhaven.

The members of the Tri-Club should, according to D. M. Stalzer of Maryhaven, be commended for their generosity and kindness in thinking of others—especially the aged—and the thoughtfulness of such a wonderful group made our people feel they are not the "forgotten generation."

Winter Camping At Ma-ka-jawan

Thirty Scouts and Scouters from the North Shore Area Council attended a winter camp held at Camp Ma-ka-jawan from December 26 to January 1. The camp was under the direction of Field Executive, Don L. Santy, assisted by seven adult leaders. The program featured winter sports including tobogganing, skiing, skating with snowshoe or ski hikes through the snow-covered woodlands.

The Camp was in operation "zero" with the temperature upon arrival at Camp 15 below zero. However, the campers were comfortable in their winter quarters in the Camp buildings. Campers cooked two meals a day with dinner each day prepared by the regular camp cook. The evening camp fire programs—songs, stories, games and movies—were high-spots of the expedition. Twenty other Scouts were disappointed because they had to be turned down due to the lack of additional accommodations. The winter camp at Ma-ka-jawan is part of the year round camping program of the North Shore Area Council. Scouts who attended came from eleven different communities.

High School Songbirds Will Organize For Temple Program

About thirty young people have already signed up for the High School Chorus—and more are wanted and will be very cordially welcome.

Mr. Magee, well known to all New Trierites, is enthusiastic about the development of a fine junior chorus to participate in Temple and communal programs.

More music will come from the Adult Chorus which after a short "lay-off," resumes its play-work with Mr. Benjamin Landsman on Tuesday night, January 9, at 8:16 o'clock.

The group is enthusiastic and eager, and their director, Cantor Landsman, is no less so. Anyone with any liking for singing is urged to join in.

Wesley Methodists Will Hold Bake Sale January 13

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Wesley Methodist church, Highland Park-Highwood are sponsoring a Bakery sale, Saturday, Jan. 13th at the church. Mrs. Joe Baruffi, chairman will be assisted by Mrs. Ira Breakwell, president of the society, Mrs. Arthur Booth and Mrs. Ajdrew Larson. Members are asked to bring bakery items as early as possible, so the prices can be placed on the items. The sale, open to the public, will open at 9:30 a.m.

Major Changes May Result In City Zoning Ordinance

Final Reports Show Chest Fund \$1,000 Over Quota

Not only did the Highland Park Community Chest reach its 1950 campaign quota of \$66,995.20 but, as final reports were tabulated last week, went more than \$1,000 over the quota, according to Bryan K. Perreault, 1950 campaign general chairman.

The total amount pledged was \$68,029.46 before the books were closed on the current campaign.

In commenting on the outstanding record—Mr. Perreault said:

"In behalf of the board of directors and officers of the Highland Park community chest I want to express our great and sincere appreciation to the people of Highland Park for this remarkable achievement. It was a long, tedious task for hundreds of workers who gave unselfishly of their time and efforts to make this campaign a success. A large number of our citizens contributed to the extent that personal sacrifices were made necessary. We are deeply indebted to them. Over-subscribing our goal means that each individual agency will receive their full share of the funds allotted to them. With growing needs of each of the agencies participating this is more important than it would have been in more normal years."

Morton Arboretum Announces Winter Courses

I. Courses on Monday evenings—8 to 10 p.m.—starting Jan. 8th.
1. **Knowing Plants** An opportunity for becoming better acquainted with plants and their ways, through mounted specimens, models, slides, microscopes, pictures, lectures. Class conducted by Mrs. Raymond Watts.
2. **Care and Maintenance of Shade Trees.** A course on habits and characteristics of the best trees for use on streets and home grounds. Practical experience in such phases as feeding, filling cavities, care of injuries, spraying. Class conducted by Mr. Roy Nordine.

II. Winter Afternoon Course in Nature Literature.
Wednesday afternoons—1:15 to 3:30—starting Jan. 10.

A survey of the many ways in which men have recorded, and interpreted Nature. Class conducted by Mrs. Raymond Watts.

All courses start in the second week of January, 1951, and continue for ten weeks. Membership in all groups is limited. Advance registration is essential. Write or phone: Thornhill Building, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois, Downers Grove 74. There is no charge for any course. No previous training is needed.

Baptists Will Serve Thursday Dinners Of Southern Fried Chicken

Today, Thursday, and on Thursdays thereafter, members of the Highland Park Baptist church will serve a benefit dinner of southern fried chicken, prepared by experts in their line. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., with delivery service within a fifteen-mile radius. Dinner will also be served for 20 to 30 at a time in the very clean church dining room. For prices see ad in another place of this publication. A special dinner (all one can eat) will be served in the building at a slightly increased cost. Phone calls should be made early to HI. 2-2101. Proceeds will go to help the Highland Park Baptist church.

Perfect Traffic Record In Highland Park Marred By One

One traffic fatality marred the record of Highland Park for 1950, when Carl Krueger, 517 McDaniels avenue lost his life on December 3 on losing control of his car while driving on Skokie highway. Highland maintained the perfect record of the past five years, according to Police Chief Ted Benvenuti. If the fair record continues until April, the record will be six years without an automobile fatality.

City Zoning Problems To Be Discussed At January Hearings

Dates for public hearings on the problem of city zoning during the month of January will be set at the next meeting of the City zoning committee. It is probable that major changes will result from these hearings. The Zoning committee has been studying the zoning ordinance of 1947, and after a conference with Harlan Bartholomew and Associates, experts on city planning, it was decided to hold public hearings prior to making final amendments to the ordinance. Some twenty-three parts of the ordinance are under consideration.

Among the proposed changes are the provisions giving owners of unimproved lots greater freedom as regards placing new houses, regulations of play schools and nursery schools, convalescent and nursing homes, uses of basements as kitchens by clubs, restaurants and churches, etc.

Under consideration for rezoning are: Part of the block on the west side of Judson avenue immediately north of the Ravinia Terrace building, from "D" district, single family, to "F" district, multiple family; the first lot in the "F" district on Green Bay road north of the northwest corner of Central street and Green Bay road, to "H" district, central business, to conform with the property to the south on Green Bay road to the intersection; all lots on the west side of Green Bay road between West Park avenue and Homewood avenue, from "F" district, multiple family, to "H" district, central business; Park board property on Pleasant avenue near Roger Williams, from "D" district, single family, to "F" district, multiple family.

The rezoning of "G" district, which consists of property on Clavey road west of Skokie valley, will also be discussed.

N. S. Methodist Church Activities

Foster-Grosstephan Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Shore Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Werner Lansing, 631 Cavell Avenue, Sherwood Forest in Highland Park, at 10:30 Friday morning, January 5, for an all day sewing meeting. Members and guests will sew on bath robes for the children at Wesley Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Lansing will be assisted by Mrs. J. Randerson and Mrs. Glenn Chell.

Reverend Russell W. Lambert of the church will have as his subject "Have We Outgrown Religion?" at the two regular Church Services which will be conducted at 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock Sunday, January 7.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 9 in the mezzanine of the Church, for the first regular meeting of the new year, which will be in honor of the new members of the Woman's Society!

December Report Of Building Committee

Permits for 7 dwellings, 1 business building, 1 alteration, 1 garage, 1 industrial building—total value, \$243,236—fees \$821.79.

Also permits as follows: 20 electrical, 20 tank and burner, 3 special, bringing total building department fees to \$1,050.39.

Six sanitary sewers, 6 storm sewers, 8 water taps, 2 driveways and 2 septic tanks, bring total number of permits to 78 and total fees to \$1,925.39.

Year No.	Valuation	Fees
1949 31	\$ 426,133.00	\$ 1,450.58
1950 11	243,236.00	821.79
Accum. Value and No. of Bldg. Permits Jan. to Dec. Inc. 1949-1950.		
Year No.	Valuation	Fees
1949 280	\$3,880,072.00	\$13,209.57
1950 416	7,263,259.00	24,100.42