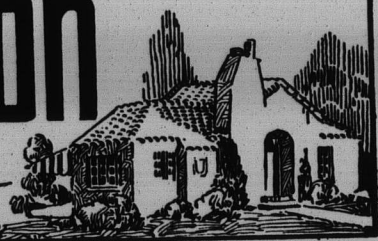




Home Modernization Section



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North Shore Shows the Way in Steady Building Increase

New building in the Chicago suburban region for the month of November again presents a very satisfactory figure—\$1,089,369—from the fifty-three communities reporting, according to the monthly survey by Straus Securities corporation.

This figure shows the seasonal drop that nearly always occurs with the beginning of the cold weather. It is nevertheless 36 per cent more than the amount for November, 1934, which was \$801,453, and November, 1935, was the ninth month in succession with a total exceeding \$1,000,000. In this series of million dollar months June was the lowest with \$1,026,000 and July the highest with \$1,916,000. It seems reasonable to suppose that December will not reach the million dollar class, yet a number of the building commissioners report very good prospects for this month.

Substantial Progress

It should be noted, states the Straus report, that the large gain over November, 1934, was made in spite of the fact that Lake Forest in that month reported approximately \$419,000 for a new high school, while the largest figure for November, 1935, is \$168,962 which happens to be also from Lake Forest. There is just one explanation for the gain—building progress is substantial throughout the entire region. The survey shows eleven communities reporting approximately \$50,000 or more in November.

Lake Forest, as indicated, leads the list in amount and W. O. Paape, building commissioner, mentions three outstanding jobs—a residence for \$56,000 another for \$68,000 and a mausoleum

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for \$18,500. The balance of his permits comprise a less costly residence and thirteen repair jobs.

Elgin is next in line with \$108,000, of which \$100,000 represents some new building at the State hospital, according to A. J. Nichol, building inspector.

Highland Park is third in the amount of new building, with approximately \$98,000.

North Shore Leads

The whole north shore is engaged in home building. E. M. Goodman, building commissioner of Evanston, reports a total of \$56,750, the breakdown of which shows among other items two residences for \$26,000, a field house for \$5,000 and residential repairs for \$12,000.

In Glencoe, L. M. Helke, building inspector, states that the \$61,704 which he reported represents practically all residences and remodeling. He adds that a large public school addition will be included.

Kenilworth, according to F. L. Streed, Village manager, had \$43,700 worth of permits representing two residences.

Waukegan, reported by Charles Lenke, building commissioner, has a total of \$43,502 represented almost entirely by alterations, additions and repairs.

W. A. Wolff, building commissioner of Wilmette reports \$48,975, the total being made up of five permits for single family residences estimated at \$46,500, residential repairs and private garages.

High Grade Construction

"Winnetka started in November three fine residences costing \$49,125, says Norman E. Schmidt, building inspector. Mr. Schmidt continued, "an interesting feature of these homes is that they are of solid masonry construction, two having concrete first floor slabs, contrasting to the frame and veneer construction of last summer."

The honors in November certainly go to the north shore communities. Outside of this region only two turn in noteworthy reports this month—River Forest with \$62,730 and Hammond with \$59,125.

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William E. Butler to Modernize Farm in Fox River Area

William Earle Butler, president of Butler Motors, Inc., distributors of Hudson Motor car products for Illinois, has just purchased the McCanney farm located on the West Fox River road between Elgin and St. Charles.

The property consists of about 160 acres with an unusual building site set high up on a knoll about 400 yards back from the highway, surrounded by fine old forest trees, which offers a sweeping view of the river and vicinity.

There is about a quarter-mile frontage on the Fox river with a beautifully wooded island just opposite the entrance to the estate.

Mr. Butler plans extensive improvements which will make this one of the most attractive estates in the Fox river valley. The old farm house offers great possibilities for modernization. Plans are being made for a modern dairying operation that will entirely sustain the investment.

Members of Mr. Butler's family are all saddle horse enthusiasts, and modern stables will be built to accommodate several head.

There are several ravines and four never-failing springs which furnish an abundance of clear water for cattle and horses.

The Butlers plan on this being their year-round home.

"Silverglen," a farm estate owned by E. J. Baker of St. Charles, is just to the south of the property.

John B. Utley of Northwestern Realty and Building company of Evanston, who specialize in farm and estate properties in nearby counties, worked out the details for Mr. Butler.

SHELVES OVER SINK

When modernizing the kitchen add two or three shelves over the sink. These may be open or enclosed and will be a convenient location for soaps, scrubbing brushes, and other materials needed near the sink. These shelves may be painted a bright color which contrasts with the main color in the room.

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