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## STORES OFFER BARGAIN EVENT

Opportunity Days for Wilmette Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce

JULY 28-29, THE DAYS

Merchants Pledged to Sell at Reduction

Opportunity is knocking at the door of every household in Wilmette, the Chamber of Commerce proclaims in the announcement this week that the buying public of the community is soon to be greeted with one of the most notable bargain features ever projected in this vicinity. The event, as this introductory paragraph implies, is to be characterized "Opportunity Days" in the stores and shops of the village. Monday and Tuesday, July 28 and 29, are the red letter days, the first of a regular series of similar monthly bargain opportunities in the village.

As sponsor of Opportunity Days, the Chamber of Commerce announces in its advance notices that "the merchants of Wilmette who are members of the Chamber of Commerce frankly believe that they can meet competition anywhere when the demanded quality is considered."

### Have Metropolitan Tone

Wilmette's stores and shops, the Chamber points out, must not be classed with places of business commonly termed "country stores," but, rather, must deserve to be ranked with the most acceptable metropolitan shops and markets, insofar as quality of goods and up-to-dateness of appointment are concerned. Wilmette merchants are progressive people who adjust "downtown" ideas to suburban requirements. They give metropolitan service plus the personal, neighborly touch that obviously cannot be expected in the larger population centers.

"These merchants want more of your business," the Chamber of Commerce tells the housewife. "You will agree that they would be pretty poor specimens if they were always satisfied with what they are getting. And they are not willing to sit in a corner and twirl their thumbs until more business comes their way. They are going after it. They know that the members of the Chamber of Commerce can serve every need of the community and they are going to show the residents the most wonderful series of money-saving sales that have ever been offered in this vicinity."

### Offer Reduced Prices

During Opportunity Days, the buying public is further informed, each co-operating merchant is pledged to offer heretofore "unheard of bargains." They plan to sell merchandise cheaper than it has ever been sold before and they want their customers—both tried and prospective—to come to their places of business, investigate the completeness of their stocks and take advantage of the greatly moderated prices, as well as to test the quality of service rendered.

"Better business," reads a slogan, "is quite as essential as better homes in the striving for a better Wilmette."

## Fall from Roof Proves

Fatal to Phelps Child

Lawrence Phelps, 9 year old son of W. W. Phelps of 530 Linden avenue, died last Friday from injuries he received when he fell from the roof of a house earlier in the week.

At the time the boy fell from the roof he was rushed to the Evanston hospital where attending physicians learned he had suffered a fractured skull.

## BONUS INFORMATION

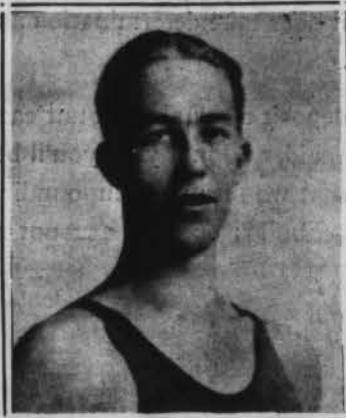
Information concerning the procedure in making application for the federal bonus is offered ex-service men of the village by Wilmette Post, No. 46, of the American Legion. Inquiry should be made to Commander Lea J. Orr, 1002 Greenleaf avenue, telephone Wilmette 557.

Application blanks may be secured and finger prints taken at the Wilmette State Bank, it is announced.

This service is offered to all ex-service men.

## BOBBY SKELTON DOES HIS STUFF FOR U. S.

Robert D. Skelton, son of H. D. Skelton of 511 Park avenue, representing the Illinois A. C., won his way to the finals in the 200-meter breast stroke, after breaking the Olympic record for that event at the Olympic games, at Les Tourelles, France, Wednesday, July 16. He set up the second



Robert D. Skelton

time of 3:00 2-10. Decembre of Belgium tied this record in the second semi-finals and in the finals the match will be mainly between Skelton and Decembre.

Skelton won his way in the preliminaries, Tuesday, July 15. He earned his place to represent the United States in the 200-meter breast stroke event after establishing a record in the trial events at Indianapolis, June 7. After an exhibition in New York, he sailed with the Olympic swimmers June 16.

The Wilmette youth holds several records in the United States. He established the American record in the 220-yard breast stroke event in Minneapolis in March of 1923. He beat his own time at the Indianapolis try-outs.

## PAVE ROADS IN OLD GOLF AREA

Improvement Projects Approved by Kenilworth

Several important improvement projects, for which special assessment proceedings will be instituted immediately, were authorized by ordinance at the session of the Kenilworth Village board this week, including the installation of sewer and water systems in the property east of Ridge avenue and recently annexed to the village, paving of streets in the 40-acre tract which comprised the old North Shore Golf club's premises, and the paving of Kenilworth avenue from West Railroad avenue to Ridge avenue as a two-way thoroughfare with center parkway.

Work on these projects will begin without delay, Kenilworth officials declared after the meeting, the passage of the various ordinances constituting the most comprehensive improvement scheme adopted by the village in several years.

At this week's session the board also enacted an ordinance establishing Kenilworth avenue as a through traffic artery between Richmond and Sheridan roads. This will require stops by traffic from intersecting streets and signs are to be placed as soon as possible, it was announced.

An ordinance regulating the use of domestic fuel oil burners in the village, with reference to installation, location of tanks, and requiring a village permit for installation, was also enacted at this week's board meeting.

The board also approved an amendatory ordinance bringing up-to-date a measure pertaining to the uses of "inflammable liquids."

### HOME FOR A DAY

J. R. Harper, superintendent of the Wilmette public schools, was in the offices of the Central school Wednesday morning, July 16, just long enough to have several interviews with people in relation to the coming school year, returning to his country place in Michigan in the evening.

### LOSES SISTER BY DEATH

Mrs. F. W. Funk, wife of a prominent Waukegan jeweler, and sister of F. L. Streed, village manager at Kenilworth, passed away Monday, July 14. Services were held at the Waukegan Baptist church on Wednesday.

## PLAN CAMPAIGN IN SKEETER WAR

Engineers' Club Committee Launches Battle to Eradicate Mosquitoes

HIT BREEDING PLACES

Wet Season Brings Plague of Insects

### Whack the Mosquito

Hitting 'em with a swatter doesn't do much good. The place to make the effective attack is in the breeding sources!

Don't permit water to stand in pails, tin-cans, tubs or other receptacles.

Pour a combination of crude oil and kerosene in about equal quantities on wet or low areas where mosquitoes breed.

Help in the fight to eradicate the mosquito nuisance.

Not in many a summer has Wilmette and the north shore witnessed such a plague of mosquitoes as has descended upon these parts in the past few weeks, due largely to the excessively moist spring and early summer.

While the pestiferous, health-endangering insects have been annoyingly prevalent throughout the village, Greenleaf avenue, for some unknown reason, appears to have been the favorite abiding place, for, during the evening hours, a walk along that thoroughfare necessitated a veritable calisthenic performance on the part of the harassed pedestrian.

While official action to eradicate the mosquitoes in other suburbs was started last week, it remained for the Wilmette Chapter, American Association of Engineers, to take up the cudgels, or swatters, or whatever appropriate weapon is employed in the war on the obnoxious aeronautic beasts.

### Seek a Remedy

The Engineers this week appointed a committee to study the mosquito plague question and, if possible, suggest some remedy.

"What are we going to do about the mosquitoes?" W. A. Melchoir, secretary of the engineers' organization, queries in a communication to Wilmette Life. "They are always a nuisance but this year they are worse than usual and the question has naturally arisen: can something be done about it?"

"It is a problem for the sanitary engineer to solve," he continues. "The Wilmette Chapter of the American Association of Engineers has appointed a committee to study the question and, if possible, suggest some remedy."

Expert advice from a noted entomologist who, in 1916, directed with signal success a mosquito eradication campaign in Winnetka, is to the effect that a solution of crude oil and kerosene in about equal quantities sprayed generously on wet or low areas (mosquito breeding places) constitutes an effective remedy.

## If You Play—

a piano

or

a saxophone

You're in demand, as witness the accompanying Want Ad taken from our Classified Section.

A vast variety of opportunities repose in Classified ads. Read them.

Small orchestra, High School students, desire good pianist and saxophone player to play for dances. Tel. Wilmette 663.

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## BIBLE SCHOOL EXHIBIT WINS PARENTS' PRAISE

"Aren't they the darlings of boats? And just look at those beautifully colored beads! And did you ever see such cute little dolls? etc., etc." Typical expressions heard at the exhibition and demonstration held Thursday evening at the Byron C. Stolp school by the pupils of the Daily Vacation Bible school.

There was also an array of colored candlesticks, holders, vases, hammocks and a variety of other handiwork accomplished by the children.

Part of the evening was devoted to a regular demonstration of the daily curriculum of the school. The opening period was devoted to worship. A Bible drill followed. The children were then given a session of music training, which was rounded out with the singing of hymns and songs.

A dramatization of a patriotic story, which the children had staged as part of the July 4th celebration, was produced for the visiting parents. The closing circle ended the demonstration with the salutes to the flags and the singing of the national anthem.

These exercises closed the second successful season of the Vacation Bible school under the guidance of Beatrice Segsworth Kitchen. The total enrollment this year had an increase over last year, but the school was handicapped by the lack of teachers.

Those who devoted their efforts to carrying out the plans of the school by conducting or assisting in class work were, in addition to Mrs. Kitchen, Rev. W. J. Kitchen, Miss Bertha Wheelock, Miss Adelaide Jones, Miss Doris Gathercoal, Miss Ruth Pease, Mrs. F. Z. Favor, Miss Dorothy Anderson, Miss Ruth Caldwell, Misses Patterson White, Helen Thompson, Frances Howard, Frances Allworth, and Florence Scribner.

## WOULD EXTEND WIDENING PLAN

Engineers Prepare Enlarged Street Program

The board of local improvements is working out a new widening program for Wilmette and Central avenues which is more ambitious than that contained in the ordinance recently defeated because of a faction fight in the board of trustees. Engineers now are working out the details of the plan and when they will have completed their job, the members of the improvement board promise to bring the matter up in the form of a new ordinance for ratification by the village trustees. They hope to have everything in readiness for the next meeting of the council, which is scheduled for August 12.

The new plan proposes to widen Wilmette avenue from Elmwood to Park avenue. From Elmwood to Lake, it is proposed to have a 40-foot paving, while from Lake to Park the roadway will be 30 feet wide.

The Central widening process, by this new arrangement, will extend from Tenth street to Lake avenue. This artery will be made 50 feet wide from Tenth street to the railroad, and 40 feet wide west of the tracks to Park avenue.

A wider Wilmette avenue east of the railroad tracks to Elmwood avenue will relieve the traffic congestion in the heart of the village's business area and also be a boon to the congestions at the Baptist and Methodist churches, it is claimed. The Baptists have been urging a wider roadway at this place of worship to relieve the motor traffic there and the promoters of the new widening plan claim the extension of the project to Elmwood avenue will be hailed with delight by members of the two congregations named.

The members of the local improvement board say their action in the matter was demanded by an almost unanimous public opinion and they believe the project will be unanimously approved by the village trustees.

## Bathing Host Succumbs to Call of the Waves

Wilmette beach patrons have been finding the water "just right" this week.

The cool rainy weather that has kept the bathers away from the beach so long, changed to real summer temperature and people of Wilmette were attracted to the shore for a dip. Many enjoyed the splash Monday and Tuesday. Last Saturday afternoon, it was reported, water fans parked along the shore from the Wilmette beach to Highland Park.

## DEDICATE BAKER WINDOW SUNDAY

St. Augustine's Church Invites Village to Ceremonies at 11 O'clock

VESTRYMAN HONORED

Family of Former Leader to Be Present

Dedication of the three-panel Frank J. Baker Memorial window at St. Augustine's Episcopal church will take place Sunday morning, July 20, at the regular services starting at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Baker and her two children, who are making their home in California and who are at present visiting with Mrs. Baker's father in New York, will arrive in Wilmette in time to witness the ceremonies. The window was installed through the efforts of Mrs. Baker following the suggestion of Rev. Hubert Carleton to his parish, at the funeral services for Mr. Baker, just before the Christmas holidays of 1922, that the church establish a lasting memorial to Mr. Baker.

This memorial window is in the front of the church facing Wilmette avenue. For the past few weeks it has been lighted in the evenings and has brought favorable comment from many passersby. The window is illuminated from within the building. A powerful search light is fastened to the girders of the church roof which throws the light from the inside, the first venture of this type in the instance of a church window.

At the time of his death Mr. Baker was vice president of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. He was particularly active in the St. Augustine's Episcopal church circles, and his philanthropies, at his insistence, did not become known until after his death. Before the Christmas holidays in 1922, Mr. Baker came to Rev. Carleton and asked him to decorate the church in a suitable manner for the holiday worship, partly at his expense. The decorations were completed and just a few days before Christmas Mr. Baker died of heart disease.

The church decorations were first seen by the church congregation at the funeral services. At that time Rev. Carleton suggested a window memorial for Mr. Baker, following which Mrs. Baker expressed the desire to assume the expense of such an undertaking. Friends of Mr. Baker and associates in the Public Service company subsequently purchased a bond, the interest from which is used to defray the expense of keeping the window lit every night from dusk until midnight. The story of the Good Samaritan is depicted on the three panels.

Mr. Baker passed away suddenly, a victim of heart failure, on Monday, December 18, 1922. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1864, and was a student of engineering at the University of Michigan and of law at Northwestern university. He was a man of varied interests in the field of engineering, having been affiliated with the Public Service company, the North Shore Electric Railway company and the Chicago Suburban Water and Light company. In the banking field he was president of the Highland Park State bank and the First National Bank of Wilmette.

His most active duties were in connection with the Public Service company in which he was in charge of the operations, engineering and purchasing departments, a position that made him virtually the general manager of that extensive utility corporation.

He was a vestryman of St. Augustine's church and his charities covered a wide sphere of welfare activities.

## Kentucky Colonel Title

Accorded Wilmette Man

P. H. Saunders, 1015 Forest avenue, has received notification of his appointment to the honorary position of aide de camp with rank as colonel on the staff of Gov. W. A. Perry of Kentucky.

Mr. Saunders is a native of Louisville, where he spent his boyhood years and has been a personal friend of Gov. Perry for many years.

The honor accorded Mr. Saunders ranks him with scores of nationally known men who have received similar honorary titles from chief executives of the Blue Grass state. It is a coveted distinction which will bring him congratulatory messages from a host of friends in this vicinity.