

## Leaders Urge Action to Get Modern Library for Wilmette

### WILMETTE LIFE Secures Opinions From Citizens on Question of New Structure

That the achievements of today are but the materialized dreams of the visionaries of yesterday is the expressed belief of those forward-looking citizens who are now discussing the possibilities of replacing the antiquated and outgrown Wilmette public library building with a new and imposing structure that will be in keeping with present day requirements.

Built in 1904, the old building, say those who favor the erection of a new one, undoubtedly met the needs of that day, and compared favorably with other public buildings. But times have changed, they assert, and what was suitable then may be entirely obsolete now. The consensus appears to be contained in the one word, "outgrown." The point stressed is that when the present building was erected the village had a population of about 2,000, while today it numbers some 16,000, and that in all these past thirty years no space has been added to accommodate an ever-increasing patronage and a constantly enlarging number of books that such patronage required. The result is, say observers, that the facilities of the library are so restricted that its officials are unable to render the full measure of service to which the community is entitled and which they are more than anxious to give.

#### Leaders Comment

In an effort to secure an accurate cross-section of the views of citizens active in the civic life of the village, WILMETTE LIFE during the past week interviewed the leaders of several organizations, and for the information of its readers presents the following symposium which contains specific and definite reasons why in their opinions the proposed project should be undertaken at once:

George H. Redding, 1516 Elmwood avenue, president of Wilmette Civic league, said: "When this matter was first brought to my attention I thought that here is a real proposition that should engage the immediate attention of Wilmette citizens. I heartily favor a new library building, and efforts in that direction will have my full support. We all know that the present building is entirely inadequate and that larger quarters are badly needed. It is a splendid idea, and should be pushed with vigor. If it were possible to work this out in connection with a community center it would be one of the greatest forward steps the village could take. It should at least contain an auditorium of sufficient size to accommodate community gatherings. By all means let us go ahead."

#### Public Works Project?

C. P. Dubbs, 1004 Michigan avenue, president of the Village board, expressed his approval of the plan in these words: "My ideas on economy are well known, and I am mortally afraid of debt, therefore I would say that if the present building will meet the needs of library patrons for the next ten years, it would not be advisable to undertake a new building. On the other hand, if the old building is already outgrown, now is certainly the time to replace it. Such a project will fit in with the federal government's public works program and will afford work for local labor. By all means go ahead now if more room is needed."

Mrs. George H. Beaudin, 726 Elmwood avenue, president of the Catholic Women's club, struck a note of optimism in giving the project her approval. "There is a better feeling existing now

than a year ago," she said, "which denotes a decided optimism as to the future. The erection of a new library building would be of great help to many of our people who need work, and the necessity for a larger building to house the library is apparent. A great many people use the library, and they are entitled to modern facilities. I certainly favor the plan to provide them."

#### Pledges Support

Henry E. Cutler, 407 Central avenue, president of Wilmette board of education, pledged his support in these words: "You can say for me that I am for this project 100 percent, and that anything I can do to promote it will be gladly done. I am aware of the needs of the public in the way of library accommodations and will join most heartily in any efforts to procure them. When my assistance is required just say the word. There are ways in which I may be especially helpful, and I would be happy to render such service to the village."

In expressing her views on the subject Mrs. John D. Kinnear, 2241 Chestnut avenue, president of the Logan-Howard Parent-Teacher association, revealed a broad knowledge of library needs as well as past improvements in the village. She said:

#### Failed to Keep Pace

"The library building is the only public structure that has not kept pace with the growth of the village. Our schools have been added to or new ones

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### "L" Terminal Group Plans Fall Festival

On behalf of the "L" Terminal Business association Alder Tighe and Mrs. Esther R. Stone appeared before the Village board Tuesday night and requested permission for that aggressive organization to stage a fall festival on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 4, 5, 6 and 7. The scene of the merrymaking is to be laid at the corner of Linden avenue and Fifth street, a large plot of vacant property to be used as the stage. The frolic is to begin at 7 o'clock and continue until 11 o'clock or thereabouts. Permission was also sought to close Linden avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets on the last two nights. The board granted the desired permissions subject to any serious objections that might be presented, and suggested that sponsors of the affair confer with the board's public service committee.

### Retain Wilmette Men for Traffic Duty at Schools

President C. C. Schultz of the Wilmette Welfare board reported to the Village board Tuesday night that through the Cook County Unemployment Relief four men had been secured to guard street crossings near the grade school buildings. These four men, he stated, are Wilmette residents. The men will work fifteen days and then be superseded by four others, also residents of the village.

#### BACK FROM FISHING TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. William M. James and their two children, Billy and John Carson, have returned to their home at 208 Eighteenth street from a fortnight's fishing trip at Teal Lake, north of Hayward, Wis. They had unusual success, sending home a shipment of pike to the neighbors, and bringing home, themselves, a number of bass.

### If You Have Room for Legion Visitor, Call Wilmette 2088

Wilmette residents having rooms they can rent to visiting Legionnaires from September 28 to October 5 are being urged by David C. Leach, commander of Wilmette Post No. 46, American Legion, to telephone Wilmette 2088 any evening, between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock.

Since all downtown room reservations for the American Legion's national convention, to be held in Chicago October 2 to 5, are already taken, Wilmette post has started to list rooms which this village has available for Legionnaires who have not yet made their reservations.

Local rooms will be listed at the information booth which Wilmette post will conduct from September 28 to October 5 on the site of the Miralago in No Man's Land. The booth will also provide facts about the convention.

Legionnaires desiring advance registrations obtainable at a nominal fee are instructed to telephone Wilmette 3753.

### Urge Kenilworth People Sign NRA

While the business concerns of Kenilworth have signed the NRA codes and are operating under the prescribed regulations, no steps have as yet been taken to secure consumer pledges of compliance. This is due to the fact that the village has no chamber of commerce or other commercial organization to take the initiative in the creation of an administrative organization, it is explained.

In this situation Postmaster Douglas S. Crooks makes the suggestion that residents of Kenilworth call at the postoffice and sign the cards, upon which action he will issue the Blue Eagle insignia. This voluntary action will, Mr. Crooks points out, preclude the necessity of a house-to-house canvass to secure signatures. He now has the cards and stickers in readiness, and urges all residents to sign without delay.

#### MOVIE STAR HERE

Janet Gaynor of Hollywood, popular motion picture star, was the house guest last week-end of the Frank J. Rothings, 711 Linden avenue, Wilmette. Miss Gaynor is a cousin of Mrs. Rothings.

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## SEEK BIDS FOR CAMP HOUSING

### Begin Work Soon on Skokie Winter Barracks; 1,000 Additional Campers on Way

Bids will be opened at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 27, for the construction of sixty one-story buildings designed for comfortable winter housing of the one thousand men engaged in the Skokie drainage and improvement project west of the north shore villages.

Forty-eight of the buildings will be erected at the Skokie boulevard and Willow road camp to accommodate the eight hundred men employed there, and twelve will house the two companies in the Wilmette avenue and Harms road camp. The buildings will be substantial, designed to protect the workers against severe winter weather. They will be heated with hot air furnaces.

#### Thousand More Coming

In connection with the announcement made Monday by Major T. R. McCarron, the camp commander also explained that he has been instructed to locate a convenient camp site for five additional companies, or one thousand more men, who are to be placed in the Skokie project at an early date.

As soon as he determines upon a site, Major McCarron will erect permanent winter quarters, the buildings to be the same in number and design as those which have just been authorized for the existing camps.

#### Army of 2,000

This will then make a total of 2,000 men engaged in the Skokie reclamation project, in addition to large consignments of machinery which it is announced will be placed into the work from time to time as required.

Further evidence that the government is planning to carry on indefinitely in the great Civilian Conservation corps movement of which the Skokie project is a unit, is indicated in information received this week from the Sixth Corps Area War department headquarters, in Chicago, that an additional 120 reserve officers from the states of Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin have been ordered to active duty with the Civil-

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### Hearing on Automatic Gates Comes October 10

It was announced at the Village board meeting Tuesday evening that the hearing before the Illinois Commerce commission on the application of Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee railroad for an order permitting the installation of automatic gates at street crossings in Wilmette will take place on October 10. The railroad has advised that full information on its application will be supplied to the Village authorities previous to that date.

### Enrollment Increase Normal at New Trier

Enrollment at New Trier High school had reached a total of 2,167 when a preliminary checkup was made last week. Reports from the advisor room chairmen indicated, however, that about thirty additional students would be entering school late. This would bring the total enrollment to a point just below the 2,200 mark. For several years the number of students attending New Trier has increased at the rate of approximately one hundred a year. The increase this year is a normal one.