McCullom Lake On Parade

(By Yardstick)

Greetings folks:

About 250 McCullom Lake property owners attended a special meeting sponsored by the Property Owner's association at our beach park to voice their objections to the application of the Howard Foundries of Chicago for rezoning certain agricultural land adjoining McCullom Lake Estates subdivision for industrial purposes.

The meeting was opened by president Wm. Creutz, who introduced A. P. Freund, Mr. Freund explained to the property owners that the Howard interests planned to erect a building to house the Northern Illinois Die Casting Co. of McHenry whose present facilities are inadequate for expansion of their business. Mr. Freund then introduced Mr. Brunnell and Mr. Campbell, heads of the die casting firm, who gave an informative talk on their aims and purposes for the future of McCullom Lake. The large crowd listened very attentively and after a few minutes deliberation unanimously voted against any change in zoning of any lands in the vicinity of our community to be used for industrial purposes.

A petition was drawn up to this effect by the Property Owners association, which was readily signed by all those present. Plans were also made, after contributions began pouring in to employ legal counsel to represent the property owners at a hearing which will be held before the McHenry county zoning board in the county court house in Woodstock at 3 p. m. tomorrow, Friday, July 2.

The Property Owner's association strongly urge all property owners who find it convenient to appear at this hearing to voice their opinions in this important matter before the board.

It is our observation that never before have the people at McCullom Lake been so completely in accord on any issue concerning the welfare of their community.

Sunday was a big day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ettinger, who have recently established permanent residence in their new home on Lake Shore Drive (The former Diana residence.)

The occasion was the third birthday anniversary of their granddaughter, Judith Ann.

Uncle Herbert Dubnow toured all the way from New Mexico to join grandpa and grandma Harry Dubnow, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fontane, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dubnow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dubnow, their daughters, Rochelle and Merle, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rooth and daughter, Gail, Miss Irene Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simon and the proud Pa and Ma A. B. Ettinger, all of Chicago, in the festivities.

After enjoying a delicious dinner as only Grandma Ettinger knows how to prepare, the guests spent the rest of the day helping Judith Ann unwrap the many gifts showered on her on this, her big day. Our belated congratulations to Judith Ann and a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ettinger.

While we're on the subject we also wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Frank Surz as permanent residents to our community. These two nice people have enjoyed many summer vacations at their cottage here and like many others before them, fell victims to the spell of the natural beauty that is McCullom Lake.

Let us assure you Mr. and Mrs. Surz (and we speak from experience) that your pleasant malady, will be permanent.

M. S. 1/c Willard Kiddelsen returned to the naval air base at Glenview after enjoying a two week's vacation at Van Nuys, Calif. After four years of service with the navy durng the last war, Willard like so many other vets, re-enlisted for another hitch.

Len Jensen, Jr., was pinch hitting for your Plaindealer salesman, "Chickie" Sales, last Thursday as that little man was recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident on 120 just east of McHenry while returning from the McCullom Lake Shamrocks game in Chicago.

We are happy to report that his recovery is a rapid one.

The railroad crossing at the entrance to the Lakewood subdivision was the scene of an accident last Friday afternoon that resulted in the death of Richard "Dick" Williams, commander of the McHenry Post of the American Legion and an active figure in all affairs of his home town, McHenry.

Dick Williams had many friends and through his ingratiating smile and sincere manner he indeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. His early passing was a tremendous blow to his parents and his recent bride, as well as those who knew him.

How many more such useful lives will be sacrificed before the railroad moguls see fit to equip these dangerous crossings with signals to warn the drivers of approaching trains we can't guess. We will remember the untiring efforts of the late Jerry Cermak, who waged a oneman campaign to make these crossings safe, which only resulted in a promise from the powers that the crossing signs would receive a coat of fresh paint every sixty days to make them legible.

The vacancy on the board of directors of the Property Owners association created by the resignation of Lee Sawdo was filled at last Sunday's meeting by the appointment of Floyd Lewis to that important post.

No scores, at the deadline from Ken Ingersol on Sunday's game between the Shamrocks and the boys from the school for the deaf at Jacksonville. It will be stale but nevertheless interesting copy next week.

Bob and Gert Siegler had as guests last Sunday Mrs. Elmer Schmidt of Harvard and Mrs. Ruben Kolls and sons, Robert, Ronald and Kenneth, of Alden.

Chris D'Vore in charge of construction on the First Aid station at the beach park is again putting in a call for those eager beavers whose efforts brought this project to near completion, namely Ed Hammerstein, Sr., and Jr., those two Tarzans, Bill and Wilbur Hecht, the Brautigam brothers, George Harker, Fred Edmonds, Lee Sawdo, George Gorenson, Jr., George Baumbeck, Ray Osterby, Fred Thomsen, Lee Larson, Eng. Bill Rochelle and the many others whose names escape our memory at this time. According to Chris, a two-hour hitch next Sunday by this able crew should put the finishing touches to this job. Be there early, boys, and be among the first to cast their foot in the specially designed fresh concrete slap at the entrance. Who knows, maybe some day in the distant future your grandchild will tarry at this monument to your memory and say "What big feet my grandpa had."

Nuts and Bolts

One way to make a good impression on others is to seat them in cane bottomed chairs. ADIOS.

Rain Makers Show Promise But Have Long Way to Go

New methods of causing rain by use of dry ice and other chemicals show much promise but still have serious limitations. The science of rain-making has a long way to go before it can promise any certain benefits to farmers or to any section of the country that may need more rain or less rain, in the opinion of the U. S. weather bureau.

Causing rain by artificial means is a notable enough scientific achievement. But it is not enough merely to cause moisture to fall from clouds already in the sky. In the first place, since rain-making has taken place under conditions favorable for rain, it sometimes is hard to tell whether the rain fell naturally or was caused to fall by the rain-makers.

In the second place, the moisture in the clouds directly above any given point at any given time seldom is more than enough to sprinkle the sidewalks. On the ground, it would look as much like a heavy dew as rain. Before any considerable amoun of rain can fall there must be a continuous flow of vast amounts of moisture-laden air.

Science has yet to find any way of causing such a flow of moisture-laden air or of causing a steady fall of rain. That is, when the sprinkling of dry ice or other chemicals is stopped artificial rainfall can be expected to stop also.

Blueberries Grow Best In Drained Swamplands

Within the past 25 years blueberries have become big business in the areas where they grow best. The major growers may own a hundred or more acres and employ up to 200 pickers during the harvest.

Scattered across the country, however, are smaller plantations ranging from an acre or two down to a couple of bushes by the garden fence to supply fruit for blueberry pie. The bushes usually produce for 40 years.

There are three types of blueberries; high bush, low bush and rabbiteye. All are native American plants; all grow both wild and cultivated. The rabbiteye blueberry is a tall plant grown commercially in Florida and nearby states. The low bush grows in the higher elevations and farther to the north. It yields fewer berries than the high bush.

A drain swamp is usually the best place for a blueberry field. The best land has a layer of peat three to five inches thick over a layer of sand, preferably coarse, below the sand should be a layer of impervious clay or other matter to keep the water table within 20 or 30 inches of the surface of the soil.

Gold in Spanish Moss

Picking money out of the air is big business for many north Florida natives, because Spanish moss, commonly called "gray-gold," is an all-year crop. It requires no planting, fertilizer or attention, and it never fails. The crop runs into millions of dollars yearly, and has scores of commercial uses. Those who travel south for the first time usually are impressed by giant oaks bearded with whisker-like streamers of long, gray knotted moss. Pioneers used the moss to stuff horse collars, saddle blankets and mattresses. Indians wrapped meats and fish in it to preserve them. Explorers packed it around booty and spoils for shipment to Spain. Now it goes into insulation, mattresses, upholstery, pillows and a long list of commercial items. Carloads frequently are shipped to Hollywood for motion picture scenic effects of the deep south.

Fewer Women Single

Only 17 out of 100 women in the West are single, the census bureau reports. In contrast, 25 out of 100 are single in the Northeast. Other findings of a bureau report: Married men in general have a "highed educational and economic level" than other men, but single women had the "highest level of educational attainment for their sex in 1947." The proportion of single and divorced women at work or looking for jobs was higher than that of married women and widows in 1947. Nevertheless, 20 out of 100 married women living with their husbands worked or were looking for jobs last April, compared with 15 out of 100 in that month of 1940. There is one widower to each three widows in the United States.

Crops Without Soil

In a recent article discussing the growing of plants without soil, Dr. Neil W. Stuart of the U. S. department of agriculture says: "In experienced hands water culture is capable of producing crops on a par with similar crops grown by conventional soil methods. Superior production by this method is scarcely to be expected, and unless all precautions are observed, crop yields may be much below soil yields."

Cost of Hurricane

Although the Texas City, Tex., explosions produced the greatest single loss of the year, 50 million dollars, the terrific hurricane that swept Florida and the Gulf states last September threw the greatest strain on the fire insurance companies adjusting facilities. This hurricane resulted in more than 70,000 claims, and an insurance loss estimated at approximately 20 million dollars.

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YEAR REQUIRED FOR DIVIDEND PAYMENTS ON VETS' POLICIES

Dividend payments to holders of GI insurance policies are not likely for at least a full year, Homer G. Bradney, administrator of the Illinois Veterans Commission has announced. It is estimated by government officials, Bradney pointed out, that the one year delay is necessary to prepare for the paper work involved in paying dividends to millions of policyholders.

Dividends will be paid on all, except a very few contracts, whether lapsed or still in effect. The amount of each dividend will be determined by the amount of insurance carried, the period it was in force and the age of the insured.

Payments will be made on both term and converted insurance regardless of whether the insurance has been surrendered for cash value or loans. Beneficiaries will also receive dividends based on the amount of premiums paid by the insured prior to his or her death.

Bradney urged veterans not to write to federal officials for information because such inquiries will only further delay the administrative duties of the personnel. Instead, he said, veterans who seek information about insurance dividends should contact the nearest office of the Illinois Veterans Commission.

In McHenry county the Commission office is located at 100½ N. Benton street in Woodstock.

Evils of Drinking

In the 17th century in England, drunkards were sentenced to a year's diet of sour milk.

Biggest Rail Year

Railroads in 1920 transported 1,269,913,000 passengers, the greatest number carried in any year on record. Although railroads transported 354 million fewer passengers than in 1920, but carried those who did travel a greater distance, passenger traffic, from the standpoint of passenger-miles, was the greatest on record in 1944, amounting to 95½ billion passenger-miles, compared with 47.4 billion in 1920.

Traveling by Balloon

The anchor rope on a cross-country balloon was used by the passengers to tell the direction in which the balloon was moving. Because of the rotary motion of the balloon about a vertical axis, the passengers were turning around constantly and had difficulty determining where they were going. By looking down the anchor rope, they could trace the balloon's passage over the country below.

Retreat House For Laymen Is Opening At Barrington

A new retreat house for laymen will be opened by the Jesuit order on Friday, July 2. It is Bellarmine Hall, on county line road, at Barrington, amid thirty acres of wooded land and meadows. The new retreat house will be open to all men who desire to devote time to spiritual exercises.

The chapel has individual chairs instead of pews. There are thirty-two private sleeping rooms, a large reading room and an air conditioned dining hall. Retreats will begin Friday evening and close the following Sunday.

Arab League States

The seven leading Arab states which in 1945 formed the common front of the Arab league cover a vast region extending north, south and east of Palestine. They are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. These Arab nations spread a shifting yet remarkably uniform panorama of life in an area nearly 150 times the size of Palestine. Everywhere are signs of the modern innovations that have resulted from the gradual penetration of western ways.

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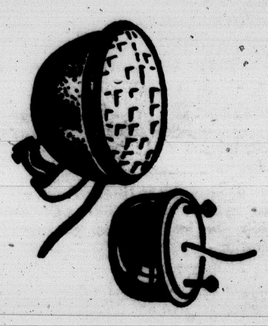

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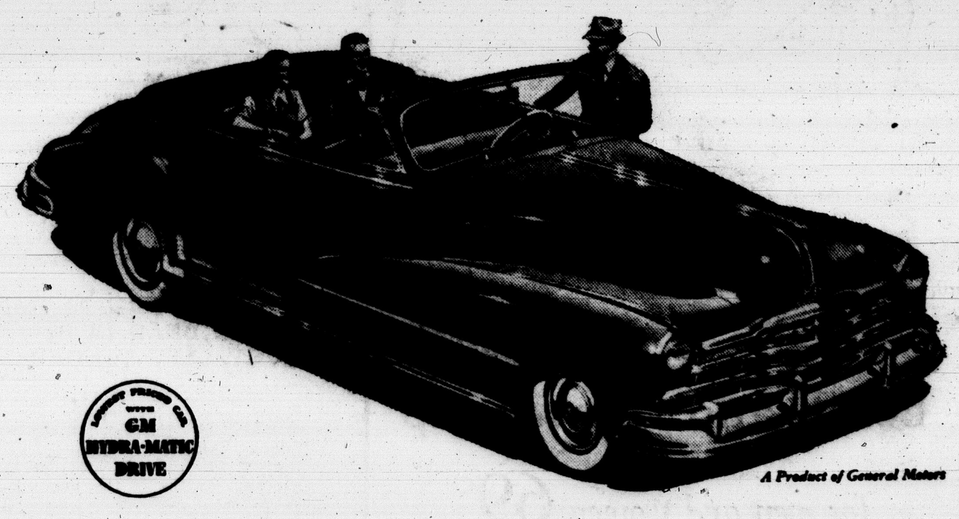

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