

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

Had Harry Truman ardently desired to give his political opponents—Democratic as well as Republican—ammunition to use against him, he could have done no better than he did in his budget message. Harry's bitterest enemies could find little to criticize (at this late date) in his call for funds for increased armament, but dragging in his discredited "free" health service program and the repudiated Brannan farm "plan"—re-labeling them as "defense measures," bespeaks either a gross overestimation of whatever blind haste there may be to rearm, or a colossal contempt for the intelligence of Congress and the people of the country in general.

Reading from carefully edited and prepared manuscripts, Harry Truman has on various occasions voiced noble and inspiring thoughts; speaking "off the cuff," he has called the Marine Corps "the Navy's police force," and has said he "wouldn't hire John L. Lewis as dogcatcher," and has resented a music critic's estimate of his daughter's singing in terms that can't be printed for transmission through the mails.

Which is the real Harry Truman—the man who reads noble sentiments written for him by someone else or the man who makes statements and writes letters that proclaim him to be an intemperate little man? The man who says we must tax till it hurts, or the man who had Congress vote him an extra TAX FREE fifty thousand dollars a year? The man who says we must face realities, or the man who still insists on promising the people something for nothing?

Reader Of H.P. Press Applauds Legion Post

Dear Editor:

It so happens that only early this week Mrs. Creigh and I returned from having visited with our sons and their families over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. And, of course, as we came back to our old-time home in Highland Park we found a great accumulation of mail and other such material and especially issues of your paper. Naturally, we read these rather carefully so as to pick up whatever neighborhood news there would be as to events having taken place during our absence.

And for instance, as we saw a number of these news items, the ones particularly showing the Christmas activities organized and sponsored by the American Legion, we began to wonder whether some of our fellow-townsmen had as little in the way of detailed knowledge of what the Legion does in the way of fostering a fine community spirit and stimulating activities, especially among the coming generation, as did we.

Of course, we had known and realized the important part played by the community center and by numerous groups which were sponsoring and assisting it during the recent years when Ft. Sheridan and Great Lakes were so very active. And with these places again becoming more and more populous, this sort of activity and personnel and morale building assistance is highly desirable.

We greatly hope that the new Legion Building will be well equipped to take care of certain of these activities, and we earnestly trust that through the use of your valued columns some citizens' committee or other such activity may be stimulated so that this good work may be furthered.

And finally, our compliments to the Legion and all it has done and stands for.

Very sincerely,
Thomas Creigh

LEGION PLANS SERVICE CENTER

Highland Park Mayor And Leaders Meet To Plan Servicemen's Club

Following a tour of inspection made by Capt. Fitzgibbon, Administrative Officer, Great Lakes Naval Station and Col. A. H. Cummings, Commanding Officer of Fort Sheridan and their recommendation concerning the need in Highland Park for facilities for men in service, Mayor Patton called a meeting in his office, Friday evening, Jan. 12 to discuss with prominent civic leaders a plan to provide and also to consider the recent offer of Bernard Sheehy, Commander of the Highland Park Post of the American Legion to make available quarters in the new Legion Memorial Building for use as a Service Center.

E. L. Gilroy advised the meeting that the new \$150,000 Legion Memorial building being constructed on the corner of Park avenue and Sheridan road will be completed about April 1st and will be even larger and more complete than the former Highland Park U. S. O. club operated during World War II. The Legion, he stated, was erecting the building with its own funds and funds subscribed by more than a thousand public spirited men and women.

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Skaters Enjoy Perfect Ice In Friday Ice Races

Sunset Park skating rink was not open to skaters on Thursday and Friday afternoon because the Park Board was keeping the ice in condition for the city wide races Friday night. The result was perfect ice, and the weather conditions were excellent as several hundred children and their parents gathered at the rink for the annual races sponsored by the Recreation Department in cooperation with the Park Board and the local school boards.

Results of the races are as follows:

First place:
Jackie Pohn, Kenny Smith, Chuckie Adler, Rennie Werrenrath, Susan Parker, Lynn Rafferty, Starr Morrow, Joan Bishop, Marylou Simon, Paul Gardner, Linda Harrison, Pat Barker, Lynn

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Service Mothers Fete Korean Vets

On January 8 a group from the Highland Park Service Mothers' club, gave a party at Great Lakes Naval hospital for veterans of the Korean war, patients in Ward 50. The patients are all victims of frost-bite.

Mrs. Joseph Riddle was in charge. Also taking part in the festivities were Mesdames Joseph Peddle, Ellery Harvey, Grant Benson and Reuben Lloyd. Bingo was played, with a prize for everyone, and refreshments followed.

Mothers' Guild Will Meet January 18

The Mothers' Guild of Immaculate Conception School will hold the regular meeting January 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the Rectory Club Rooms. Mrs. Charles O'Neil, Chairman, Educational Department for Highland Park, of the Lake County Cancer Foundation, and a member of the Mothers' Guild, will present a film. Fourth grade mothers will be hostesses. Mrs. J. J. Berube, and Mrs. J. J. O'Connell, room mothers, will be in charge of refreshments.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this meeting.

Family Dinner At Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Church-family-night Dinner will be scheduled on Thursday, January 25th, from five to seven p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran church hall, 587 West Central avenue. The Redeemer Guild will sponsor the dinner according to Mrs. Rudolph Netzer, president-elect. Mrs. Netzer, appointed Mrs. George Shuman, chairman of the dinner committee.

Famous Violinist To Appear At High School Tuesday, January 30

Service Mothers Celebrate 10th Birthday

The Highland Park Mothers Service Club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Riddle January 10th, celebrating the tenth birthday of the Club and electing officers for the year of 1951.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Florence Schmidt, President; Mrs. Grant Benson, First Vice President; Mrs. Reuben Lloyd, Treasurer; Mrs. J. J. Peddle, Secretary; Mrs. Ellery H. Harvey, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Riddle, Hospital Chairman; Mrs. Mabel Duffy, Sunshine Chairman.

Ten years ago a few mothers formed the Highland Park Service Club, applied for a charter and were incorporated January, 1941. The membership during the war years reached 400. In the beginning the Club met at the YWCA and later as the membership grew meetings were transferred to the USO. With the coming of peace membership dwindled but the charter members, feeling there might be further need of such service, refused to give up the charter and met in various homes.

Mrs. Florence Schmidt is asking every mother of Highland Park to join again. The dues are \$1 per year and put to very good use. At Christmas they sponsored a party at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and again January 8th for a ward of fifty, the cookies being baked by the women to accompany ice cream and fresh dates. Bingo was played by the patients, each one of whom received a prize. Particulars regarding membership may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Grant Benson, H. P. 2-1729.

The Club meets every second Wednesday of the month. Meeting place will be announced later.

Women Voters Continue Analysis Of U. N. Roll In Present Crisis

For their first neighborhood discussion meeting of the new year, the Highland Park League of Women Voters continued their analysis of the role the UN is playing in today's crisis. The meetings were held on January 10th at the homes of the Mesdames Robert Koretz, Benedict K. Goodman, L. A. Nathan, J. M. Winstin and Edward Lauesen. Each of the groups was attended by a discussion leader and resource people who had studied in the League workshop on the United Nations.

At the beginning of each meeting, letters were read which had been exchanged between the local, state and national League Presidents concerning the consensus of League members on the efforts of the UN to stop aggression. A telegram sent by the Mrs. John Lee, President of the National League of Women Voters to President Truman was also read to the membership. Mrs. Lee in her wire reaffirmed the principles on which the United States was founded and urged the President to "place squarely before the American people the hard facts which face them with confidence in their capacity to meet the needs of these critical times." Mrs. Lee also urged our government to work through the United Nations to check aggression as the "first essential step toward a free and peaceful world."

Smothers Will Discuss "Cross-Currents In Asia", Jan. 19

An unusual opportunity for Highland Parkers to inform themselves on Asia, presently the news center of the world, comes Friday night (Jan. 19) at 8 o'clock when Frank Smothers, well known journalist discusses "Cross-Currents in Asia" at the Highland Park Public Library.

The lecture-discussion is presented as the first of a 1951 series of open house meetings by the Friends of the Highland Park Library. All residents are welcome without admission charge.

Mr. Smothers has lectured for many years on international affairs and has delivered a series

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Concert Association Will Present Szymon Goldberg

Szymon Goldberg, one of the world's great violinists, will appear in Highland Park, Tuesday night, January 30, for the third Community Concert Association program of the 1950-51 season. The recital will be presented in the high school auditorium at 8:15.

The renowned Polish musician is making his first extensive American tour this winter, although he has long been recognized as one of the reigning masters of the violin.

Mr. Goldberg has been soloist with principal symphony orchestras. Returning to the United States after an absence of ten years, during which time he was captured by the Japanese in Java and spent three years in 14 different prison camps, Mr. Goldberg made a brilliant re-entry last year as soloist with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony orchestra. In an appearance at Carnegie Hall in October he presented a program of concert music for solo violin and string. He has been soloist also

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District 107 Caucus Committee Holds Meeting

The Caucus Committee of School District 107 held the second meeting in the Elm Place school on Monday, January 8th at 8 p.m. The purpose of the Committee is to select nominees for the School Board, which consists of 7 members, three of whom are to be elected in the forthcoming election in April. It is the desire of the Caucus Committee to reflect the wishes of residents in the District, therefore any resident wishing to suggest a candidate is invited to call any member of the Caucus Committee prior to February first. This Committee is made up of the following persons: Mr. James F. Griswold, Jr., chairman; Mrs. A. S. Bauer, secretary; Mr. Conrad R. Dreiske, Mrs. Leo Gans, Mr. Irving H. Goldberg, Mr. Vernon H. Heins, Miss Irene Jones, Mrs. Robert J. Koretz, Mr. G. S. Laing, Mrs. John O. Levinson, Mr. Harry T. McClure, Miss Virginia Pickhardt and Mrs. John T. Ross.

In order to facilitate the adjustment of new addresses we would appreciate a post card or phone call from our Highland Park subscribers, giving us new streets and numbers.

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Royal Neighbors Install Officers

Highland Park Camp, of the Royal Neighbors met Wednesday at Witten hall, for its regular business meeting and to install the officers for the ensuing year. In the absence of Mrs. Galdys Ames, district Deputy, Mrs. Ida Carlsen, member of the local camp, was installing officer and Mrs. Annie Vander Bloomen, installing ceremonial Marshal.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jessie Norr- len, 615 Skokie avenue, on Wednesday, January 24th at 8:00 p.m.

Chest Will Elect Nine New Directors

In the Community Center Conference Room, N. Green Bay rd., Monday evening, January 29, at 8 p.m. the annual reports of the officers of the Highland Park Community Chest, Inc., will be made and nine members of the board of directors will be elected. Every contributor to the Highland Park Community Chest is a member of the organization and entitled to one vote.

Telephone Company New Rates In Illinois

A petition filed today with Illinois Commerce Commission Springfield, the Illinois Bell Telephone Company asked for new rates in its Illinois territory which would increase the cost of basic telephone service for most of its customers 2 cents or less a day.

The higher prices are needed to offset recent wage increases and other rising costs, the company asserted. The new rates would net the company about \$10 million annually, and would amount to a 9 per cent increase in customer paid revenues.

"A price increase is necessary to keep the public's telephone service at a high level of efficiency in the war period ahead," W. V. Kahler, president, said. "Our request is for price changes that an unregulated business in our position would have put into effect months ago. We cannot do this because we live at all times under state controlled price ceilings. To substantiate our need we expect—and invite—the fullest investigation by the public's representatives."

The company closed new wage contracts with its six unions late in 1950, adding \$15,500,000 to its costs over the various contract periods, which expire in early 1952. "Wage costs amount to 58 cents out of every expense dollar," Kahler said. "Other sharply rising prices ride the gamut from coal to heat our buildings, through pencils, poles, and taxes."

"The Company's preparations for national defense have a direct bearing on our present and future earnings problem. Telephone service is an essential link in the mobilization chain that must have no weak spots. We will need more equipment for service than we now have—we will need countless tailor-made communications systems for hundreds of defense establishments and surrounding areas. This will require unusual expenditures of investment money."

"Our profit level, however, is well below that of most other major industries in today's expanding economy. And while we do not believe, as a regulated utility, that we should have profits at the top level of industry, we know that the investor makes sharp comparisons in choosing the outlet for his capital dollars," the company's president concluded.

In the new filed tariffs, the only change asked on toll and long distance calls is to reduce the initial calling periods on 10, 15, 20 and 25 cent calls from five to four minutes. Overtime periods for calls of 10 cents and 20 cents also would be reduced one minute.

Deerfield Reassessment Roll Is Published

The reassessment roll for the Town of Deerfield, as fixed by the assessor, appears on pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of today's issue of the Highland Park Press. Every resident of the Town of Deerfield, which includes the City of Highwood and that part of the Cities of Highland Park and Lake Forest within Deerfield Township should make it a point to check up on the amount of his assessment. Any property owner who objects to the amount of his valuation should file a formal complaint with the Board of Review within 10 days from the date of publication of this assessment roll.

Inter-Faith Group Presents Relations Expert

Mr. Thomas E. Colgan of the American Friends Committee will address the Interfaith group on January 25th. The meeting, which will be held at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Abe Miller, 2573 N. Deere Park, will be a dessert luncheon, and the program will begin at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Jay E. McCormick and Mrs. Bernard Buchholz will preside at the tea table.

The subject of Mr. Colgan's address will be "The Quaker Approach in Developing Job Opportunities in Chicago." Mr. Colgan is a business man who is contributing a period of his life in service with the American Friends Committee, to give concrete expression to his concern for human brotherhood in business. He received his training in industrial relations at the University of Delaware and has spent 12 years in his chosen field.

Mr. Colgan acquired intimate knowledge of the minorities problem while personnel director of a cotton mill in South Carolina. To accept his present two-year assignment as Director of the Committee's Job Opportunities Program he resigned from Sharp and Dohme, Inc., where he was Employee Relations Manager. After this period of service sharing his experiences with local business men he will return to the industrial field.

Anyone interested is invited to join the Interfaith group audience at this first meeting of the new year.

First National Bank Holds Annual Meeting

The annual stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of Highland Park was held on Friday, January 12, and among the items of business transacted was the re-election for the ensuing year of the entire Board of Directors as follows: Vallee O. Appel, Fred A. Cuscaden, Joseph B. Garnett, Charles F. Grant, Herbert M. Lautmann, Morten R. Mavor, Harold O. McLain, Theodore L. Osborn, Cale R. Torrence and Frederick A. Watkins.

An organization meeting of the directors followed the adjournment of the stockholders meeting and the following officers were elected: Vallee O. Appel, President; Cale R. Torrence, Executive Vice President; Raymond L. Erskine, Vice President and Trust Officer; Martin C. Hart, Vice President and Anthony N. Schinler, Cashier. Ernest A. Belmont, who has been Director of the New Business Department since joining the bank staff in March 1950, was also elected to the office of Secretary.

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Infant Welfare Center Plans Year's Program

The Highland Park-Ravinia Center of Infant Welfare had their first board meeting of 1951 at the home of Mrs. H. F. Henrickson of 2444 Balsam Road on Friday, January 12. The new Board members met for the first time and planned the program for the coming year.

On Monday, January 22, the entire membership will meet at the home of Mrs. Gail W. Compton, 23 N. Linden for the usual monthly meeting. After this meeting, the Juniors will divide into two groups but with the same Board in charge of both. This was done because the Juniors were such a large and active group and there were problems of inadequate accommodations for the luncheons. Each circle will enlarge their membership somewhat to relieve the large and eager waiting list.

The hostesses for the Monday meeting will be Mrs. Carl Howard and Mrs. Lawrence Smith in the morning and Mrs. Melvin Barker and Mrs. G. A. Shallberg, Jr. in the afternoon.