

## Precipitous Drop in Building Work During Past Year

Building construction in Chicago and forty-three principal suburbs for 1929 was \$280,256,234, according to the building survey department of S. W. Straus and company.

The 1928 figure for the same area was \$432,659,130, thus indicating a loss of thirty-five percent in volume in 1929 as compared with 1928.

All the large suburbs, with the notable exception of Joliet and East Chicago, showed losses in the comparative yearly totals.

Hopeful indication, however, may be noted in the fact that numerous suburbs made gains in December as against November. The traditional rivals, Oak Park and Evanston, in December made respective gains of 130 percent and 139 percent over November.

The forty-six comparative suburbs in the Straus report showed a total volume of \$4,219,414 for December as against \$7,025,974 for December 1928, or a loss of 40 percent. These same suburbs in December, however, showed a loss of only 1 percent as against November 1929.

For the year, the forty-three comparative suburbs did a volume of \$77,969,434 as compared with \$116,859,130 for 1928, or a loss of 33 percent.

New Trier villages showed precipitous drops in building operations in 1929 from the 1928 record. The figures follow:

	1929	1928
Wilmette	\$1,673,004	\$2,857,353
Kenilworth	\$826,495	1,514,683
Winnetka	1,742,490	2,521,775
Glencoe	1,454,491	1,695,167

Comparisons in building operations in New Trier between December 1929 and the corresponding month in 1928 follow:

	Dec., 1929	Dec., 1928
Wilmette	\$12,650	\$131,615
Kenilworth	19,400	101,575
Winnetka	59,000	140,700
Glencoe	42,900	97,000

## Income Taxpayers Urged to Note Changes in Rate

Mrs. Myrtle Tanner Blackledge, collector of internal revenue, has received official instructions from the commissioner of internal revenue that blank income tax schedules are being released to taxpayers of the First District of Illinois.

Enclosed with each form is a slip showing the reduction in the rate of tax which applies to incomes for the year 1929, as provided in Joint Congressional Resolution, which reduced the rate on normal taxes on individual returns of income as well as on corporation returns. The rates in effect now are one-half of one percent on the first \$4,000, instead of one and one-half percent; two percent on the second \$4,000, instead of three percent; and the balance at four percent instead of five percent. The corporation tax is reduced from twelve percent to eleven percent.

Taxpayers are cautioned to carefully read the notices which they will find enclosed with the blank schedules, in order to avoid incorrect computations and the resulting confusion and annoyance incident to adjustments.

## Sears School Gym Class Organizes Cage League

One of the gymnasium classes at the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth, composed of boys 11 and 12 years old, has organized a basketball league, using the name of teams in the Big Nine. There are five teams in the new league—Northwestern, Purdue, Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. Games to be played between these teams will serve as a "warming up" process for the beginning of the North Shore Grammar School league schedule in February.

## 23 Frosh and Sophomores Take Part in N. T. Play

Twenty-three freshmen and sophomores at New Trier High school have been chosen for the cast of "The Little Princess," freshmen-sophomore play to be presented within the next few weeks. Those in the cast are: Jack Broad, Lee Blaylock, Robert Fletcher, Frances Ellis, Alison Burge, Laurence Buck, Margaret Cobb, Marion Barber, Elizabeth Cassells, Clara Orvis, Elaine Alberg, Dorothy Sawyer, Jessie Steele, Emma Bickham, Eleanor Chichester, Nancy Fisher, Georgia Burch, Katherine Hepburn, Leslie Champlin, Bob Sparks, "Bud" Bartnick, Carter Phillips and Ben Shippen.

## Joe Schneider's Orchestra To Play at Firemen's Ball

Joe Schneider and his orchestra, of Wilmette, will furnish the music for the Winnetka Fire department's annual ball which is to be held Saturday night, January 25. Proceeds of the dance will be for the benefit of the Winnetka fire department and the firemen's pension fund. The annual ball is a gala affair at Winnetka. It will be held at Community House.

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