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Award Contract for Repaving of Wilmette Avenue

Golitz Company Successful Bidder; Board Considers Relocation of Glenview Road

The Wilmette Village board at its meeting Tuesday night awarded to the H. G. Golitz Paving company of Oak Park, the contract for the paving of Wilmette avenue, from Park avenue to Lake avenue.

There were ten bidders, the Golitz concern being lowest with a bid of \$36,133. Others ranged from that figure up to \$47,800. Work will begin on or about September 1.

Financed by Gas Tax

The improvement, which is being paid from the Village's share of the state motor fuel tax, will consist of a 52-foot concrete pavement from face to face of the curbs, with new curbs and gutters. It will necessitate the relocation of some sewer man-holes and the removal of a number of trees.

Building Commissioner William A. Wolff states that the grade, as established, will eliminate the dangerous winter automobile hazard by doing away with the sharp crown now existent in the business section of the village. Not only will the proposed pavement be safer, he added, but it will change the entire appearance of the street, decidedly for the better. The necessary relocation of street light standards, buffalo boxes and water hydrants has already been accomplished, and everything is in readiness for the actual paving operations.

May Relocate Glenview Road

Another street project of major interest, and one that has been considered at various times in recent years, was revived Tuesday night when the Village board received from the state department of highways a report of its surveys and investigations in connection with the establishment of a new route for Glenview road, approximately midway between its present location and Wilmette avenue. The matter was submitted to the board for its consideration and approval.

It is understood that the improvement will actually be an extension of Isabella street, which will be continued through to Waukegan road. The purpose is not to abandon the present Glenview road, but to provide a more direct route over a major highway from Sheridan road to Waukegan road, eliminating the many turns and twists and curves that now exist.

Relieve Sheridan Road

The state department, it is said, has in view the construction of an underpass at the railroads, the purpose being to afford a straight and safe route for traffic northbound to reach Waukegan road, thus relieving Sheridan road and other thoroughfares to the east of much of the traffic which they now bear.

Townsend Clubs to Hear About Plan of Action at Election

Evanston and Wilmette Townsend clubs will hold a joint meeting at St. Augustine's Parish House, 1140 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette, Friday evening, August 26, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting H. O. Martinson, assistant national representative to the Tenth Congressional district of Illinois of the Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc., will outline the plan of action in the forthcoming fall election.

Every Townsend club member, former member or sympathizer in Evanston and the North Shore is urged to be in attendance at this important meeting.

At its regular meeting in Wilmette Village Hall Friday evening of this week Wilmette Townsend club will complete arrangements for the program that is to be a part of the joint meeting the following Friday evening.

Chamber Holds Its Summertime Outing

Members of the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce and their guests will participate this evening (Thursday) in the annual summer outing sponsored by the organization and to be held this year at the Vista del Lago club on the lake shore in No Man's Land.

The Chamber has leased the entire building for the occasion and will stage a Monte Carlo party, with entertainment and a variety of games as features. There will be dancing to the strains of an outstanding "swing" band. A buffet supper will conclude the festivities.

Workers at the annual Wilmette Days, July 20 and 21, will be special guests at the Monte Carlo party.

Announce New Officers of Huerter Legion Post

New officers of the Huerter post of the American Legion for the coming year, who will aid Commander Phillip Hillinger, Jr., were announced this week. They are: Joseph Conrad, vice-commander; John Huerter, treasurer; Henry Loutsch, sergeant-at-arms, and John Fisher, chaplain. Mr. Fisher is to represent the post at the state convention at Rockford next week.

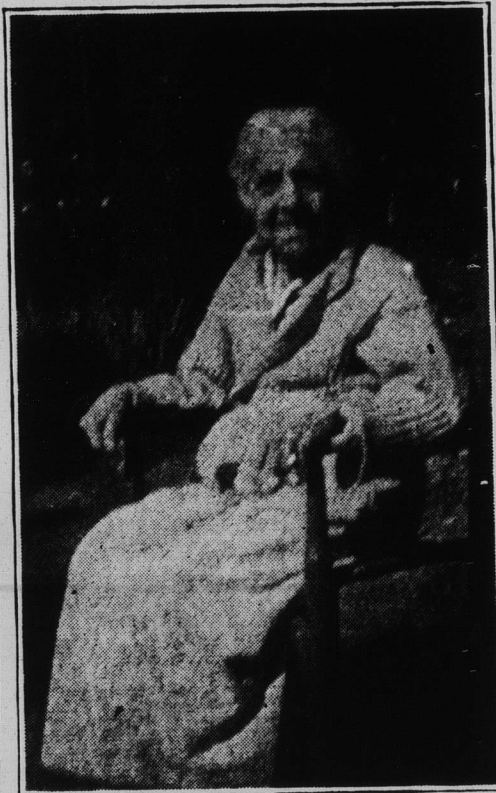
Norman Stays on the Job; Vacation Trip Is Reward

Norman Fifer, young son of Village Trustee Warren T. Fifer and Mrs. Fifer, 1010 Linden avenue, is spending a ten days' vacation with relatives in Indianapolis, Ind. When his parents attended a recent family reunion in the Indiana city, Norman remained at home to take care of the lawn and do other odd jobs about the place. He is now drawing compensation in a vacation trip all by himself.

MAGISTRATE RETURNS

Police Magistrate John J. Peters, after a vacation of two weeks spent in Michigan, is again on duty in police court.

Villages Inconvenienced By Electric Line Strike



Centenarian

An event of more than passing interest because it recurs so seldom, was the celebration on Saturday, August 13, of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Aura Lathrop Fouts, celebrated at the home of her son, George Edwin Fouts, 530 Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette, where the centenarian has lived for the past 27 years.

Present on the happy occasion besides the son and family, were two grand-daughters, Mrs. A. L. Bibbins of Snyder, N. Y., and Mrs. Hubert H. Gary of Wilmette; a niece, Mrs. Hiram Sedgwick and family, and four great-grand-children.

Mrs. Fouts is a native of Ohio, born at Windsor, Ashtabula county, on August 13, 1838. The greater part of her long life, however, was spent in Cleveland, where she was graduated from the West Cleveland High school.

Mrs. Fouts is probably the oldest resident, in point of age, of the village. She is today in excellent health and anticipates with pleasure another celebration a year from now.

ENCORE

Economy Shop wishes to thank its donors for the various contributions that have come to us recently.

There is still quite a demand for baby carriages, high chairs and go-carts. If there are any more lurking around in dark corners, we could use them to good advantage.—J. A. A.

Note: Economy Shop is conducted by the Woman's Club of Wilmette. Proceeds go to philanthropic purposes.

Employees Vote to Reject Wage Cut Sought by Receiver as Mediator Intervenes

Thousands of North Shore villagers were annoyed and inconvenienced Tuesday morning when they found, upon reaching stations of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric line, notices posted conveying the information that "North Shore trains are not operating." These thousands, commuters over the line to and from business in Chicago, were compelled to seek other means of transportation.

At 4:01 that morning 1,300 employees of the road walked out on strike, according to its officials. According to the employees, they were locked out. Which is right may be determined during negotiations for settlement of the dispute, or it may never be known. The one thing of which commuters are certain is that their accustomed means of transportation has been suddenly removed, their daily routine interrupted and the always arduous journey to and from their offices made still more arduous.

The Chicago and North Western steam line immediately came to the rescue with additional trains and cars; private automobiles were pressed into service; buses were utilized wherever possible, and every available method of "getting there and back" was grasped as a drowning man grasps a straw.

Wage Reduction

The trouble arose over an order of the federal receiver of the line, Col. A. A. Sprague, putting into effect a 15 per cent wage reduction. The men, members of division 900 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, refused to accept the wage cut, and the strike resulted.

A contract between the company and the men which had been effective for 19 years, expired on May 31 last, but pending negotiations for a new one it was continued on a 30-day cancellation basis. The federal receiver is said to have invoked the cancellation clause on July 15 when the union declined to accept the pay cut. His order was approved by Federal Judge William M. Sparks.

Attempt Settlement

Efforts were begun on Wednesday to effect a settlement of the strike, officials of the road, federal department of labor representatives and officials of the union taking part in the negotiations. What the result will be cannot be foretold at this writing.

Pending the final outcome, officials of the road have announced that no effort will be made to operate trains. Spokesmen for the union assert that no picket lines will be established unless attempts to run trains are made.

In the meantime the commuters, whose patronage has supported both the road and the men, wonders how long the argument will continue and when they can get back to normalcy.