

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

The Belated Shouting

While we agree in general with the unfavorable opinions expressed in many quarters on President Truman, and with the favorable opinions with regard to General MacArthur, we think that a great many people who are doing a lot of shouting are about two and one-half years late in expressing their opinion of President Truman.

Whether his dismissal of MacArthur was justified or unjustified, the fact remains that as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, he is invested with the specific power to do just exactly what he did. We think that anyone has the right to condemn his action as being unsound; we don't have much time for anyone who feels he had no right to do it.

If you think that right should be taken away from him, your most recent chance was at the polls in November, 1948—your next chance will be in November, 1952.

Personally, we think Truman weakened the American position by his action. It has been argued that MacArthur is a soldier, not a statesman. We had statesmen representing us at Yalta and Potsdam? If the boys who invited the Reds into China, told them, in effect, that we would not fight in Korea, and don't want to bomb Chinese bases because the Chinese, who are at war with us, might also get mad at us; if they are statesmen, is it statesmen we need?

Attention Citizens

About two and a half years ago, the Mayor and City Council appointed me Chairman of a Committee to re-organize the antiquated and confusing street numbering system used in "Our Home Town" for the last 30 years.

The Committee got into action immediately, first making a thorough study of the street numbering systems being used in cities as far north as including Milwaukee. Studies were also made in a number of suburbs adjacent to and away from Highland Park. After a complete analysis of all the systems investigated, the Committee recommended to the Mayor and Council that the gridiron system of numbering be adopted. Operating under this national system, all streets running north and south would begin with number one at County Line, and run in consecutive order to the north limits of the City. All streets running east and west will start with number one at the lake, and run in consecutive order to the west limits.

Careful consideration and study by the Council was given to these recommendations, who unanimously approved them as beneficial to all our citizens, as well as all delivery services, the Fire Department, Post Office, Hospital and Police. Ordinances were at once drawn up, and adopted by the Council.

The Committee was also asked to untangle the complicated duplication of street names. With the generous help of the citizens who live on the fifty-one streets on which names were changed, a situation has been straightened out that will benefit all of us.

New numbers are being issued daily, and I am sure you will be interested to know that out of a total of 4,500 new numbers to be issued, more than 3,500 have already been allocated.

The Telephone Company is issuing a new Highland Park phone directory in June. This means just one very important thing to those who have not applied for a new house number. Send in your application to the City Hall at once so that we will all be up to date by June. Have your name and new address in the phone book as well as in the hands of your friends and those who make deliveries and call at your home.

Naturally there will be some confusion for a short time. This same confusion was typical of the other cities investigated who had to sweat through a few months of adjustment, but in the finale, everybody was happy.

The success or failure of the new numbering plan depends entirely upon the cooperation now and in the future of all property holders.

Thank you again for your co-

To The Editor

The Highland Park Press
Highland Park, Ill.
Dear Sir:

It was a real pleasure and a liberal education to have participated, as a candidate, in our city election.

The consideration my name received at the polls, despite my short residence, should encourage every Highland Park resident to participate actively in city affairs. Our citizens are interested in the betterment of our city and are open-minded. They are exceptionally free of the factionalism with which so many cities are ridden.

The principle of "city manager type government" is enjoying unparalleled success throughout our nation. The fact that all of the candidates, for city office, expressed recognition of its possibilities, during the campaign, is a great step forward in presenting a unified determined effort to solve our city's problems.

The new commissioners, which we have elected, need every bit of help we can give them, they cannot do any better job for us than we will allow them to do. Let's put our full support behind their efforts and we can be sure we will all benefit.

Sincerely,
Keith W. Burge

City Council Discusses Street Numbering Plan; City Health Problem

At Monday evening's meeting of the City Council it was announced that, as of that time, 3,826 homes in Highland Park have accepted the regulations of the new house-numbering system, and only 647 have not indicated their acceptance of the plan. Cards have been sent out to the latter home-owners, in the hope that returns will all be in before the issuance of the new telephone directory, next July. A story by Robert F. Walker, elsewhere in this issue, explains the plan in detail.

A lengthy discussion was held on the feasibility of setting up a health inspection unit here, similar to the one in Winnetka. Since a rough estimate of the initial cost of establishing such a system here falls between 20 and 50 thousand dollars, it was decided to again suggest that Winnetka take over complete health inspection for Highland Park before discussing the matter further. The city already pays Winnetka \$210 per month for milk inspection.

operation in helping us solve two problems which have bothered all of us for years.

R. F. Walker
Chairman

Mayor Patton Reviews Past Four Years Of Administration

The past four years have been pleasant ones, and I hope constructive ones, for "Our Home Town". It is an honor to be Mayor, and I have appreciated the opportunity of heading our local government, which has made many new friends for me.

What this administration has accomplished has only been done through the loyal cooperation and unstinting work of those who have willingly served on committees or in individual capacities whenever asked. It has been my experience when appointments have come up to find our people willing and anxious to help out. This has made the Council's task much easier, because most people do not realize that it is not the administration alone that guides the affairs of our town, but rather some 55 volunteers with their specialized talents who study and work on the various types of problems constantly arising. The Council could not possibly have time to function were it not for these studies and recommendations.

In addition, there is the loyalty and intelligent effort of the City's full time staff in performing their regular duties, and always finding time for new projects which make Highland Park a better place to live.

We have tried to keep Highland Parkers fully informed of what goes on at the City Hall. Three times a year we have sent out a simple pamphlet with the water bills, discussing the problems that seemed most important such as financial, departmental operations, parking, garbage, etc. I do not want to take space here to cover the past four years' progress. Our last issue of "Our Home Town" will be a 20-page report in detail to the people of Highland Park to be mailed the latter part of this month.

However, there are a few problems I would like to mention. Everyone knows how inflation has hit the family budget. This is equally true with our City employees, and the only way any administration can improve and enlarge City services is by having more revenue available. Unfortunately any economy that might possibly be devised will no where near provide for what must be done.

Another problem is that of garbage disposal. The City has on hand the recently completed Griffenhagen engineering report which points out a remedy. The sewer situation is ever present, but the start of any solution lies with providing the North Shore Sanitary District with the means to build interceptor lines and disposal plants. At a cost of thousands of dollars to the Sanitary District a very thorough engineering report has just been completed that gives an answer.

Perhaps I should omit any reference to City Manager form of local government. However, I feel that this type is well adapted for a community like Highland Park. I also feel that little improvement would result unless all our people demand it, and then watch over it constantly in the years to come. There is nothing truer than the inscription carved in stone over

MacArthur's Visit Brief As Mayor Patton Heads Welcoming Group

Although Highland Park is ever hero-conscious, having been, at one time or another, the home of several noted generals, seldom is an opportunity presented to salute a national hero of the fame and popularity of General Douglas MacArthur. Therefore, barring an accident of nature, such as an earthquake or the like, it is certain that the city will turn out en masse to salute the General on his way through the city Friday.

The schedule of the General's itinerary is necessarily sketchy, but no doubt Sheridan road, along which he will travel, will be lined with cheering, flag-waving admirers.

Sometime between 8:20 and 8:40 a.m. the General's party is expected to pause for a couple of minutes at the City Hall where he will be greeted by Mayor Patton. The General's lady will receive a Tribute in the form of 14 roses, representing the number of years

DEDICATION PLANNED BY LEGION

National Commander To Dedicate Legion Memorial Bldg. May 6

Announcement has been made by Commander Bernard P. Sheehy that Erle Cocke, Jr., of Dawson Ga., National Commander of the American Legion will come to Highland Park, Sunday, May 6th to dedicate the new \$150,000 Legion Memorial Building, recently completed on the corner of Sheridan Road and Park ave. Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Senator Dirksen and Mrs. Ralph Church, Congresswoman, are among the many dignitaries who have been invited and are expected to attend and take part.

National Commander Cocke, world war hero and prominent figure in national affairs has just returned from a personal conference with General MacArthur, whose views he shares, with the result that his conference with the President was cancelled upon his return to this country. Interest in what is announced will be a most important and impressive ceremony has been heightened by the fact that it is expected Commander Cocke will make some mention in his dedication address of his conference with General MacArthur.

Commander Cocke is one of the youngest men ever to be National Commander of the Legion, being only 29 years old. He is a successful farmer, stock raiser, transportation executive and business man. His outstanding record in business and civic affairs recently led to his being termed the outstanding young man of the State of Georgia, by the Georgia Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he received his AB Degree with a major in history and law.

His war record is one of the most heroic and extraordinary recorded among the heroes of the last war. Perhaps the most spectacular incident was his execution by a Gestapo firing squad following his third capture, after previous escapes. He was mowed down along with the others and given the coup de grace by the officer in charge. He was found alive by peasants the following morning and nursed by them until allied troops reached the area, that night. His recovery followed a period of 14 months spent in 27 different hospitals. For his service and for extraordinary gallantry in action Commander Cocke received the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with Three Clusters, the Bronze Star with clusters, the French Croix-de-guerre, and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross on the field of battle. He returned from active military service with the rank of major.

the front door of the City Hall: "The salvation of the community is watchfulness of the citizen."

In closing, let me repeat that I have enjoyed being your Mayor the past four years. Further, I have the utmost confidence in the incoming administration. I am sure it will do a good job.

the MacArthurs have lived abroad. Included among the spectators will be delegations from the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, their auxiliaries, the D. A. R., city dignitaries, various civic organizations and the school children with their teachers, including boy and girl scouts in uniform.

Among notables who have made Highland Park their home at one time or another are the following: Gen. Jonathan Wainright, Gen. Mark W. Clark, Gen. Terry De La Mesa Allen (all of whom attended Elm Place Grammar school) the same three, in addition to Gen. Folléte Bradley attending Deerfield Shields High school. For many years Gen. Robert E. Wood was a prominent resident of our city.

There is no doubt that Highland Park will give the general as great an ovation as time permits.

Highland Park Hospital Invites The Public To Open House May 13th

Ravinia P. T. A. Voices Request For Safety Crossings

Whereas the Directors of the Parent-Teacher Association of Ravinia School are of the opinion that provision for the safety of our children on the streets of Highland Park is a municipal function, responsibility for which resides in the duly elected and-or appointed City officials, and

Whereas for some years this maintenance and protection has been neglected resulting in danger to life and limb and the safety of our children, and previous petitions to the Governing Bodies of the City of Highland Park have not resulted in constructive action, and the dangers continue to exist and even increase because of the growth of the city,

Therefore Be It Resolved By The Board Of The Ravinia Parent-Teacher Association that the Mayor and Council of the City of Highland Park be hereby requested to acknowledge and assume their responsibility, and are requested to furnish proper and adequate protection for its citizens, and particularly for its children, especially at railroad and street crossings during school hours.

Further Be It Resolved, that if funds are not now available for the accomplishment of these duties, it is requested that adequate means be found and instituted for this purpose.

Further, it shall be the purpose of the Ravinia P.T.A. to cooperate with the Governing Bodies in finding and assisting in a solution.

Christian Science Lecture In Deerfield, May 1

The spiritual basis of peace will be the topic of a public lecture next Tuesday Evening by Harry B. MacRae of Dallas, Texas, Christian Science lecturer.

Mr. MacRae will speak on invitation of First Church of Christ, Scientist of Highland Park in the Deerfield School Auditorium, Deerfield at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, May 1st. His topic will be "Christian Science, Bringer of Peace." The general public is invited to attend without charge.

Mr. MacRae became interested in Christian Science in 1913, while in his fourth year of a pre-medical course at the University of Cincinnati, through a healing of his father. He left a business career about 20 years ago to devote his full time to the practice of Christian Science healing. He has been a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship since 1947 and has travelled extensively in that capacity.

Highwood Sets Mayoral Election Date For June 26

June 26 is the date set for the Highwood voters to elect a mayor to take the place of Thomas Mussatto, who resigned on account of a disagreement over the Nudi case.

John Frantonus, acting mayor, who is serving the unexpired term of Mr. Mussatto, has stated that he will be a candidate for the post.

The date was set at last Friday night's meeting of the Highwood City Council.

Infant Welfare Groups Celebrate Baby Week

The Highland Park-Ravinia Junior Center of Infant Welfare celebrates National Baby Week, starting the 29th of April through May 5th. The Junior groups have displayed the baby garments made by the members of the four groups by decorating a few of the local store windows.

In 1950 the combined groups of the Highland Park Centers turned in 1204 baby garments.

The purpose of the Infant Welfare Society is to educate the public as to the health needs of little

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Board Reports Increase In Patients This Month

More patients were admitted to the Highland Park Hospital during the month of March than at any other time in its 32 year history. As a matter of fact, a number of records were broken during the past month, according to a report presented last week at the monthly meeting of the hospital's Board of Managers.

252 patients were admitted during March, comparing with a monthly average of 165 during 1950. The largest number of patients in the hospital at one time was 76 with an average daily census of over 62, comparing with a 1950 average of 42. More babies were delivered at the hospital during March than ever before—45 deliveries compared with an average of less than 30 during 1950.

"Since the enlargement of the Highland Park Hospital," states President Frank F. Selfridge, "there has been a highly gratifying increase in usage of all departments, indicating that there is real need for what our hospital offers to the North Shore community. The doctors on our staff are giving the best practical proof of the value of our new facilities, by bringing in more and more of the kind of cases that in the past had to be sent to Chicago hospitals.

"During March, 115 operations were performed at the Highland Park Hospital, the largest number in our history. The strengthening of our Anesthesia Staff by the addition of an M. D. Anesthetist makes possible the scheduling of two surgical procedures at one time—and this has happened often during the past month. Our laboratory a year ago was supplying 3 to 8 transfusions a month, whereas we now average 20 transfusions, using approximately 5 gallons of blood a month.

"Our new X-Ray Department with its equipment of the most advanced type has resulted in an increase of almost 50 per cent, during March, in radiology, fluoroscopy and therapy. Dr. James T. Case who is our Chief Radiologist and one of the country's leading authorities in the field, says that the Highland Park Hospital is now equipped for any type of X-Ray work that can be performed anywhere within the Chicago area, with the possible exception of the rare betatron procedures whose value has not yet been proved."

Plan Community Open House For May 13

To give all North Shore residents an opportunity to see their community hospital which is operated by a Board of Trustees elected from the community, Highland Park Hospital is planning an "Open House" for the afternoon of Sunday, May 13th. Refreshments will be served in the board room and visitors will be taken on a tour of all departments. They will also see the unfinished third floor of the new East Wing which will be completed when the hospital concludes its present \$350,000 campaign to pay off the mortgage and finish the job.

Marshall Becomes Head Of High School Board

In addition to changes made by the recent election of the Highland Park High school board, when Mrs. Elwood Hansmann became a member of that body, Samule R. Rosenthal, 444 Bronson, has been appointed to fill the place on the Board left vacant by the recent resignation of Reuben D. Kahn.

Mr. Kahn assumed his duties in this office in July, 1949, following the separation of the Lake Forest school from District 113.

In order to fill the post on the School Board, Mr. Rosenthal has resigned as a member of the Board of Trustees of Township 43, range 12. His place there will be filled by Robert I. Logan, 2404 N. Deere Park drive.

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