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### Wilmette Man to Build Huge Club at Miami Beach

James Roy Allen, 32 Crescent place, Wilmette, well known Chicago architect, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a \$5,000,000 club house at Miami Beach, Fla., to be known as the Royal Palm club, or "Florida's club de luxe."

The club has purchased seven and one-half acres of land on north Miami Beach fronting on the ocean and extending through to Biscayne Bay. The building program, it is explained, included an 800-room residential club, constructed on the unit system; a beach club on the ocean front; a yacht club and a fishing club, as well as a yacht basin on Biscayne bay. The club and all its properties will be for the exclusive use of the members and their guests. The membership is limited and by invitation only, it is said.

Included in the membership of the club are men from all sections of the United States. Paul Schroeder of Wilmette and Miami is a charter member of the organization.

### Race Problems to Be Discussed at Forum

"Modern Problems of Race and Color" will be the subject for discussion at the Chicago Forum Sunday afternoon, February 21, in the Olympic theatre. The speaker, W. E. Burghardt DuBois, is one of the most eminent spokesmen for the colored people, not only in the country but in the world. Dr. DuBois was formerly president of Atlanta university and is now editor of "The Crisis" the journal of National Association for Advancement of the Colored People. He is the author of a number of books on the negro and race problems, among which are "The Souls of Black Folk," "The Negro," "Darkwater," "The Gift of Black Folk."

At a later meeting the same subject will be discussed by a white man, S. K. Ratcliffe, the English journalist, who will bring vital and up-to-date information particularly bearing upon the race problems all over the world as they are related to the movement of life in the British Empire.

Musical program of negro spirituals will be presented before the lecture.

### Greater Chicago's Health Better Than in Rural Sections

Births outnumbered deaths in Illinois by 53,840 during 1925 according to figures made public this week by the state department of public health. A total of 135,436 births gives a rate of 19.4 per 1,000 population while 81,596 deaths give a mortality rate of 11.7, the birth rate being slightly less and the death rate slightly greater than 1924. Both are considered favorable however in comparison with other large states.

"For the fifth successive time," said Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, "the death rate in Chicago was lower than that for the remainder of the state. The reverse was always true until 1921. When considered in the light of population density and the more favorable natural conditions in the open spaces downstate, this fact is significant and ought to be a source of some concern to people generally."

"The increase in births over deaths last year added about one person for each two square miles of land area to the density of the down-state population while it added about 75 persons per square mile in Chicago. The estimated density of population per square mile of land area is now 71 for down-state and 1462 for Chicago, with an average of about 124 for the state."

"This wide difference in population gives a decided natural advantage to the down-state people in health matters. That the people of Chicago have been able to overcome this advantage and now enjoy a general mortality rate lower than that which prevails in the remainder of the state shows conclusively the value of public health service. It is a remarkable demonstration of the contention that health can be brought up to certain natural limitations, and that people can have in general, the sort of health that they are willing to pay for."

"It is felt that an enabling law, providing the legal machinery for creating county health departments, would pave the way for giving the down-state people, at reasonable expense, the sort of health protection to which they are entitled and which they can have if they want it."

The next meeting of Oxford chapter, Daughters of British Empire, will be held Friday, February 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. West, 1027 Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lincoln Koontz of 1121 Ashland avenue are leaving Saturday evening for New Orleans and Biloxi, en route to Florida, where they will remain until April.

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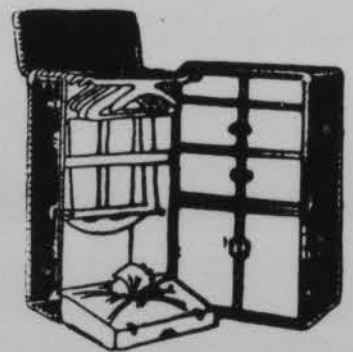
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