

## HOLIDAY FOR WILMETTE, AUGUST 20TH

### BOARD PONDERES BUILDING CODE

**Believe Passage of Ordinance  
Will Require Several  
Weeks' Time**

**IS BIG JOB FOR CLERK**

**Every Detail of Measure Is  
Carefully Checked**

The long anticipated new building ordinance emerged at the village trustees' meeting on Tuesday evening and was the immediate cause of a warm and long debate. The discussion arose over the method by which the document would be approved. President Edward Zipf said it had been carefully drawn by the village attorney, and suggested that it be accepted without reading. Trustee Baker objected. Mr. Baker said he preferred to know what the ordinance contained before lending his approval.

"It was drawn by our own attorney," said President Zipf, "to whom we pay \$1,000 a year for such work; I believe we can dispense with the reading and pass it."

"Because we pay an attorney \$1,000 a year for this work is no reason, to my mind, why we should not examine its provisions," Mr. Baker answered.

**Orner the Toiler**  
While the debate was in progress, there was one person in the room who manifested unusual concern over the outcome. He was Clerk Earl E. Orner, and well he might. The ordinance is a formidable document in bulk, maybe not so large as Holy Writ, but still a big volume. If it were to be read, the job would devolve upon the clerk and though Mr. Orner possesses remarkable elocutionary attainments, he has no penchant for a reading marathon. But the fates, on this occasion, were against Mr. Orner, and the Baker plan won.

"It will take probably 50 hours to read this thing," came from the president, who by this time was evidently nettled; "however, we have lots of time; let her shoot, Mr. Clerk."

When Clerk Orner had recovered from the first shock, he dolefully attacked his job. Then somebody suggested that merely the chapter and sections, with their captions, be read. This idea met approval, but even with that elimination, the reading will require hours of time.

**Adjourn at 12:05 A. M.**  
Clerk Orner began at 10:45 o'clock and stuck loyally to his task until the village clock told that it was 12:05. He might have gone on to the end, but some humanitarian interceded with the proposition that the meeting adjourn until Friday evening. The suggestion was adopted.

"When I stopped at 12:05 o'clock Wednesday morning," Mr. Orner said yesterday, "I had traversed one third of the ordinance. I believe it will require about four meetings to complete it."

"I enjoy any variety of work, but I have some alarm, a fear that this task will put a period on my conversational powers."

As the reading progresses, the trustees are noting the sections wherein alterations may be suggested and the thing gives every promise of occupying the village legislators for some time to come.

### WILMETTE DAY at a GLANCE

9:30 A. M.—Parade Assembly at Village Hall green.  
2:00 P. M.—Races and contests at municipal playgrounds. Ridge avenue entrance.  
Special Feature—First Aid Exhibition at municipal playgrounds.  
4:00 P. M.—Baseball Game at municipal playgrounds.  
Afternoon and evening—Dancing in pavilion in picnic grove, Lake and Ridge avenues.  
All Day—Excitement and interest galore in picnic grove.  
Come out—your neighbors will be there.

### PETITIONERS WOULD REZONE MAIN STREET

Owners of property abutting on Main street sent a petition to the village board on Tuesday evening, urging that Main street be rezoned into a residential area from Oakwood street on the south to Isabella street and from Lake avenue north to the village limits. The proposition was referred to a zoning commission composed of F. J. Newey, Elmer D. Becker, George T. Hellmuth, F. C. Huffman and Robert Stoddard.

According to a man fully conversant with the situation, if the petitioners are successful, their proposition will reduce property values there about 50 percent and be a bar to the proposed improvement and widening of that thoroughfare.

"At certain hours of the day traffic is so heavy on Main street that it is almost impossible to drive through it," one Main street merchant said, Wednesday. "Why, only a few hours ago I saw two trucks completely block the street. It should be widened and repaved. The present paving is inadequate."

### CALL WILMETTE TO HONOR DAWES

**Citizens Urged to Attend  
Notification Tuesday**

Wilmette citizens have been invited by the City of Evanston and national leaders in charge of the program, to attend the ceremonies and festivities attendant upon the formal notification on Tuesday, August 19, by the Republican party that Gen. Charles G. Dawes has been nominated to be the candidate of that party for Vice President of the United States in the November election.

It is requested that Wilmette citizens who plan to attend the notification activities proceed in a body to the Dawes residence at Evanston. Assembly of automobiles is called for 7 o'clock at the Village hall green. Those who attend are asked to have their cars placarded with a sign bearing the name "Wilmette."

As previously stated in the columns of WILMETTE LIFE, contracts for Dawes day decorations have been let and arrangements at Evanston call for the reception of some 50,000 people.

Flags, hunting, street and house decorations and illumination by night will be in evidence as a result of contracts let by the City of Evanston last week to the Home Decorating Company of Chicago, the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and other corporations.

Emphasis is placed upon the fact that, inasmuch as the notification ceremony is an event of national import, every north shore community should be represented at the Dawes home by large groups of citizens. The demonstration, insofar as the north shore is concerned, will be of a purely civic nature and not of a political character. It is designed as the north shore's occasion to express its appreciation of the lofty honor conferred upon a distinguished fellow citizen and neighbor.

### Wilmette Inn May Give Zoning Law Real Test

In the early part of this summer, the village trustees rejected an application from the owners of the Wilmette Inn to make \$30,000 worth of alterations on that property. The application was turned down because the inn is located in a residential zone.

At Tuesday's meeting of the village board, a notice from the attorneys for the inn proprietors intimated in a communication that they proposed to mandamus the trustees if a permit was not issued for the improvement.

After some discussion, President Edward Zipf named Trustees Baker and Hoffman and Village Manager Schultz as a committee to investigate the legal phases of the problem and to learn if it cannot be solved without going into court. They will report at the next meeting.

"This means," said an official, at the close of the meeting, "that the Wilmette Inn people will test the zoning ordinance in the courts."

### PLAN DEFENSE PROGRAM HERE

**President Zipf and Village  
Board Call Citizens to  
Meeting, August 18**

**ENDORSE DEFENSE DAY**

**Would Lay Plans for Demonstration Program**

As the result of action taken Tuesday by the village board of trustees endorsing the observance locally of National Defense Day on September 12, in accordance with the general plan outlined by the War department, representatives of all civic organizations in the village as well as other interested citizens of the community, will meet in the Village hall assembly rooms Monday evening, August 18, to discuss definite plans for a program here on that day.

Every person in the village who endorses the government's plan for a Mobilization Test is urgently requested by President Zipf and the board of trustees to attend the meeting on Monday and offer suggestions concerning how Wilmette may best observe the day.

As set forth in recent issues of WILMETTE LIFE, Defense Day contemplates a test of the progress made in our national policy of preparedness. It will determine in a great measure just how well the United States is prepared to insure peace, the occasion thus being a great peace demonstration rather than a military round-up, as has been intimated by those opposed to the procedure.

It has been suggested by Maj. Gen. Harry C. Hale, U. S. A., in command of the Sixth Army corps, including the north shore, that citizens of the various communities gather together on September 12 to consider various questions relating to preparedness; to discuss why preparedness is necessary, by what authority it exists, why, in reality, it is the exact opposite of a war measure and why it will insure enduring peace.

Plans for Defense Day within the army and its reserve units emphasize a careful check upon the fighting forces of the nation, with particular stress placed upon the strength of the citizens' army which is being schooled each summer in the various citizens training camps. It will be a sort of grand climax to the period of summer training.

It is expected that the Wilmette meeting will bring some expert to the village to explain the meaning of the day and the importance of preparedness against war.

Mrs. Hathaway Gibbons of New York is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cameron, 510 Central avenue.

### In the Want Ads

(This Issue)

Here's an 8-room home that someone will sell or exchange for a bungalow, a flat or some clear vacant. Looks like old-time bargaining's about due.

People are always looking for good cooks, experienced waitresses, efficient mother's helpers and office assistants. Yes, those desires are expressed in our want ads.

And here's a person who is prepared and equipped to do all kinds of sewing and smocking.

Well, sir, somebody became absent-minded and "lifted" an umbrella from the First National Bank at Wilmette and the rumor that "it aint gonna rain no more" didn't pan out and the original owner of the shelter stick is curious, yes, quite anxious to be advised of its whereabouts.

And, say, there are all sorts of bargains in furniture and household appurtenances, and in automobiles.

It will be interesting to glance at the Want Ads.

### Bob Skelton, Swim Champion de Luxe, Acme of Modesty

Robert D. Skelton, 511 Park avenue, holder of several world's swimming records, who recently won the 200 meter breast stroke event at the Olympic games at Les Tourelles, France, establishing a new world's record in the event, has returned to the village and is finding much of his time taken by requests to "tell the folks all about it."

Being a champion appears to be all in the day's work with "Bob," who is a former New Trier student. Pressed for details of his remarkable achievements by members of the Wilmette Rotary club who were his hosts at luncheon this week, the upstanding youth insisted upon talking about everything but himself. He gave the Rotarians a comprehensive idea of the method of conducting an Olympiad, but said nary a word about the phenomenal race that won him the championship and helped to materially boost the averages of the victorious American entries.

He declared, in the course of his talk, that, everything considered, the Americans received fair treatment at the Olympic games. Housing conditions and food were not of the best at all times, he said, but the hardy Yankees soon accustomed themselves to the strange surroundings and went about the business of capturing the bulk of the honors just as though they were on their "home grounds."

Bob talked about ten minutes and managed to say absolutely nothing about himself. At the close of the Rotary meeting, however, he was besieged with questions and contrived to "open up," just a bit, to the utter delight of those who held him captive.

### WATER CARNIVAL HERE AUGUST 27

**Variety of Events Arranged  
For Annual Program**

Water sports will reign supreme in Wilmette, Wednesday, August 27. That is the day set for the water carnival at the bathing beach.

The reason for choosing a Wednesday rather than a Saturday or Sunday, as explained by Beach Master Francis Bradley, is to make this a regular Wilmette affair for Wilmette residents. On Saturday and Sunday there are usually a great number of guests from other communities and the city, and it would be impossible to prevent them from taking part in the events.

A variety of races, feature exhibitions, games, fancy diving and other events are being planned. The races will include short and long distances for boys, girls, men and women. The events will be distinct for each class.

The feature exhibitions will probably consist of the various strokes used in swimming, including the Australian stroke, the American, specialty methods used by some of the well-known swimmers and long distance swim relax methods. Water polo, water baseball and other games will be played.

A number of Wilmette young men and women, active in college athletics throughout the country, have expressed the intention of taking part in the diving contest. A canoe tilting contest, an umbrella race and other events are to be on the program.

A relay team from the Wilmette bathing beach is being worked into shape to represent Wilmette in the relay race for north shore communities at the water carnival to be held at Winnetka, Sunday, August 10.

### Grandpa McKeighan Has Birthday Party No. 88

A. H. McKeighan, for many years editor of the "Yates City Banner," and who now resides with his son, Albert A. McKeighan, at 1606 Forest avenue, reached his eighty-eighth milestone last Wednesday.

He was very much pleased and surprised when a number of his near neighbors presented him with a beautiful 10-pound cake, inscribed with the date, and "Happy Birthday to Grandpa" as a token of their esteem.

### INVITE ALL TO ANNUAL PICNIC

**Street Procession Will Inaugurate Great Community Outing**

**STORES, SHOPS CLOSE**

**Contests, Baseball and Dancing Features**

#### PARADE ROUTE

The Wilmette Day Parade route as announced this week by Grand Marshal A. C. Wolff will be as follows:

Assembly at 9:30 o'clock at Village hall green, Wilmette and Central avenues.

The procession will proceed north in Twelfth street to Elmwood avenue; east on Elmwood avenue to Sixth street; south on Sixth street to Lake avenue; east on Lake avenue to Fourth street; south on Fourth street to Linden avenue; west on Linden avenue to Prairie avenue; northward on Prairie avenue to Lake avenue; west on Lake avenue to the picnic grove at Lake and Ridge avenues.

Stores, shops and offices will be closed on Wednesday, August 20, when Wilmette enjoys its annual holiday—Wilmette Day—which takes the form of an old-fashioned picnic at the grove at Lake and Ridge avenues. For several weeks the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of Wilmette Day, has been utilizing its entire membership in formulating the arrangements for the outing that is expected to claim the attention of all the householders in the community.

Every detail of the interest-laden program has been carefully worked out by the Chamber of Commerce committees and it may be safely predicted that—provided Old Sol keeps his appointment—the villagers are due for a day of festivity unparalleled in the annals of local recreation and amusement events.

#### Parade Heralds Event

As in other years, activities will begin with the colorful street procession, assembly for which is scheduled for 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Village hall green. Business concerns, civic groups and individuals already are laying plans to enter the "best looking" car or the "best looking" float in the line of march. There will be no prize awards in this competition, it was announced late this week, since the Chamber of Commerce feels that the rivalry should be purely on the basis of civic pride and the approval of the throng of spectators that will crowd the line of march.

The street parade will, by a circuitous route, lose itself at the grove on West Lake avenue where the principal activities of the picnic will transpire. At that location the prospective merry-makers will be greeted with an amazing array of novelty attractions designed to attune everyone to the spirit of the festivity. There will be something of interest for persons of all ages from babyhood to seasoned years and it is certain "a good time will be had by all."

#### Races, Ball Game

Promptly at 2 o'clock those having a penchant for races, contests and similar competitive events will fare forth to the new municipal playgrounds located within a block of the picnic grove where will be held the annual tests of skill and speed. Events will be in pleasing variety and there will be attractive awards for the winners and runners-up in each competition.

At 4 o'clock the Wilmette Athletic club baseball team will enter the limelight, pitted against the nine representing our neighbor Winnetka. The game will be played on the municipal playgrounds diamond and will start immediately after the races and contests have been completed.

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