



# LET'S TAKE A LOOK

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## The MacArthurs Take Highland Park And Other Random Notes . . .

Although a tired General MacArthur, with his family, and his speeding motorcade, didn't spend more than 5 minutes in Highland Park, he did capture the complete attention of hundreds of local folks who were out to greet him last Friday. . . .

Thanks to retiring Mayor Patton, Police Chief Ed Patten, Fire Chief William J. Hennig, and Harry Aiston, this Press reporter was: 1. Twice close enough to touch the General. 2. Twice near enough to hear the pleasant voice of Mrs. MacArthur. 3. And once near enough to have 11 written questions to MacArthur's No. 1 aide, General Whitney. . . .

### Submits Questions . . .

Knowing how rushed and pressy the General is, I asked, in letter form, 11 questions I thought you Highland Parkers would like Gen. MacArthur to answer, and gave the questions to General Whitney who graciously received them, smiling and nodding his approval of this technique.

(Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press, taught me this trick of getting interviews with world leaders.)

Whether the General answers the questions remains to be seen. When and if he does answer them, they will be reported here exclusively in the Press. . . .

Mrs. MacArthur looked pretty and charming.

Arthur looked shy, but very much like his mother.

General MacArthur looked exhausted, but handsome, and almost surreal. Splendidly attired in a striking uniform made from the finest material, the General, unsmiling, deep in thought, frankly ethereal in appearance, looked straight ahead when his motorcade was brought to a sudden stop in Highland Park. . . .

When Mrs. MacArthur was asked 14 questions by the Press, she answered them in a matter-of-fact way. . . .

Although Chief Hennig, I was able to get up to two feet behind the motorcade and see and to observe the General. . . .

Never have I seen a man who looked more tired. . . .

I only hope he will relax as soon as he has been again informed the Congress will believe the war in Korea can be won quickly and decisively.

And now to wait for the an-

swers to the questions given to Gen. Whitney. . . .

### He Meets "Maggie" Higgins!

To the University Club to meet and interview America's No. 1 woman correspondent, "Maggie" Higgins, who calls the war in Korea a "yo-yo-like war"; and who reported that she backs Gen. MacArthur and believes he is far more human than often believed.

Calling the war in Korea, which she has brilliantly reported, "an international alarm clock" to awaken us to the Communist threat, she firmly backs Universal Military Training, calling former University of Chicago Chancellor Hutchins "all wet" in his thinking on preparedness.

The only woman correspondent ever to cover a war in the front line, stated she believed war would not come in Europe so long as we keep the Reds busy in Korea for, she said, "the Communies do not like to fight on two fronts."

Calling herself a "lay expert in retreat," she said American G.I.s must be taught how to handle fear, "because when they face danger and a few run, they are killed because of the weakness of the G.I."

We're Called "Paper Tigers" . . . The Chinese, Mrs. Higgins told me, call Americans "paper tigers" because we "talk tough and paper." "Paper tigers" means we need more tanks, more war material to hold back the enemy and less complaining on the home front about "taxes," the New York Herald Tribune's ace reporter said.

Although her audience did not completely agree with her in all points, they did back her on most, and they admired her courage and her beauty. . . .

"Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world," Bill & Howell's "Chuck" Percy told a group of us the other evening.

### Refresher Course For Nurse's Aides

Five hundred former Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides are being asked to return to service for assignments at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, and for the Chicago Chapter Red Cross defense blood program which will open soon. . . .

Two refresher training courses

### Ravinia Woman's Club Plans Annual Spring Luncheon May 9

The final meeting of the year for the members of the Ravinia Woman's club will be the annual spring luncheon on May 9 in the Ravinia-Village House at 12:45. Mrs. William Alderman, retiring president, will introduce the new president, Mrs. Gordon Parks, who will in turn introduce the new board members. Reports of the year's activities will be heard from members of the retiring board.

A talk by Celeste Carlyle, nationally known as a style and beauty consultant, as well as a lecturer and writer, will be the highlight of the afternoon when she will speak on "The Key to a Smart Appearance."

For the past seven years Miss Carlyle has devoted most of her time to private consultant work. Her career began after leaving art school with a job as sketched of imports for a fashionable woman's wear firm in Chicago. Following this, she went to Europe for research and study. She consulted designers and artists everywhere who could help her in furthering her conviction that the right clothing and proper bearing could make any woman beautiful. She supplemented her art training with study of beauty culture, chemistry, eurythmics and speech. After 12 years of this training she opened her first office in Chicago.

The luncheon will be served by members of the house committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. David Cox. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Clyde B. Van Hecke; HI 2-2447 through 12 o'clock noon of Monday, May 7.

### Annuals Of Many Sorts Available At Garden Sale

"The Highland Park area is suitable for the cultivation of a great variety of garden flowers," said Mrs. Dorothy Simpson, president of St. Matthew's Guild of Trinity Episcopal church, in speaking of the Guild's annual garden sale.

"Cool summers such as those along the North Shore are favorable for annual flowers of all types," Mrs. Simpson continued, and by planning ahead, gardeners can be assured throughout the season.

Low-growing dwarf plants, such as anemones, lily-of-the-valley, sweet alyssum, impatiens and bedding petunias can be used in front and for borders, with taller plants such as geraniums, large zinnias, large marigolds, dahlias and asters behind them.

St. Matthew's Guild will have plants of all the varieties mentioned at their sale, as well as other types for window boxes and a variety of plants, such as geraniums, ivy, fuchsias, begonias and plant petunias. . . .

The sale, which is to be held May 25 in downtown Highland Park, is an annual event sponsored by the Guild.

will be held at Red Cross headquarters, 229 S. Wabash ave., on May 15 and 18 for those returning to service. A daytime class will meet on those days from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and an evening class from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. After completing the course, all volunteers will go to the V. A. Hospital for on-the-job training in simple nursing skills.

### Parents See Youth At Work And Play At Elm Place Open House

The large turnout of parents and friends at the recent Open House at Elm Place School indicated a keen interest in the overall program of the school. This program included all activities which the school offers beyond the regular academic subjects.

The program started in the Jesse L. Smith Auditorium with musical numbers presented by the band and chorus. From here the program moved to the Art and Industrial Arts Departments where work of the children was on display. Parents had an opportunity to move about the halls and shops at their leisure to examine their children's projects.

Next stop was the Swanson gymnasium where demonstrations were presented by both boys and girls of types of activities carried on other than major sports.

Rope skipping for intermediate and upper grade boys was introduced this year and proved very interesting as many types of rope skipping activities can be mastered. The boys taking part in the program illustrated twenty such activities. Wrestling proved to be a very popular individual activity. Although included in past years as part of the regular program in boys' physical education, it reached its peak of popularity this year.

Fifty girls demonstrated marching formations, American square dancing, high jump, archery, bad minton and tumbling. These are just a few of the skills that are included in the physical education program for girls which is progressively planned and based upon the growth and developmental needs of the various age levels.

From the gymnasiums parents went on to the Intermediate Building to hear of the activities carried on by the Speech Correctionist and the Guidance Director. Materials used in their work were on display. The School Nurse was present to provide information on the school health program.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program and parents and teachers had an opportunity to visit and talk over common problems.

### Charisma Club Will Present Male Chorus

On Sunday evening, May 6 at 8:00 p.m. The Charisma Club of the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Laurel and McGovern sts., will present "The Great Male Chorus" of Chicago in a sacred concert.

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### Highland Park Woman's Club Elects New Officers

At the April 24th meeting of the Highland Park Woman's club, new officers were elected as follows for the coming year: President—Mrs. Clinton Fritsch; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Stanley D. Grace; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Fred C. Henning; Finance Secretary—Mrs. Julius C. Laegerler; Hospitality Chairman—Mrs. Carl S. Wolf; Fine Arts Chairman—Mrs. Lester Laubenstein; Press and Publicity Chairman—Mrs. Roland S. Brand.

The following committee appointments were approved by the Board of Managers: Program—Mrs. Marvin Wallach, chairman, with Mesdames Kenneth B. Lacy, Charles Bletsch and B. F. Reinking.

Budget—Mrs. Charles E. Close, chairman, with Mesdames Robert S. Black, John R. Dolan and Charles F. Grant.

Furnishings—Mrs. Paul Beahanna, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Lundstrom, co-chairman.

Finance—Mrs. Charles A. Simpler, chairman.

### Couples' Club At Presbyterian Church

The Couples Club of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church will hold a Card Party at its next scheduled meeting on May 11th at 8:00 p.m.

The program committee has planned an evening of bridge, canasta, rummy and other games. There will be games and fun for everyone.

The program committee for the card party are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kubalek, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Black and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson.

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