

Declare Water Works Will Cut Property Values

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because of their establishment at that point. In response to further questioning the witness said that he did not consider that the Wilmette beach, with attendant crowds and parking of automobiles in adjacent streets as detrimental to property values. Nor did he think that a club such as the Shawnee would adversely affect values. Pressed upon this point Mr. Dalgety asserted that he considered a club residential property. "Anything essential to the social life of residents of the immediate vicinity would be considered residential," he said. "A church would be residential and desirable. An auditorium would not be an essential, therefore not residential. A library built and maintained by the village would not be residential because not essential to the mental life of the community." Referring again to the Shawnee club, he said that it had contributed for many years to the social life of the vicinity and must therefore be accepted as an essential.

Pursuing this line of questioning, counsel for the Village asked if noises emanating from a club sufficient to disturb neighbors would not be detrimental to property values, to which the witness answered: "Yes, if sufficient to constitute a public nuisance," adding that it would affect property as far as the noises could be heard. "A new church," he continued, "holding services, would be more detrimental than a club."

Terms Plant a "Factory"

Asked if he had examined the plans and specifications of the waterworks now under construction, and if these had influenced his opinion of the effect upon property values, the witness said he "had not seen either plans or specifications, only a picture of the plant as it is supposed to appear on completion, and that his opinion as to its effect was formed solely upon its factory character. "A waterworks," he said, "is a factory, or industrial institution," adding that "depreciation of property values would be the same for a block distant, and from that point there would be a gradation in the effect."

Boyne H. Platt, Wilmette building commissioner, was called to identify certain maps. A letter from the Shawnee Country club to the Village board, the water revenue bond issue ordinance and contracts for construction of the plant were introduced in

evidence, after which the complainant rested its case.

In pleading for an early resumption of the hearings, Senator Deneen of counsel for the Shawnee club remarked that the case should be completed as quickly as possible, adding that "if we win this case somebody is going to lose a lot of money." The Village will begin presentation of its defense on Monday, June 26.

Provide for Reserve Power at Pump Station

Village Manager C. M. Osborn was instructed by the Village board at its regular meeting Tuesday night to get estimates on a new gas engine to operate the vacuum pump and air compressor at the storm sewer pumping station on Lake avenue west of Harms road and also to get estimates on a new vacuum pump and on a plan for a cooling water system.

This action was taken on recommendation of Trustee S. N. Tideman, chairman of the sewer and water committee. In making his recommendation for the committee Mr. Tideman said that some provision should be made so that there is ample stand-by power to operate the vacuum pump and air compressor at all times. The reserve power is considered inadequate now.

The committee's report stated also that some provision should be made to prime and start the pumps in a shorter length of time than is now required and also that steps should be taken to improve the condition of the cooling water supply. The committee's report and recommendations were approved unanimously by the Village board.

Mrs. Eugene C. Lathrop and her little son, Eugene Comstock, Jr., have arrived from Melbourne, Fla., to spend the summer with the former's parents, the W. Wallace Kerrs of 707 Forest avenue. Mrs. Kerr also had as her guest for a few days last week, Jerry Walsh of Montreal, Canada, who came on to attend A Century of Progress exposition.

Jack Kingery, 519 Forest avenue, a sophomore at Dartmouth returned Saturday for his summer vacation.

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Mrs. George Kingsley, 529 Cumnor road, who went East to see her son, George, graduate from Hamilton college is visiting her mother in Genese, N. Y. her sons, George and Jimmy being with her. Mr. Kingsey, who was also in the East, was not able to attend his son's graduation because he was called home to act as pallbearer at the funeral of John Carpenter.

Albert Reed of Mandan, N. D., arrived last Thursday to visit his sister and family, the William Kinneys, 126 Abingdon avenue, Kenilworth.

Charlotte Wilds, 244 Oxford road, Kenilworth, Caroline and Isabel Johnson, 158 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth, are attending O-Ki-Hi camp.



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