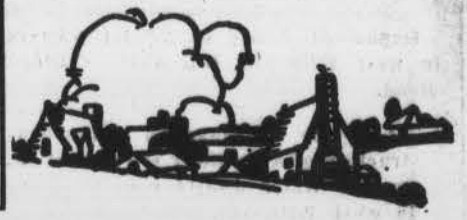




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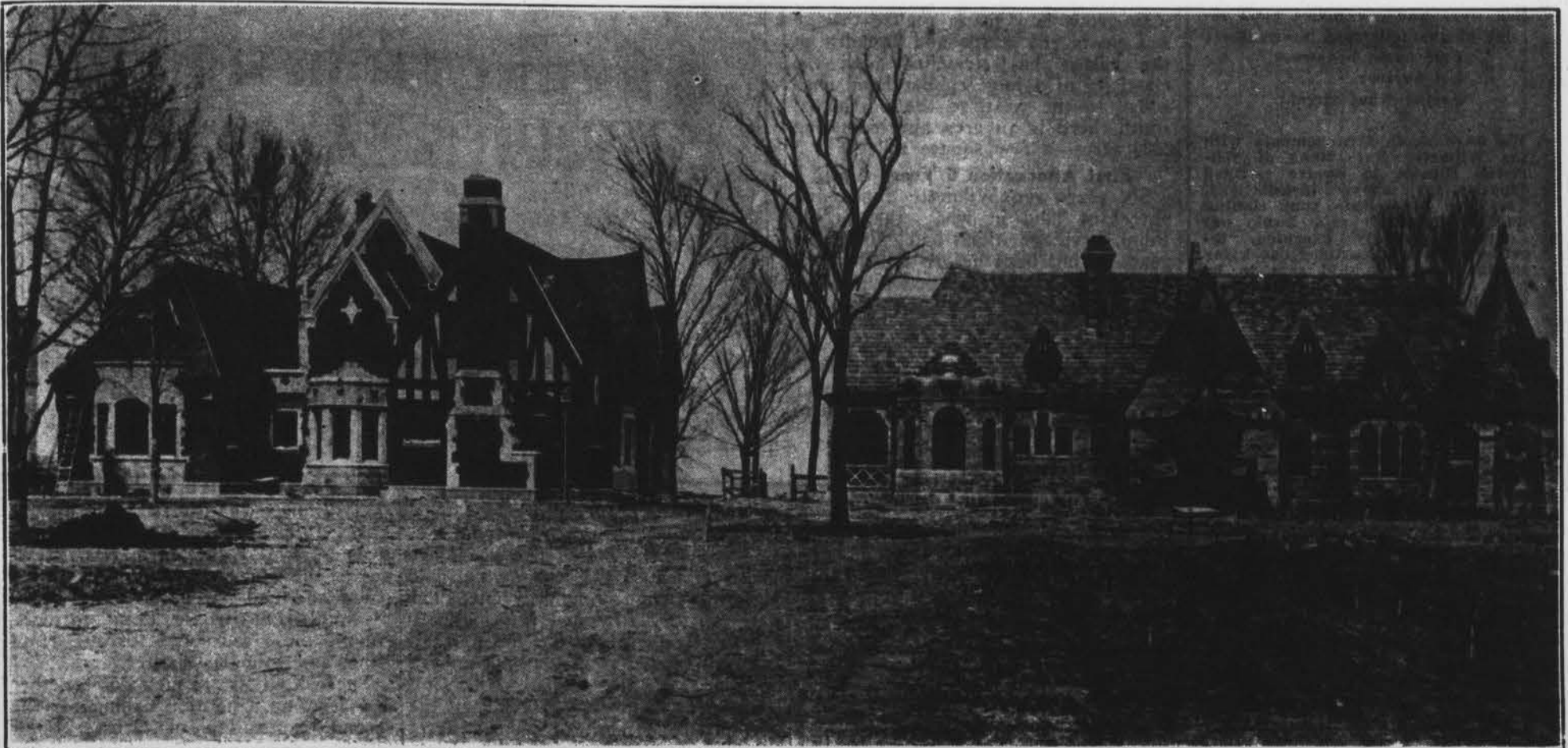


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### *In Winnetka—Pair of New Homes on Sheridan Road*



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These residences were built for the John Mills family, and the two pictured with another which stands at the south but which doesn't appear in the photograph make a trio of fine homes which attract the attention of motorists who travel Sheridan road. To the right in the picture is the home of John Mills Sr., while at the left is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burlington Rigg. Mrs. Rigg is the daughter of Mr. Mills Sr. The residence to the south which also is to be a pretentious dwelling when completed will be the home of John Mills Jr. The residences are on the east side of Sheridan road and are to be known as "191," we understand, this number sufficing for all three houses. The architects were Floan and Johnson. The builder was Robert Black.

### REMOVAL OF "FOR SALE" SIGNS ON N. S. IS URGED

**Howard M. Sloan Says That with  
Village Aid Such Action Would  
Improve Appearances**

By **HOWARD M. SLOAN**  
(Bills Realty Inc., manager)

How long are the unsightly "For Sale" signs going to clutter up the vacant and improved property on the north shore?

That is a question which for some time has been of vital interest to Real Estate men and the sentiment of most of the brokers seems to indicate that some time in the near future there will be action taken to remove the signs which serve only to mar the beauty of the surroundings. It also should be the wish of all property owners to see that this action is taken and undoubtedly they will join in the movement.

#### **Villages Might Give Aid**

Inasmuch as the removal of the signs would be for the general good of the north shore it is thought that this could be accomplished if the trustees of the villages and the Real Estate men co-operated in the movement to prohibit signs.

Here are a few reasons in favor of action:

1—We have a beautiful suburban district and should therefore do all we

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### *Syndicate Buys Valuable Site on Lake Shore in No Man's Land*

"No Man's Land," between Wilmette and Kenilworth, comes to the front once more, with the announcement that another parcel of land, rating about as valuable as any on the north shore, has just changed hands. John Porcius Gage, who for seventy years has owned the property located between the Vista del Lago club and the Breakers Beach club on the lake shore, which measures to a frontage of 353 feet with a depth of more than 300 feet running to the lake, has sold it to a syndicate, formed by Bills Realty Inc.

Title to this property has been taken by Fred Hartman for the syndicate. The price paid was not disclosed, but it is understood that it was well over one thousand dollars a foot.

Just what is to be done in the way of improvements has not been disclosed, but it is rumored that the syndicate will at some indefinite date erect a big lake shore apartment hotel.

The newly acquired property has many unique features. It is not zoned and therefore is the only place in north shore towns between Chicago

and Waukegan where a hotel or co-operative apartment can be built on the water's edge.

Howard M. Sloan of Bills Realty Inc., represented all parties in the negotiations which resulted in the sale of the land. Howard Bishop of Lyman Adams Bishop and Dupee and Reichman and Boutell, represented the H. W. Drucker, of Union Drucker, purchasers and Gail E. Deming represented the Gage family in relation to the legal details of the transaction.

An interesting feature is that prior to the Gage family there was only one other owner of the property, this owner having received the land on a patent from the government a century ago. The Gages bought it about seventy years ago.

The rapid development of "No Man's Land" has been remarkable. Almost all of the land which had been owned by the Gages had been disposed of and the result has been building activity of a speedy type. Two clubs, a theatre, a business structure and two new apartment buildings will soon occupy almost all of the available footage in the section.

### **A. W. Wigglesworth Leases Residence on Chestnut**

A. W. Wigglesworth, who formerly lived in Wilmette, has returned to the

village and has leased the Taussig home at Chestnut avenue and Tenth street. The lease was made through John Panushka of Kroll and Smith of Fourth street, Wilmette.

### WINNETKA RACES AHEAD IN BUILDING ACTIVITY

**Figures for April Show Increase  
of \$120,000 Over the Same  
Month of Last Year**

Winnetka, which, in the very first month of the year, got away to a good start in the way of breaking records in building activities, has maintained that speed each succeeding month with the exception of February.

April, the month just closed, showed a total of 44 permits, with a valuation of \$283,425, as compared to \$163,750 for the corresponding month last year.

The total for January this year was \$242,700; February, \$75,300; March, \$299,250; and April, \$283,425, a grand total for the four months of \$900,675.

The corresponding four months last year showed a total of \$703,380, with January at \$123,000; February, \$137,430; March, \$279,200 and April, \$163,750.

#### **Fifteen New Residences**

Fifteen of the permits last month were for new residences, costing \$254,000; fourteen were for alterations costing \$21,325, and fifteen for private garages totaling \$8,100.

Three of the new houses are on Cherry street; two on Ash; two on Asbury and one each on Oak street, Hill road, Fisher's lane, Poplar street,

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