

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

Mayor or No Mayor

Regardless of the merits of either side of the City of Highwood vs. the Nudi tavern controversy, we think Mayor Thomas Mussatto of Highwood made an astute move when he "resigned" from his mayoral duties in protest against "interference by judges from Chicago."

It has now been opined that the position of mayor in Highwood is legally vacant and that any salary checks for city employees, signed by Mussatto, are "illegal." If this is true, we think it makes the move that much more effective. The city employees will certainly get their money under any circumstances, but the more emphasis that is placed on the Highwood situation by such complications, the more attention the case will get in official circles, and that, we believe, is Mr. Mussatto's principal objective.

If he and the city are wrong, and Nudi is in the right, a complete and well-publicized investigation of the entire situation will prove that fact, and settle the case permanently. If, however Mr. Mussatto is right in his contention that "law twisters" are making a mockery of the powers conferred upon the city by virtue of the existence of the liquor control commission, a complete and well-publicized investigation should go far toward untwisting any kinks resulting from the machinations of "law twisters."

Highland Park

Highland Park has beautiful parks, beaches and homes; excellent schools, a fine library and a first-class community center. It also has an imposing city hall that is headquarters for the lowest paid police department of any city of this size on the North Shore.

Finances Of The Park District

By Francis D. Weeks,
Park Commissioner

(This is the fourth in a series of articles on the Park District of Highland Park—Editor)

The Park District of Highland Park derives its basic revenue from taxes levied on the real estate valuation within the district. As applies to any public taxing body, the tax rate is fixed by state law and cannot be altered except by a favorable referendum endorsed at the polls by a majority of the eligible voters. The 1949 tax rate for the Park District was 0.071 per cent, compared with 0.360 per cent for the City Government and 0.144 per cent for the County Government. The assessed valuation of property within the Park District territory for 1949 amounted to a total of \$75,056,069.00.

In order to illustrate the relatively small amount of tax money expended in a typical year by an individual taxpayer for Park District services, the following table indicates the apportioning of dollars each taxing body receives from each \$100.00 paid in real estate taxes:

Park District	\$ 3.17*
Sanitary District	2.98
Mosquito Abatement	.32
Township	1.51
County	6.41
City	16.03
High School	28.18
School District 107	41.40**
	\$100.00

* Park District funds are broken down into, a) General Fund, \$1.24; b) Bond Retirement Fund, \$1.70; c) Municipal Retirement Fund, .23.

** Above table applies only to School District No. 107 1949 data, figures for each group will vary depending on the School District.

The annual revenue applicable to the General Fund of the Park District varies slightly from year to year, but in general averages about \$20,000.00. From the above it is seen that only \$1.24 from every \$100.00 of collected taxes is available for Park District services.

The Park District has two other sources of revenue. One of these accrues from operation of the Sunset Valley Golf Course primarily in the form of season playing privileges and green fees. Residents of Highland Park are given lower rates than the fees charged to Non-Residents. As the standard fees are established to operate

this public golf course competitively with other similar courses in the vicinity, the residents of our community thereby benefit from this policy. The Golf Course attracts many players from near and far; its operation has been very successful and the project is completely self-supporting from a financial standpoint.

The two bathing beaches represent another source of income by means of which the Park Board strives to make this activity as self-sustaining as possible. Admission to the well-equipped beach houses and thence to the patrolled beaches is by a nominal fee to Residents and for a higher fee to Non-Residents, is in keeping with the Park Board's policy of operating its properties primarily for the benefit of our own citizens. Many thousands of Highland Park children and adults make excellent use of these beach facilities every summer.

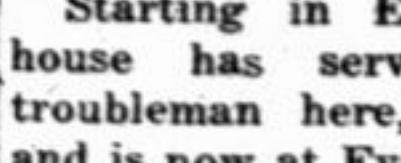
In 1945 the Park Board was authorized by a referendum approved by the voters to issue bonds in the amount of \$198,000.00. Proceeds were used to purchase and build up Rosewood Park and Beach House in Ravinia, the Lincoln Park Skating House and a necessary implement and tool house at Sunset Valley Golf Course. An additional gift of \$25,000.00 from the Rosenwald family enabled the Board to erect a most modern Beach House at Rosewood Park. Of this bond issue only \$92,000.00 remain outstanding at this date; these bonds are being retired at a rate of approximately \$27,000.00 per year. The Park Board has no other bonded indebtedness. This places the Park District in a strong financial position with respect to fixed charges.

The entire operations of the Park District are carried out on a frugal and carefully-planned budget. In order to operate and maintain properties having a book value of \$861,030.00 (not depreciated) and to provide the services within its scope, the Park District employs from 12 to 30 men, depending on the season of year.

If you are not already familiar with our Park System in Highland Park, why not shoot 18 holes of golf, have a picnic in a Park or relax on the beach?—when the weather improves!—and see for yourself what a fine system we have. And if you are a resident of School District No. 107, remember that if you paid \$224.60 taxes on a \$10,000.00 house, it only cost you \$7.12 last year to have all these facilities at your doorstep.

Thirty-five Years With Public Service

James L. Whitehouse, 550 Dendale ave., veteran electric operating department employe for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, celebrated his 35th anniversary with the utility last Monday.



Starting in Evanston, Whitehouse has served as electric troubleman here, in Northbrook and is now at Evanston.

Mr. Whitehouse is active in Masonic activities, is past master of A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676 A.F. & A.M.; a life member in Scottish Rite Bodies of Chicago; past high priest of the local Royal Arch Masonic order, and present secretary; and is a member of Campbell Chapter 712 Order of the Eastern Star.

As a hobby he also likes to collect guns. He belongs to the National Rifle Association.

Dr. William A. Young To Speak At Orchestra Hall Sunday Evening

Doctor William Atkinson Young, pastor of The Highland Park Presbyterian Church, will speak at the worship service of Chicago's Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, April first, it was announced today by the Reverend Alton Motter, executive director of the club. The address, one of a series by metropolitan area pastors on the general theme, "Great Texts of the Bible" will be entitled, "The Answer to Any Vexing Problem."

Featured speaker at the main service at 8 o'clock will be Doctor Albert J. McCartney of Washington, D.C., pastor emeritus of the National Church of the Presbyterian Denomination and former executive director of the Sunday Evening Club.

Highwood Will Observe Salvation Army Doughnut Day

Highwood has joined 10 other Lake county suburbs in designating Tuesday, June 12, as Salvation Army Doughnut Day. Mrs. R. Bruce Wiseman, Harvey, suburban chairman, announced recently.

Clerk Ossian Carlson has notified Doughnut Day headquarters that a permit to tag in Highwood was granted on Feb. 20. The little paper doughnut tags, symbols of The Salvation Army's service to the unfortunate, will be sold by local volunteer taggers.

Women who can volunteer a few hours of their time to sell tags on June 12 should apply at Doughnut Day Headquarters, 188 W. Randolph st., second floor, or telephone RANDOLPH 6-9272.

Commons Auxiliary Plans Rummage Sale

There will be a large selection of articles of every kind, from furniture, pictures, clothing, and books to toys and costume jewelry on display at the Rummage Sale, Friday, March 30 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the YWCA on Laurel ave., conducted by the Ravinia Auxiliary to the Chicago Commons Association. The more money that is made at the Sale, the more children who so badly need it, can be sent for a two weeks period of play in the woods, at the Camp near New Buffalo, Ind. maintained by this Chicago Neighborhood Settlement. Mrs. Edwin P. Hart is in charge, and welcomes any rummage contributed by interested members of the Community.

VFW Chooses Schneider As Post Commander

Robert Schneider was elected commander, last week, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Highland Park Memorial post.

Other new officers serving for the new year are: Allen Gerken, senior vice commander; John Sorenson, Junior vice commander; Raymond Schneider, chaplain; Lloyd Moon, quartermaster; Francis Sheahan, post judge advocate; Dan Murphy, post surgeon and Cecil Nestrick, three-year trustee. Installation of officers will be held on Sunday, April 15.

ELECTION TUESDAY APRIL 3RD

Women Voters Of Three Towns Cooperate In April 4 Meeting

The Highland Park League of Women Voters is cooperating with the Glencoe and Winnetka Leagues on plans for a meeting to be held at the Central School in Glencoe, 620 Greenwood ave., on Wednesday, April 4, at 8 p.m. The subject of the meeting will be "Fair Employment Practices for Illinois; Do We Need A Law?"

Mrs. Clarence Goelzer, President of the Highland Park League states that prominent businessmen will expound their views based on experience in this activity. She adds that these men are all in favor of the principle of fair employment practices but differ on whether it should be accomplished by legislation or education.

Mrs. Marc Law, formerly of Highland Park will act as moderator. Speakers will be Mr. Elmer Shirrell, Director of the Employment Dept. of Curtis Candy Co., Mr. Maurice Cope, Vice-President of Shure Bros. Electronics, Mr. Elmore Knaack, Director of Industrial Relations of the West Pullman Workshop of International Harvester and Mr. Milton C. Keene, Director of Industrial Relations of the Barco Co.

The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Lewin To Speak At Meeting Of Highwood Hospital Auxiliary

A member of the staff of Highwood hospital will speak at the evening meeting to be held by the hospital auxiliary on Monday, April 30 at 8 p.m. in the Highwood Community center. The auxiliary plans to invite Dr. Philip Lewin, chief of staff, to discuss polio.

Mrs. Samuel Martin, chairman of the meeting, has announced that cards and refreshments will follow the program.

The auxiliary will hold four meetings a year and the board will meet the last Monday afternoon of each month. Meetings are scheduled for January, April, September and November.

A festive committee was formed at the meeting to provide tray decorations for patients on holidays. Mrs. George Martin, president, appointed Miss Catherine Sheridan and Miss Marie Martin head of the committee. They will contact girl scouts and young people's clubs and ask them to furnish decorations for holidays to place on the patients' trays.

Mrs. Samuel Martin was instructed to appoint a committee to organize a gift shop in the hospital. Memorial day services are being planned, when the American flag donated by the Highwood Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will be raised. Boy scouts of St. James school will paint the flag pole.

At a board meeting following the regular session, Mrs. William Heinrichs was elected recording secretary of the auxiliary. The by-laws were read by the historian, Mrs. Everett Bellei, Sr., and approved by the board. The auxiliary will contribute to a fund for indigent patients and to provide a scholarship for a high school girl wishing to enter nursing school.

Presbyterians To Hear E. C. A. Representative At Church, April 4

The implementation of the defense production efforts of the Western European nations will be discussed by Mason Smith, partner, A. T. Kearney & Company, at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Highland Park on the evening of April 4. Mr. Smith spent several weeks in Europe right after the first of the year, studying the organization, procedures, information and personnel of the Economic Cooperation Administration to determine what revisions and expansion were needed to place ECA in a better position to render practical assistance in the Western European production program. His work covered the offices in Paris, Rome, London, and Frankfurt. His discussion will review the effects of ECA's effort in helping to revitalize the economy of European nations and will point out the practical steps which

Residents Are Urged To Vote In Township And Park Board Contest

A. Gordon Humphrey, Candidate For Mayor Addresses Women Voters

It is difficult to make a political speech and, at the same time, speak with fairness and frankness. It would be simple to promise to correct this problem, to improve that condition, to provide more municipal services, to pay better salaries. On the other hand, I must live with myself all the rest of my life and I want to do so happily. Therefore, I am going to speak candidly and frankly, without regard to the political implications.

The gracious comments made to me by many of my friends and other citizens are somewhat frightening. I am no miracle man. Under the commission form of government, the Mayor has no power of veto and has only the same voting strength as each of the four commissioners,—one vote out of a total of five.

Furthermore, your city government is operated not merely by the Mayor and four commissioners whom you elect, but principally by 70 full-time and 5 part-time salaried employees, and about 80 other public spirited citizens who devote their specialized talents to the problems of the City without any compensation except the satisfaction that comes from performing a civic service. They serve as members of such groups as the Civil Service Commission, Plan Commission, Traffic Commission, Zoning Committee, Board of Appeals and special temporary committees. Practically all of them are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

When I consider the problems that confront the in-coming administration and the complexity of their solution, I wonder why any one would even accept, much less fight for, a place on the City Council. I am grateful that all of the candidates for Commissioner are eminently capable men in their own fields. Even so, all of the four who will be elected will be new in the actual operation of a municipal government. That is vastly different than conducting a business or a small corporation. It is reasonable to expect that these Commissioners will want an orientation period during which to familiarize themselves with these differences. My six years of experience as a Village Attorney and, especially, that of the past four years as a member of the present City Council, should be of help during this period.

In the first place, a municipality has only those powers which are given to it by the General Assembly. Locally, those powers are expressed in the form of ordinances. (Incidentally, our ordinances, over the years, have become so numerous and so conflicting as to present serious administrative problems and need codification and re-enactment.) Then, too, as soon after May first as possible, the City Council must anticipate and classify all of the expenditures for the ensuing twelve months and pass the annual appropriation ordinance. Money which has not been appropriated cannot be spent, nor can funds appropriated for one purpose be expended for a different use. The City Council must learn and accept the fact that less than \$8.00 out of each \$100.00 of your tax bill is available for actual

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Whitt N. Schultz To Address Rotarians

Whitt N. Schultz, president of Northmore Home Products, prosperous local mail order concern, will speak at the April 2 luncheon meeting of the Rotary club at the Villa Moderne.

Recently elected president of the Rotary club is Arthur C. Ropiequet. Other new officers are Henry Bernard, vice president; Casper Dahle, secretary; Philip Ewens, treasurer, and John Cortesi, Oscar Lundgren, Jack Leach, Nafe Larson and Cale Torrence.

need to be taken to place this accepted and established agency in a better position to help accelerate defense production.

Voting Precincts Listed For Tuesday's Election

On Tuesday, April 3, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. polling places will be open for the biennial Park District election and the Township election.

Polling places for the Park Board election are as follows:

Precinct 1—Braun Bros. Oil Co., 444 Central ave. (formerly 360).

Precinct 2—Ravinia School, 1655 Dean ave.

Precinct 3—Moose Bldg., 1799 Green Bay road.

Precinct 4—H. P. Fuel Co., 1539 Deerfield Rd., (formerly 1205).

In the Township election, polling places (old H. P. numbers used) are as follows:

Precinct 1—S. Park field House, Lake Forest.

Precinct 2—City Hall, 489 Waukegan ave., Highwood.

Precinct 3—Community Center, 428 Green Bay Rd., Highwood.

Precinct 4—Oak Terrace School, 230 Prairie ave., Highwood.

Precinct 5—St. Johns Church, Homewood and Green Bay Rd., H. P.

Precinct 6—H. P. High School—300 Vine ave., H. P.

Precinct 7—Moose Home—11 N. Green Bay Rd., H. P.

Precinct 8—Davis—Maurine Electric Shop—10 N. Sheridan Rd., H. P.

Precinct 9—Moroney Insurance Office—516 Laurel ave., H. P.

Precinct 11—Lincoln School—495 Lincoln ave., H. P.

Precinct 12—Railroad Men's Home—St. Johns and Beech, H. P.

Precinct 13—Field House—Lincoln and Glencoe aves., H. P.

Precinct 14—Ravinia School—1655 Dean ave., H. P.

Precinct 15—Ravinia Fire Station—Ravinia.

Precinct 16—N. S. Railroad Station, Ravinia.

District 17—Braeside School, 2322 Pierce Rd., H. P.

Precinct 18—Woodridge N. S. Railroad Station, H. P.

Search Is Intensified For Missing Transport In North Atlantic

Search is still being carried on for survivors of the ill-fated transport plane, the huge C-124, which crashed on Friday of last week in the North Atlantic, one of whose passengers was Major Lawrence (Larry) Rafferty, son of Alex Rafferty, Sr., 11 S. Green Bay road. The plane is reported to have disappeared southwest of Ireland.

Major Rafferty, a veteran of World War II, and another Lake County man, Capt. R. K. Kampert, of Barrington, were recalled to active duty at O'Hare field, two weeks ago. Members of the 441st Troop Carrier Wing, Air Force reserve, it is thought that they were bound on a secret mission, and that Major Rafferty may have been co-pilot.

Since the end of World War II, Rafferty, 29, veteran of 50 missions in the European theater, had lived with his young family at Farnsworth, Great Lakes. His four children, Sandra, Ben, Stephen and Linda, are all under six years of age. Prior to World War II he lived in Highland Park, was a graduate of Immaculate Conception school and Highland Park High school, and had attended Northwestern university.

Although traces of the wreckage have been found, as yet, none of the survivors have been sighted although the plane is reported to have been one of the best equipped for emergencies, and search has been intensified. Friends of Larry and his family join in most earnest hopes for his survival.