

# NEWS OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING FIELDS

## OPENING DRAWS VAST THROGS

Church Street Building Inspected by Visitors

An estimated 1,500 guests visited the Church Street building at the formal opening last Saturday afternoon and evening, according to Quinlan & Tyson, agents of the building. The various stores in the building had special displays and souvenirs for the visitors, and the offices were open for inspection.

Guides stationed at the lobby at the Church street entrance, conducted the visitors through the building. The merchants who occupy the locations on the first floor had special window displays and attractions which brought a large number of visitors to their stores. Most of the firms occupying quarters in the Church Street building have moved there from other locations, several of them coming from Davis street after many years there.

The Church Street building is one of the latest and most important steps in making Church street a main business thoroughfare in Evanston. The building of two large hotels—the Orrington and the Library Plaza—at the Church and Orrington corner constituted one of the first moves in that direction. Several Evanston firms have since moved to new homes on Church street, and the Church Street building has brought several more, as well as a number of professional men whose offices are on the second floor of the building. The widening of Church street is another important factor in the development of the district.

The section opened Saturday constitutes but the first unit of the Church Street building. It is planned to make the structure six stories when it is completed and it is planned as one of the most pretentious office and store buildings on the North Shore.

## BUILDING IN U. S. IS ON DECREASE

But Investigators Find Big City Work Active

Building activities throughout the United States are slowing up perceptibly in the vast majority of cities and towns but continuing steadily in many large cities, according to the national monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co. made public this week.

In more than 330 cities and towns covered by the survey, May building permits and plans were 8 per cent ahead of May 1923. Outside New York City the volume of permits issued was substantially the same last month as in May 1923, the gains acquired in Chicago, Detroit, Washington, Seattle, Cincinnati, Dallas, St. Paul, Baltimore, Hartford and Newark and a number of other cities being balanced with the losses in the great mass of cities and towns.

**Coast Shows Decrease**  
The Pacific Coast group of states showed losses of 25 per cent. The Middle West and South just about broke even, while the Eastern group gained 30 per cent.

Building activities in New York continued to be an outstanding feature of interest. The five boroughs reported gains in May of \$25,000,000. Building plans filed in the nation's metropolis for the half year period are now sure to pass the half-billion dollar mark, and some observers declare that 1924 will be a billion dollar building year in New York. These calculations are based on the report of \$492,000,000 for five months, a gain of 33 per cent over the same period in 1923 and 72 per cent over 1922.

The twenty-five leading building cities reported gains of \$29,000,000 or 16 per cent over May 1923 and \$44,000,000 or 26 per cent over May 1922, thus showing that the building operations in the larger cities of the country are still greatly in excess of any previous period.

**Material Costs Lower**  
Further softening in the price of lumber and structural steel materials manifested itself during the month. In certain markets, notably New York and Boston, sand and gravel receded from the prices established during the previous month, but in Chicago, there was an upward turn. Prices continued firm in other materials. Variations in starting material prices were relatively small, while the recessions in lumber and structural steel were more marked.

**JOINS BROKERS' STAFF**  
Hugh Littell of Kenilworth has joined the real estate branch office of Quinlan & Tyson.

## REALTORS PLAN GOLF MATCHES

Evanstonians to Challenge Neighboring Teams

The golf team of the Evanston Real Estate board, chosen recently in qualifying play at the Wilmette Golf club, plans a series of matches with other neighboring real estate board teams during the summer, according to H. T. Jenkins, of John F. Hahn & Co., chairman of the golf committee. A team to represent the Evanston board has already been chosen, but must fight to retain its laurels according to a ruling of the golf committee which gives any member the right to challenge any team member to play for his place on the team.

Those who qualified at the opening round, were:

J. J. Rink, captain, of Heinsen & Clark.

C. D. Mitchell, of Turnock & Palmer.

Harvey C. Clover, of B. B. Clover & Co.

Clyde D. Foster, of Quinlan & Tyson.

Alternates: Ralph McKinnie, of McKinnie & Co. and E. C. Brownlee, of Smart & Golee.

Some interesting matches are expected as the season gets under way between the team members and those who were unable to place in the opening round.

Real estate boards which have golf teams and with whom it is expected matches will be arranged during the summer are the Waukegan, North Shore and Oak Park boards.

## CLUB ERECTS COURSE, HOME

Crystal Lake Club Holds Opening, July 4

Crystal Lake Country club at Crystal Lake, Illinois, will have its formal opening on or about July 4. The directorate of this club includes H. H. Kuhl, of Wilmette, and Edward Kirchberg, of Crystal Lake, formerly of Wilmette. Louis B. Springer, of Wilmette, is vice president of the club; Claude A. Edmonds, of Kenilworth, is treasurer, and Elmer D. Becker, of Wilmette, is secretary.

The country club house is being constructed on the former estate of C. S. Dole. Two eighteen hole courses are being laid out, one of which will be ready for play on July 4. In addition the club improvement plans call for tennis courts, a bathing beach, two bath houses and other advantages of a country club to be open all year.

The new building will be used in addition to the present quarters to house the club activities and facilities. North shore residents are invited to visit the club.

**FRATERNITY CONVENES**  
The Delta Zeta fraternity opened its tenth biennial national convention Monday, June 23, at Hotel Orrington, Evanston. The convention will continue till June 28. More than 200 delegates attended the opening.

## SPEED SPEEDS WORK ON CLUB

Northwestern Clubhouse to Be Ready This Summer

Construction work on the clubhouse of the Northwestern public golf links is progressing rapidly on the forest preserve tract west of Harms road and south of Harrison street near the course.

Drain tile has been laid by owners of the golf course over the entire 500 acres of forest preserve land leased from the board for the use of the golfers.

Numbers one and eighteen green have been moved from the east side of Harms road to the west, but play has not started on the new greens.

The clubhouse is being erected at the eighteenth green. The wings which will house the showers and lockers are being built first, with walls of re-enforced concrete.

The main lobby will be 48 by 48, two stories high, with a screened dining hall occupying the second floor, and a roof garden on top of each wing which will be 24 by 48 feet.

The club room will be ready for occupancy late in the summer, according to Charles F. Speed, manager of the course.

### JAEGER JOINS REALTY FIRM

Ralph M. Jaeger, 517 Hawthorn lane, has joined the north shore real estate concern of Frederick B. Thomas and company. Mr. Jaeger, who is well acquainted with the real estate business through previous experience, has been a resident of Winnetka for some time.

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## Student Plods Hard to Win Degree at N. U.

Working his way through school as life-guard, waiter on table, salesman, freshman football coach, and many other avocations to which he turned his hand and brain, Glenn D. Magnuson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Magnuson, of La Porte, Indiana, has just been graduated from Northwestern university with the degree of bachelor of science in commerce. It was an uphill task for Magnuson from the start, but he persisted and won his degree. Besides making good as a student Magnuson won three letters in football, two in track and one in basketball. He participated in eighteen big football games during his Northwestern career and when last fall, in the final clash with the University of Iowa, he was disabled but refused to leave the line-up until Coach Thistlewaite peremptorily demanded he do so, thousands of Purple students rose in their seats and gave "Ole," as he has been affectionately known on the campus, the most stirring "three rahs," heard on Northwestern field in many years.

Two years ago Magnuson while playing with the Purple against Chicago on

Stagg field suffered a serious accident. He was carried from the field wholly incapacitated and the X-ray showed a badly dislocated knee. He was in the hospital for many weeks and on crutches for seven months. He was so badly hurt that he had to give up a year as a student. But still he persisted and came back in remarkable style as a football player in the fall of 1923.

Mr. Magnuson is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, of Delta Sigma Pi, Scabbard and Blade (military) and of Deru, honorary senior society at Northwestern university. As a member of the N. U. military unit he won a second lieutenantcy in the R. O. T. C. a year ago and was captain, previously, of the headquarters company. Recently he has been instructing in military science at Northwestern besides his other work. The way to do it?

"Just plug away and don't lose your courage," he said, just before leaving for his Indiana home. "Have your goal in sight and work your way to it. If you have courage, you can do it."

Miss Helen Cresap and Miss Eleanor Eckhart, who graduated from Vassar this June, are visiting college friends in the east.

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