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DUBBS FAVORS WATER PLANT

President Prefers Municipal Plant to Long-Term Evanston Contract

Wilmette should immediately take steps to secure a municipally owned water plant to ensure an adequate water supply without involving a long-term contract with the city of Evanston.

That was the sum and substance of a talk given by Village President C. P. Dubbs at an informal meeting of the Village board Monday night. The meeting had been called as a special meeting of the board, but because of the lack of a quorum no official action could be taken.

President Dubbs traced the progress of the negotiations with Evanston. These negotiations have extended over a long period of time and have led up to a virtual ultimatum from the Evanston City council that if Evanston is to furnish water to Wilmette this Village will have to agree to a twenty-year contract, the price of water to be seven cents per one hundred cubic feet, as at present, for the next five years, and the price for the remaining fifteen years of the contract to be determined at the end of five years by an arbitration committee.

Unfavorable to Contract

President Dubbs stated that the negotiations between Wilmette and Evanston with reference to water supply were started with the idea in mind that one water plant could be operated more economically for two municipalities than could two plants. Evanston's proposition for furnishing water to Wilmette for the next twenty years would not work out that way at all, he said, and Evanston alone would benefit from such a contract.

The only alternative for the Village of Wilmette, if it does not wish to accept Evanston's proposal, President Dubbs asserted, is the erection of a municipally owned water plant. He introduced facts and figures to show that such a step would not only be wise but economical.

Erection of its own water plant would relieve Wilmette from depending on outside sources to correct its water shortage, President Dubbs said. He also pointed out that the unemployment situation in Wilmette could be relieved by the erection of a water plant here.

Confers With Engineers

Two well known Chicago engineering firms, Alvord, Burdick and Howson, 20 N. Wacker drive, and Pearce, Greeley and Hansen, 6 N. Michigan avenue, have submitted to President Dubbs proposed contracts and agreements with the Village to prepare the preliminary plans and specifications and to supervise the construction of the proposed municipal water works for Wilmette.

Both of these contract and agreement forms were read by Village Clerk Lea J. Orr and copies are being prepared for all members of the board of trustees. It is expected that the board will take some action on the question of Wilmette's future water supply at its next meeting, Tuesday, August 18.

16 to Compete for Wilmette's Tennis Honors

Sixteen contestants started the first bracket in the Playground and Recreation board's 1931 tennis tournament Tuesday of this week, Dudley C. Stone, recreation staff assistant in charge of the tournament announces.

The tournament play was to have reached the third bracket in the elimination schedule today and the semi-finals are set for 7 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Village Green courts. The two contestants lasting to the finals will battle for the village championship at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the same courts.

Pairings for the first day's play were Iver Burhans vs. George Thelan, Harold Schaefer vs. Cliff Darling, Frank Koenan vs. D. Zeck. Contestants who drew a bye for the first bracket were: A. Reichman, P. Husting, Jack Mee, A. Rohl, Jerome Cicchini. Five other contestants were to draw for pairings late Tuesday evening.

Legionnaires to Hold Golf Tourney August 19

The Seventh district, American Legion, Department of Illinois, Dr. W. W. Hawkins of Wilmette, Commander, and composed of fourteen Legion posts along the north shore from Montrose avenue to Glencoe, is holding its annual golf tournament at Sportsman's club, located on Dundee road, west of Sky Harbor Wednesday, August 19. Legionnaires will enjoy a day of outing, followed by a banquet and district meeting in the evening, at which time numerous prizes for the events during the day will be awarded the winners; all legionnaires are invited to attend the tournament. In charge of arrangements are Dwight J. Anderson, William M. Conway, Bob Kaen, Arnold J. Lindemann, George T. O'Shea and Harry A. Sewell, chairman.

Dr. Hindley Preaches at Joint Services Sunday

Dr. John G. Hindley, minister of the First Congregational church, will preach at the union services of the Wilmette Baptist and Congregational churches Sunday morning, August 16, at 11 o'clock. The services will be held in the Baptist church. Dr. Hindley's subject will be: "The Present Outlook for Religion."

President Dubbs Acts to Help Unemployed

The Village of Wilmette is taking definite steps to help persons living here who are unemployed. and Village President C. P. Dubbs has asked that any resident who does not have a job register at the Village hall and efforts will be made to help him find work. In this way President Dubbs hopes to relieve the unemployment situation in the Village to some extent. Persons desiring work are asked to fill out blank forms at the Village hall, indicating in what kind of work they are skilled, whether they are married or single, the length of time they have lived in Wilmette and other necessary information.

Realtors Meet in Glenview August 17

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Real Estate board will be held at the "Happiness Hut," Waukegan road and Grove street, Glenview, Monday evening, August 17, at 6:30 o'clock.

The realtors are making plans to insure a large attendance at the annual state convention scheduled to be held October 14, 15 and 16 at Aurora.

A sales conference sponsored by the board is to take place September 2, it is announced. Guy Ellis, sales counselor, will be the principal speaker.

CONTAGION LIGHT

One case of mumps was the only new contagion reported in Wilmette by the Wilmette Health department for the week ending Tuesday, August 11. There are, however, two old cases of whooping cough still active in the Village.

GUNMEN KILL WILMETTE MAN

Adolphe J. DuMont Fatally Wounded When Attacked Here Tuesday Morning

Adolphe J. DuMont 2008 Central avenue, Wilmette, who was shot in the left arm at about 1:10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Main street and Wilmette avenue by three armed men who forced his car to the curb there, died in the Evanston hospital at about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

DuMont, whose relatives declare he was in the real estate business, insisted he had no enemies and said the men had made no efforts to rob him. According to police reports he had connections with a roadhouse in Morton Grove. He was taken to the Evanston hospital.

Halted on Ridge Road

According to DuMont's story the three men first accosted him on Ridge road at Memorial Park cemetery. They blocked the road with their car, he said, but he drove around them by going into the ditch. When he reached the Wilmette avenue-Ridge road intersection DuMont said he decided it would be better to go east on Wilmette avenue than west to his home, which is in a dimly lighted section west of Ridge road. As he fled in his car several shots were fired at him, he said, and one of the bullets pierced the rear of the car on the left side.

At Wilmette avenue and Main street his car was forced to the curb. According to witnesses, his pursuers called to DuMont to come into their car, but instead he started running. He was collared by two of the three men chasing him and shot in the left arm. The gunmen's car then sped across the North Western tracks, south on East Railroad avenue to Linden avenue, back across the tracks on Linden and on west.

Three Witness Shooting

Witnesses of the shooting were: Bert Woods, 235 Central Park avenue, Wilmette; Howard Wilson, 1315 Madison avenue, Evanston, and L. W. Seaborg, 1124 Darrow avenue, Evanston.

DuMont is survived by his widow and three children. He was 44 years old. Last October he leased the place at 2008 Central avenue where he had been living.

Student Will Preach at St. John's Church

Daniel Wence, a student at Concordia Theological seminary, St. Louis, Mo., will preach at St. John's Lutheran church Sunday morning, August 16, at the 11 o'clock services. Armin Olsen of the same school will occupy St. John's pulpit Sunday, August 23. The Rev. Herman W. Meyer, pastor of the church, is on summer vacation in Wisconsin.

WILL TOUR EAST

Miss Viola Reid, of the water department office in the Village hall, will leave on her annual vacation Saturday. She plans a tour of the East with her parents, former residents of Wilmette, who now live in Gary, Ind.

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AUGUST BARGAINS ARE MANY

As the Fall season approaches, shelves must be cleared of summer goods. Profits and costs are forgotten in the merchant's desire to make room for new merchandise. Now is the time to pay special attention to the advertisements in this issue.

