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## Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

### • They'll Be Missed

We believe that the new city council, which will be installed after the election in April, will be a good one, no matter which four of the candidates are elected, but we also believe the council will miss one advantage.

That is the advantage of having veteran city officials like Lyle Gourley and Ed Moroney. Lyle Gourley, with 24 years as a commissioner, and Ed Moroney, with 20 years as chief of police before taking office as a commissioner eight years ago, had an insight into city needs and conditions that was an invaluable asset to the council.

Fortunately, the council will, for a time, at least, be able to count on the service of Vic Musser, veteran city clerk, who probably knows more about the mechanics of operating the city government than any other single individual in the city hall. However, it has long been rumored that Vic is considering the advantages of taking a rest after fulfilling the arduous demands of a tough job for a long time. Should he too, decide to retire, he will certainly be missed no less than will Lyle Gourley and Ed Moroney.

All three deserves the thanks of the citizens they have served so long and so faithfully.

### Wesley Methodists Plan Historical Pageant On Family Night

The Wesley Methodist church of Highland Park-Highwood will present a pageant depicting the history of both churches, February 21st at 7:30 p.m. during the regular family night. Preceding the program, a pot luck supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. Special guests invited to this event will be Dr. and Mrs. Weldon E. Bradburn, district superintendent, and Rev. and Mrs. William Overend, former pastor of the two churches. There will be a brief program while all are still seated at the tables, and then adjourn to the sanctuary at 7:30 to witness the pageant planned by Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Floyd Patrick, and Mrs. Peter Yurkonis, featuring six scenes from the history of the church.

The "Wesley Methodist Church" of Highland Park-Highwood is the result of the merger of two Methodist churches, the Grace Methodist church of Highland Park and the Swedish Methodist church of Highwood. Both groups have had a long history in this community.

The history of the Highland Park church goes back to 1872 where Union English services were being conducted in the waiting room of the old North Western Railroad station in Highwood by the Rev. Samuel Breakwell, a local preacher from England who had been ordained a Baptist minister after coming to this country. In 1874 a Sunday school was started by John Skidmore and a little later preaching services were held from which eventually grew the organizing of a Methodist church known for a time as the "Highwood church." The building at Lauretta place and North avenue was constructed in 1880 through the efforts of John Skidmore, H. S. Gail, H. Gage, and others who gave freely of their time and money. It was dedicated free of debt.

In 1895 a group of Scandinavian people living along the North Shore organized for the purpose of conducting services in their own language. The Highland Park Presbyterian church was their first meeting place, but it soon became necessary to have a hall of their own. In 1900 the group changed the place of worship to Highwood, a central location for the Scandinavians who were coming from Highland Park, Highwood and Lake Forest. They met in the school house for awhile, and rented a hall for a time.

In 1902 the congregation was incorporated and through the efforts of the Ladies Aid a lot was purchased and on the first of May, 1904, the group met for the first time under their own roof. The building was dedicated free from any debt. In September, 1949, the building was re-dedicated following its selection as the permanent place of worship for the merged congregations of the Highland Park and Highwood churches.

In December of 1946 the two congregations voted unanimously to merge to form one church in this community, the Wesley Meth-

## Letter From Commissioner Candidates

What do you think would happen to the value of a large corporation's stock if the Chairman of the Board announced:

"From this day on the corporation will operate without the services of a general manager. All legislative and administrative work will be equally divided among five members of the board. Each will be responsible for separate departments and will devote as much free time as they can spare (aside from their regular pursuance of making a living, social obligations, etc.) to operating and improving their segments of the company's business. Further, these members will meet on the second and fourth Monday evening each month, and report to themselves on what has transpired in their areas of responsibility. It will be the duty of each member to uphold and promote his own particular department's welfare so that everyone can see whether or not he is doing a good job. The fact that these five board members are the complete governing body of the corporation will make it necessary for them to cooperate as much as possible so that a general overall continuity of policy may be had. This is desirable but, each member must defend his own department."

"Each of these members will serve a four year term. Their tenure in office will have to speak for itself and if the stockholders don't like the way they do their jobs they can get even at election time, but not before."

The result of such a proclamation is perfectly obvious to you. On the contrary, consider a corporation's stock which operates along these lines:

The Board of Directors recognizing the fact that on a part time basis their services to the corporation cannot be effective in both legislative and administrative duties, hereby relinquish the administrative work to an experienced general manager. The general manager will exert administrative authority over all appointed department heads and coordinate their business affairs. He will supply the board with pertinent data on all problems within his scope and make recommendations to implement their solution. He will dispatch all routine duties of the board, form budgets, direct personnel and handle public relations.

Free of these duties the board can then act as a whole on the legislative duties, policy formation and future planning. They can conduct open meetings, perfectly free to express themselves without fear of retribution.

In substance this is a graphic comparison of the two types of city government, the first our present commission form, and the latter the council-manager type.

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Ryan, summed up the matter in a single sentence: "Where you want skill you must appoint, where you want representation, elect."

It is true that the state statutes do not permit the adoption, by referendum, of a council-manager form of government for Highland Park. Nevertheless, an informed citizenry can avail themselves of its advantages by electing commissioners who recognize that they cannot do justice to their jobs on a part time basis and are willing to adopt an ordinance covering the creation, appointment and duties of a competent municipal administrator.

Lake Forest is in a similar position, under the statutes, to Highland Park, yet they have enjoyed the benefits of a business manager in their government for the past ten years. A public spirited council can also provide us with a modern government.

We are comparatively new residents of Highland Park and we are quite proud of our choice of a home-site.

We have no quarrel with any individuals, nor are we fettered with political patronage.

We are seeking the position of commissioner to help instigate and insure this renowned type of government for Highland Park.

We are conscientious citizens who recognize the import of the commission to which we aspire and we pledge ourselves to work assiduously toward better government for Highland Park.

CANDIDATES FOR  
CITY COMMISSIONER  
Keith W. Barge  
James "Ed" Meehan  
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## SENATOR NIXON WILL SPEAK

Republican Women  
To Present California  
Senator, February 23

The newly organized Women's Republican Club of the Thirteenth Congressional District is presenting Senator Richard M. Nixon of California as the guest speaker at their reception to be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 23rd at the Woman's Club of Evanston. Final plans were perfected at a meeting of 150 of the officers and board members of the club at a meeting at the Georgian Hotel in Evanston on Monday.

The Club draws its membership from two counties. All of Lake County and thirteen townships in Cook County comprise the 13th Congressional District. Mrs. Alberta Stewart, River Grove, who is a State Central Committeewoman of the 13th District and Mrs. Wm. L. Winters of Highland Park also State Central Committeewoman of the district, are co-chairmen of the Club. The purpose of the organization is to unite the Republican women of the district and to further the welfare of the Republican party within the district. The club will in no way interfere with the work of local Republican organizations. It will be concerned with state and national problems.

Among the Highland Park women who are active in the club are: Mrs. Paul Date, Hospitality chairman, Mrs. E. Burdette Elmore, secretarial chairman and Mrs. Kenneth Kraft, decorations chairman for the reception on February 23rd. Mrs. Irl Marshall of Deerfield is membership chairman for Lake County. In Highland Park Mrs. Kenneth Kraft and Miss Thoretta Gregori are on the membership committee. Mesdames Florence T. Dingle, Ellsworth L. Mills, Clinton Fritsch, Frank C. Randolph, Ralph Cleary, Vallee O. Appel, Aaron Bauer and Miss Grace Gregori are members of the Advisory committee of the club. Mrs. Harvey Metzler of Waukegan is chairman of the advisory committee.

Membership is open to all interested Republican women in the district. It is the plan of the program chairman, Mrs. James A. Cathcart of Lake Forest, to present speakers of national importance at the club meetings. Mrs. William Marks of Lake Villa, chairman of the bulletin committee plans to publish a news bulletin with reports from our representatives in Springfield and Washington. Membership dues are \$1.00 per year. Republican women are cordially invited to the reception on February 23rd at the Woman's Club of Evanston, Church St. and Chicago Ave.

### Toys Needed For Highland Park Community Nursery

Trains (wooden or metal); Cars (wooden, metal; large and small); Blocks (all sizes, also hollow ones); Puzzles (wooden inlay); Airplanes (wooden or metal); Pull Toys; Push Toys; Trucks; Fire Engines; Balls; Bean Bags; Dolls (and doll clothes); Blankets (for doll beds); Doll Dishes; Doll Pots, Pans (and kitchen utensils); Doll Wash Tub; Small Ironing Board and Iron; Records; Books; Small Suitcases; Telephone; Animals (wooden or stuffed); Beads (wooden to string); Scrap Books and Pictures; Small Broom, Dust Pan and Mop; Scissors; Crayons; Doll carriages; Tricycles; Wagons; Wheel Barrows; Shovels, Rakes, Hoes; Watering Cans; Discarded Kitchen Utensils (cookie cutters, egg beaters, salt shakers, muffin tins and large spoons).

Toys may be taken to headquarters or will be picked up by Mrs. E. M. Simonds, Highland Park 2-5943.

### School Board Candidates Nominated In Dist. 107

The Caucus committee of School District 107 has nominated the following candidates for the School Board:

President—Millard S. McGuffen, 1637 Berkeley road.

Board member (to serve one year of Mr. McGuffen's unexpired three year term)—Ernest A. Belmont, 121 Elmwood drive.

To serve three year terms—Mrs. J. V. Houghtaling, 105 Clifton avenue, and Barrett K. Mason, 323 Central avenue.

## Community Nursery School Opens

At H. P. Recreation Center

### Public Service Company Offers Special Service For Camp Personnel

Appointment of a public telephone manager to handle public telephone activities at Fort Sheridan and Great Lakes Naval Station was announced this week by M. C. Gates, district commercial manager for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

V. E. Henrickson, manager at Sterling since 1948, has accepted the appointment.

Pointing out that the number-one job of Illinois Bell is to meet the accelerated defense requirements of the area it serves, Gates said that provision of special public telephone equipment and full-time military establishments is one of the steps in the company's program.

Aimed at bringing good telephone service to personnel at the camps, it requires both special telephone equipment and full-time supervision, Gates continued.

"The next best thing to a furlough is a telephone call back home," he said. "Attended telephone centers will be opened within the next few weeks to make the serviceman's call as close to a furlough as we can."

As equipment additions and rearrangements in the Highland Park and Waukegan exchanges are completed and new public telephone facilities at the camps and long distance circuits are built, an attended telephone center will be opened in centrally located buildings at each of the camps. Three other attended centers are planned at the Lakes.

Staffed with special operators, the friendly telephone centers, similar to those in service during the war, will provide easy-to-use service in a pleasant atmosphere to fit the calling needs of service men and women," Gates continued.

The service will be personalized and will eliminate standing in line. The caller merely tells an employee, known as a recorder, the details on his call. The recorder passes the information to an operator as the serviceman relaxes. Magazines will be at hand for his reading if "the line is busy"—or the call cannot be completed for some other reason. For his convenience, the center will be equipped with stationery and writing desks.

When his call is ready, the attendant pages him over a loud-speaker to the telephone booth where his call is waiting. If he has any questions about his call or has difficulty in finding a number, an attendant is on hand to help him.

Telephone booths at the centers will be the "sit-down" type.

The new public telephone manager, a native of Rockford, began his telephone career in that city as a commercial representative in 1927. Following other assignments, Henrickson became assistant manager at Rockford in 1943. He held that position until his appointment as telephone manager of the Sterling area.

Henrickson attended the University of Cincinnati. He is a member of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and of the Sterling Rotary Club.

He will be succeeded at Sterling by William A. Brenner, assistant manager at Highland Park for the past year. A resident of Evanston, Brenner was employed by Illinois Bell in 1940 as an installer at Hammond. He served as commercial representative at Alton, and following military leave as an air force captain under General Chennault, he was commercial representative and later service engineer at Evanston and commercial staff engineer in the company's Upstate Division office.

Replacing Mr. Brenner at Highland Park will be Ira R. Andrews, service engineer, Peoria.

### Mrs. Howard Klee To Head Community Nursery Project

Mrs. Howard Klee, of Central ave., Highland Park, has been chosen to direct Highland Park's community nursery school and will be available by March 19, when the nursery school now plans to open at the Highland Park Recreation center.

A thorough background of experience makes Mrs. Klee well fitted for this post. She received her training at National Kindergarten College in Evanston. She has taught school in Florida. During the war, she directed an Emergency day-care center in Cleveland, Ohio, operated under Federal auspices. She has also taught at the Ravinia nursery school.

The assistant's position has not been filled yet. Mrs. Alfred Alschuler, Jr., chairman of the committee for the nursery, suggests that, if any local people are interested in this position, they should call her at HI. 2-1682.

Donations of equipment and toys are still requested. Arrangements can be made to pick these up by calling Mrs. E. M. Simonds, HI. 2-5943. Mrs. Stanley Lind, HI. 2-1776, is in charge of the school's enrollment.

### Women Voters Will Hear Talk On "Little Hoover Report"

To accent their studies on state government, the Highland Park League of Women Voters will hear Mr. Walter V. Schaefer who will speak to them on the Little Hoover Report. The meeting will be held at the Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. on February 21.

Mr. Schaefer, professor of law at Northwestern University, was Governor Stevenson's legislative chairman at the last session of the assembly. He heads the nine man group created by the 1949 legislature, to study and report on the state's executive branch. Mr. Schaefer will describe to his audience some of the major changes his commission recommends after a year's intensive study. Its recommendations are designed to "point the way toward greater efficiency and economy" in the state government. The scope of proposed consolidations indicate that the full report, if adopted, might save millions to the taxpayers of Illinois.

Following the speech by Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Elmer Klein's state government workshop will conduct a question period and panel discussion on the subject.

### Rummage Sale To Benefit Underprivileged

Plans are already being made for the annual Rummage Sale conducted by the Ravinia Auxiliary of the Chicago Commons Association. Because the proceeds of this Sale permit young boys and girls from the underprivileged district around Grand avenue to attend a woodland Camp near New Buffalo, Indiana, maintained by the Commons, the local Auxiliary is always eager to make as much money as possible. Being a small group, numerically speaking, the amount of rummage is necessarily small, and contributions to the sale are heartily welcomed from interested members of the community. Mrs. Edwin P. Hart, 1015 Lincoln avenue is Chairman of the Sale and would be glad to arrange to have rummage from non-members called for, prior to the Sale, Friday, March 30th.

The February meeting of the Auxiliary will be held Friday, February 23rd at the home of Mrs. Harry Temple, with Mrs. Ross Goodwin as Assistant hostess. As always, the business meeting is preceded by a dessert-luncheon at 1:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, are set by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce as "DOLLAR VALUE DAYS." Most Highland Park stores will offer merchandise at great savings.