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New Laws May Aid Village Election, Is Clerk's Belief

Legislation Passed This Week May Help Locally, Says A. C. Burandt

If interpretations of news releases are correct, new election legislation signed by Acting Governor John Stelle at Springfield this week may prove to be a benefit in conducting the village election in April, Arthur C. Burandt, village clerk, stated Wednesday.

Mr. Burandt, however, is awaiting copies of the bills passed by the state legislature this week concerning elections under the permanent registration act before he comes to any definite conclusions.

On the basis of what has been reported, he said, it appears that those persons living on the Cook county side of the village who have previously voted in municipal elections and who are not registered under the permanent registration act, may be able to vote next April without making a trip to Chicago, provided their residence is substantiated by two witnesses. It is necessary that a voter in Cook county be on the village poll books in order to benefit by the new law, is Mr. Burandt's opinion.

The permanent registration act does not apply to persons residing in Lake county and as a consequence they will not be concerned with the regulations covering Cook county residents.

Registration may be made in Chicago at the county clerk's office from March 21 until shortly before the village election on April 18, is the latest available information emanating from that office.

Announce Dates for Filing Applications for Town Elections

Notices of filing dates for application for election to various offices in Cuba and Ela towns are published this week by Andrew F. Gross and August E. Froelich, clerks of the Cuba and Ela towns, respectively.

The first day for filing is February 3 and the last day for filing is February 13. Petitions of candidacy may be withdrawn until March 4.

In Cuba township there are two offices to be filled, those of highway commissioner for four years and constable to fill an unexpired term of two years. William Overman Sr., present commissioner, will seek re-election. He announced, and there is the possibility that he will have competition.

In Ela town there is only one office to be filled, that of highway commissioner. At present there are four petitions being filed by prospective candidates, according to Mr. Froelich. Jim Geary, present commissioner, is seeking re-election and A. O. Bade Sr., Lloyd Pepper and Richard Graebnas are the other candidates.

Building Activity Fails to Maintain Month's Early Pace

After starting off the beginning of the month with a total of $17,889, building activity in the village dropped off during the rest of January, according to the figures in the village clerk's office. However, despite the fact the early pace was not maintained during the entire month, the total exceeds that of any January for the last four years.

Woman's Club Stops Local Baby Clinic

The baby clinic conducted for local pre-school children by the Barrington Woman's club is being discontinued this month after having served the community about eight years.

A recent county requirement limits examinations to children under two years of age which would benefit only a small number here.

The clinic will continue, committee will continue its philanthropic work by cooperating with local physicians and the school nurse in promoting child welfare, it was reported.

Mrs. Elmer Kingery is chairman of the committee. They will be hostessed at a luncheon and card party at St. Anne's guild hall at 1:15 p. m. Friday, Feb. 10.

Near Capacity Crowd Hears Boake Carter

The second largest attendance at any of the Town Warning meetings was recorded when Boake Carter addressed 2700 persons here last Wednesday night. The overflow crowd was taken care of in the Methodist and Salem churches and school auditoriums. Shown above is part of the crowd that jammed the main auditorium to hear talk.

George Sokolsky Talks on "American Way of Life" Here

Cites National Advancement Compared to Foreign Countries

In discussing "The American Way of Life" at the Town Warning Wednesday evening, George E. Sokolsky, author, columnist, lecturer, and industrial relations consultant, declared, "There are people who say there is no such thing as the American Way of Life,' that we live as we do largely because of the advantages of our natural resources, machinery, external conditions, man power.

"Why didn't Russia out of its great natural resources develop a high standard of living—or China, Brazil and the Argentine, all areas of vast resources? What is there in our composition that has made our way of life different from the ways of others? It isn't in our possessions of coal and iron, of man power, or of machinery. It's in our freedom, our disposition to think, to read, to speak, to move about as we like. No one orders our lives. That freedom is the essential explanation of our characteristics.

"The freedom of man is a new conception that arises largely from the fundamental struggle here and in France for specific human rights as distinct from government rights. Through the ages, the struggle has been for man to free himself from the shackles of oppressive government.

"In our constitution, from beginning to end, are phrases and clauses which limit the power of government. The essence of freedom in economics is the right to use your money, you must be able to experiment, to do what you like. You can only create if you risk. You can only win if you have courage

"Russia followed ours in America. Things work that way here. We achieve because we're free.

"In Germany and Italy, the citizens gave up their rights for security, for guaranteed protection from the cradle to the grave. They wanted the government to insure them against life and the errors of nature, but for them there is no freedom. Private initiative, private enterprise are gone. Only a free system keeps man free.

"We have the exceptional right of freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, freedom to move from place to place, freedom of occupation.

The speaker then cited new immunities, new businesses, new jobs created during the depression and added "We're just beginning to see what we can do with our lives, because we have the right to think and to make our own mistakes.

"I'm a propagandist for capitalism. What about you? How much of your life are you willing to sacrifice so that, at sixty, you'll have $10 every Thursday?

"Do you catch the economic and political systems. How much of life are you willing to give up for being guaranteed against failure?"

As yardsticks to measure standards of living in different countries, Mr. Sokolsky suggested using the average hourly rate of wages in various countries, divided into the cost of 200 commodities, thus indicating what each man gets for an hour's work in terms of food, housing, clothing and luxuries. The advantages of the American way of life in terms of comforts, conveniences and leisure were revealed in statistics which he quoted.

In conclusion, he asked, "What sacrifices must be made to governments to have our standard of living? Business mistakes become a matter of national pulpit in countries with government controlled industries.

"If we go to war, if we are not vigilant, we'll go the way of Europe. Every man of whatever race or creed came here for freedom and liberty—the right to work and to build. Is it possible after only 150 years we're going back into slavery to government?"

A group of songs by Mrs. H. P. von Steenderen of Cuba township, accompanied at the piano by D. W. Tillotson, preceded his address. Rev. M. J. A. Dalrymple of Crystal Lake, gave the invocation and Hugh Calkins, chairman of the finance committee, presented a report of his committee and then introduced the speaker.

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Channing Pollock

"We were a pretty happy people up to the World war," genial, vivacious Channing Pollock, playwright, newspaper man and lecturer, told an audience which packed the school auditorium Tuesday evening. "But who's happy NOW?"

"You can't read a newspaper without getting a headache. As I stand here tonight there are millions throughout the world who are suffering, who are tortured. Think of the whole world and the mess we've made and ask me if we can be proud of it."

He then went on to picture the Spanish, Chinese, Jews, Ethiopians, Australians—their liberties taken from them by force and finally the Czecho-Slovakians, "whose lands were taken away through the most immoral, stupid, blundering and cowardly bargain in the world," and added "It's a hazardous, bankrupt world approaching inevitable war."

The speaker cited his reasons for being a "reactionary—one who wants to return to any previous state or condition" and suggested "let's see what reactionaries are really going back as far as our progressives go.

"Prior to 1914, we had financial depressions but we got out of them rather promptly. We didn't hear much of 'security' but our lives, liberty and property were more secure than ever before or since.

"Between 1850 and 1890, average wages increased 500 per cent. In 1890, the average work-week was 60 hours; in 1910, it was 48—little enough for any honest man. In 1914, people liked to work. They hadn't thought of the 30-hour week and 15-hour week-end. There was a certain amount of chaos in business in the states.

"The only true democratic ideal is that of equal opportunity, to climb, not to go up on the escalator. In order to get money to feed idle men, the government now creates more idle men. Is that cockeyed or am I?"

After citing plants where present-day taxes exceeded the income, causing them to shut down, the speaker declared "Complete government control has become the world's major danger."

"It results in individual deterioration. We see a collapse of ethical conscience. We no longer experience any reaction to injustice—our emotions are just a flash in the pan. Usefulness, boredom, neuroses are the results of degeneration, self-indulgence, self-pre-occupation.

"There's a tendency to make everything easy and pleasant." he concluded, then asked "What is the opportunity of a world ruled by dictators or by mobs? In 50 years, we've had seven dictators, not a modern improvement. We're not making history, only reverting to the same mistakes of old.

"Was it the old order or the new that reintroduced violation of treaties, confiscation of property, depreciation of currency, repudiation of a government's covenants with its own citizens, bribery and intimidation of voters and legislators, racial and religious persecution, and the military destruction of civilian populations?

He then cited the downfall of the Roman Empire and other historical examples of the effects of discrimination of individual liberties.

"We've had enough forward—marching into the blackest pages of history. I am a reactionary crying, 'Let's go back to the path that leads ahead!'"

Songs by Willard Gieske of Winnebago, group singing and an invocation by Rev. A. K. Taylor of London preceded the address. Mrs. Lester Higgins introduced the speaker.

Mark Sullivan

The man who is called a conservative or a reactionary today is really the true liberal. The man who is called a liberal is for the people and less government regulation must be accorded the title of "liberal," Mark Sullivan told his audience at the Town Warning meeting Monday night. He added that our self termed liberals who want more and more government regulation were actually conservatives at heart.

Introduced by Robert Hilliard, vice president of Jewel Tea Co.,

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S.S.A. Manager Coming

Albert B. Lewis, manager of the social security board field office, 4-5 New Post office building, Waukegan, will be in Barrington Thursday, Feb. 9, with headquarters at the village hall, between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Persons in the community desiring information regarding the social security act is requested to get in touch with Mr. Lewis at that time.

Legion Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the American Legion has been postponed to Thursday, Feb. 16, at 8 p. m.

Traffic Is Tied Up Monday by 12-Inch Snowfall and Wind

Village Escapes Full Brunt of Blizzard; Streets Soon Made Passable

Local traffic conditions were greatly hampered by a snowfall of 12 inches that was blown in large drifts across Barrington streets and country roads Monday morning but by evening snowplows had managed to clear most of the village streets. Barrington did not suffer as heavily as did communities east and southeast of here, which were directly in the path of the blizzard. To the northwest, at Woodstock, there was little snow or wind and in the Fox Lake region there was none.

During January there was 1.46 inches of precipitation and on Wednesday, Feb. 1, there was .07 inches of rain, according to records at the village treatment plant where the rain guage is located.

Village crews under the direction of Superintendent of Streets Paul Purcell worked late Monday night removing the piled up snow drifts from the business district. In the rural regions the roads were soon made passable with the exception of some east and west roads to the east of here. The Cook County snow line road was blocked with large drifts for two days.

The warm rain Wednesday added in removing the snow from the streets and roads but the following freeze early the morning, Thursday, made driving and walking hazardous.

Rural schools were not in session Monday but resumed classes Tuesday. In Barrington the public school held classes Monday but cancelled classes in the afternoon. St. Anne parochial school dismissed classes Monday due to the fact that many of the usual pupils were unable to reach the village.

Funeral Services for Frank Farwell Held Wednesday

Is Stricken By Heart Attack Shortly Before Machine Hits House

Funeral services for Frank M. Farwell, 81 years old, who was fatally stricken by a heart attack while driving his automobile on Harris avenue early Monday morning, were held at the funeral chapel, 149 W. Main street, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. C. R. Dorset officiated and burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

A coroner's jury impaneled by Lake County Coroner Dr. John H. Taylor Monday afternoon returned a verdict of death due to organic heart disease.

Mr. Farwell had left his residence at 215 Grove avenue shortly before early morning Monday morning to drive to work at Jewel Tea Co., where he was in charge of production and supervised all machinery on the second, third and fourth floors of the plant. He left earlier than usual in order to be certain of at the inquest, in order to arrive at his place of work. The things were in proper condition in view of the fact that a blizzard was blowing.

It is believed he was seized with the heart attack shortly before he ran off the west side of the street, went through a three foot

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Enter Cary Tavern; Take $80 in Cash

The Tom Ventrie tavern at Cary was entered early Monday morning by prowlers who took 12 quarts of whiskey and $80 in cash, according to a report made to the Mc-Henry county sheriff's office by the owner, Joe Ventrie.

Entrances was gained by breaking open a window. Al Nissen, employee in the tavern, closed the place up after midnight. It was between then and morning that the burglary took place.

Adult History Class Meeting

The adult history class will resume its sessions again Monday night, Feb. 6, at 7:30 in room 107 of the public school building. The subject of the lecture for Monday is "The Rise of Nationalism."

Dr. Compton, Helm and Allen, Final Speakers

Noted Physicist Will Speak Friday Night

"Truth Makes Us Free" is the subject of the lecture to be given by Dr. Arthur H. Compton, noted physicist and Nobel prize winner, when he appears on the Town Warning program Friday night.

Sidelights of the Meetings

A syndicated news story occupying ten column inches of space under a two column wide heading appeared in the Pasadena Star News January 28. The heading was "Whole Suburb Attends Old-Time Town Meeting." The subject was the Barrington Town Warning. Which proves this affair has given the community wide advertising.

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Through Wednesday night, visitors from 14 states and the district of Columbia were among the audiences. The states represented were Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas, Missouri, South Dakota, West Virginia, Washington, Michigan, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York and California.

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Oddly enough the Chicago daily newspapers have not given much publicity to the town warning. Possibly they suspected some hidden advertising to come to light. Had their reporters attended the meetings they would have learned differently.

On Monday evening all dimes in the collection box were donated to the national foundation for prevention of infantile paralysis. There were 341 dimes for the fund.

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Referring to Barrington's Town Warning meetings as "Barnum and Barrington's three-ring circus" H. V. Kaltenborn commented: "I really think you are starting something here that many another community will try to emulate. You people are getting together to hear something about American issues at a time when you ought to be thinking about it."

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"Mussolini at least has a human personality." Mr. Kaltenborn said. "But Hitler does not smile. He does not drink, he does not eat meat and he does not love a woman. What manner of man is he?"

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Speaker George Sokolsky, J. M. Friedlander and M. H. Karker coming to Chicago via train Tuesday met each other at lunch with Ex-President Herbert Hoover.

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H. V. Kaltenborn, in commenting on the 14-day lecture program, commended the audiences on its acoustical endurance.

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Coincidentally, two speakers in their introductions declared they felt as though they were speaking to typical America in Barrington.

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Mark Sullivan told the cow ownership story which graphically describes the difference between the capitalistic system and others, but diplomatically omitted a concluding illustration. He said in Russia if a farmer has two cows, the government says "Give them to the state." In Italy the government would say "Give one of them to the state." In Germany, the government would say "Give us enough to keep both the cows and milk them, but give the milk to the state." The part of the story omitted was that the New Deal would say, "Kill one of the cows and plough it under. Milk the other and throw the milk away."

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Mark Sullivan in the question box answered, "The states produce leading candidates for president in 1940.

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Total Attendance Thru Wednesday Figured at 13,475

Largest Attendance of 3000 at Kaltenborn Lecture Friday

Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, one of the only three American physicists to have been awarded the Nobel prize, will speak on the subject "Truth Shall Make Us Free" at the Town Warning meeting Friday evening. Dr. Compton is a foremost experimentalist in the field of the cosmos. He is a professor of the University of Chicago faculty.

Until early this week only 13 speakers had been engaged. Several well known men were available for Friday night, and it was a question of selecting the most outstanding. The crowd will not hear a dry-as-dust lecture on a scientific investigation—rather an interesting lecture on human relations.

On Thursday night William Allen, author and educator, will speak on "The America I Want to Know." The series will close Saturday night with a lecture on "Ages European 'Isms' Taking Root in Western Democracies."

The total attendance, including that of Wednesday evening, has been estimated at 13,475—not only highly gratifying to the committee in charge, but really an amazing attendance at a series of lectures in a village of about 3500 population. The collection through Wednesday totalled $1140.

The nightly attendances were estimated as follows: Sunday, Jan. 22, 850; Monday 1050, Tuesday 1125, Wednesday 2700, Thursday 850, Friday 3000, Saturday 800, Sunday 850, Monday 750, Tuesday 900, Wednesday 700.

About half the cost of the series will be born by Jewel Tea Co. and a great deal of the work of promoting the series has been done by officials and employes of Jewel. Other persons also worked conscientiously on the committee. The town warming has been a magnificent gift to the community.

Local Gas Price "War" Is Underway

Operators of local gasoline stations held a meeting last Wednesday to discuss whether or not to lower the price of gasoline one and two-tenths cents to meet competition or to maintain the old price level.

For years the wholesale price to local service stations has been higher than the price to stations in Chicago and all suburban communities southeast of here.

The operators decided to lower the price from 17.4 cents to 17.4 cents for the regular gasoline and reduce other prices accordingly and try to convince buyers from the wholesalers. None of them have been successful with the result that the operator's gross profit margin of profit too narrow to continue operating for any great period of time.

Three or four years ago several local dealers attempted to in an unsuccessful effort to break up the discrimination against Barrington.

Hold Services for F. Sandman Sunday

Funeral services for Fred J. Sandman, 216 N. Ela street, were held Sunday afternoon at the funeral home, 123 N. Ela street, and at St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church. Rev. E. Bierbrake officiated and burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Sandman, who had been in ill health for a long time, died at his residence Friday morning.

He was born in Ela township on March 25, 1855, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Sandman. After farming in this vicinity for many years, Mr. Sandman retired 35 years ago and moved to Barrington.

He is survived by his widow, the former Bertha Perep; a brother, Louis of Barrington; a sister, Bertha Sandman of Barrington; Cpl. H.; and a grandson, Dwight Sandman. Two sons preceded him in death.