

Koenig Reappointed Acting Village Manager

Wilmette Lore Subject for Olde Towners

Preservation of Village Data and Exhibits Cited as Important Need

At the annual dinner meeting of Ye Olde Towne Folkes of Wilmette, to be held at Shawnee Country club Tuesday evening, May 23, a major topic for discussion will be the collection and preservation of data and exhibits relating to the settlement and early history of Wilmette.

This subject, it is stated, has engaged the attention of villagers for several years, the consensus being that Ye Olde Towne Folkes is the logical organization to assume the initiative in bringing about immediate and definite action.

Suggest Committee

Through what agency this action is to be instigated is, of course, not at present known. It has been suggested that the Olde Towne group might well appoint a historical committee, with full powers to proceed with the important task of collecting data, which it has already carried on for some time. This committee, in turn, it is added, might profitably be developed into a historical society which would include younger residents of the village who are ineligible for membership in Ye Olde Towne Folkes, but who are, nevertheless, deeply interested in the history of the village and in saving for posterity its traditions, records and physical substances linking the modern village of today with the advent of the first and succeeding white men who braved the hardships and primitive forests to give it birth.

Permanent Society Goal

Such a society, it is asserted with emphasis, should root into Ye Olde Towne Folkes as the parent organization and its sponsor and supporter. Thus, it is argued, there would be brought to the important work of creating and maintaining the fact-gathering body a great many personalities and talents not at present even remotely connected with the job that Wilmette needs to have done right now.

The fact is pointed out, and with much weight, that the sources of information leading back into the activities of distant days are fast drying up. Through death the old inhabitants are being removed, and if the knowledge of pioneer days they now possess is not captured and securely confined in safely guarded records it will surely be lost forever.

Expect Positive Action

With this in mind, Ye Olde Towne Folkes will talk of events of the past with renewed interest, it is stated, and must surely reach the decision that the time has come when positive action must be taken if the children of today and their children are not to be deprived of a priceless heritage in authentic records of the people and events of a day when Wilmette itself was young.

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Fight to Control Truck Traffic Is Continued

Attorney Robson in Springfield Seeking Legislation to Protect Shore Towns

Further efforts to protect the North Shore and other residential areas in the state from unnecessary motor freight truck traffic were made in Springfield this week by Attorney Edwin A. Robson of Wilmette. Appearing on behalf of the North Shore Property Owners association, he went before the sub-committee of the house committee on roads and bridges to secure adoption of an amendment to the Illinois Truck Act now pending in the General Assembly.

Recommend Adoption

The amendment, introduced by Representative Harold D. Kelsey of Barrington, would give municipalities under 100,000 inhabitants, thirty days in which to file objections to routes asked by the trucking companies and found to be undesirable. The Illinois Uniform Motor Vehicle Laws commission, sponsors of the pending truck act, has approved the amendment and recommended its adoption.

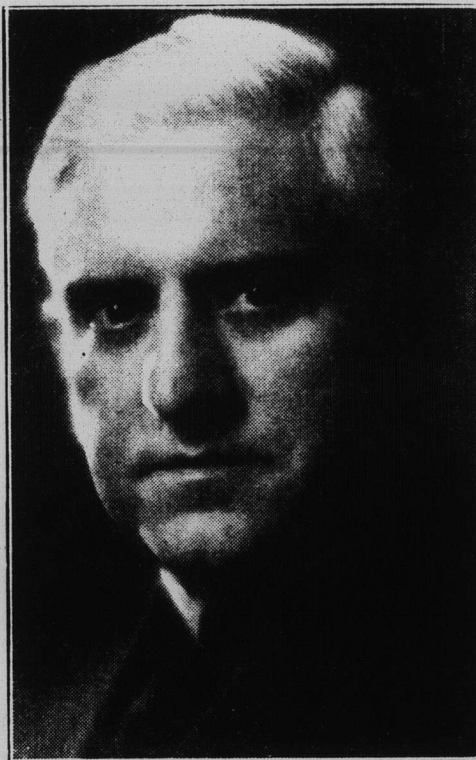
Attorney Robson was prepared not only to work for the Kelsey amendment but to oppose an amendment offered by the Illinois Truckers association. This would give municipalities no voice in the selection of original routes but only in case changes were found desirable after certificates were granted by the Department of Public Works and Buildings, the state body that will have jurisdiction over all motor trucks in Illinois should the pending bill be passed. The truckers' amendment has been disapproved by the vehicle laws commission, Attorney Robson announced.

Adoption of the truckers' proposal would largely destroy the effectiveness of the Kelsey amendment, proponents of the latter point out. Motor trucks might be permitted to operate for some time over objectionable routes before the changes could be made, local communities and individual citizens would have no way of preventing original designation of streets as truck routes and the truckers' amendment would result in delays in final adjustment of proper routings, it is held.

400 Amendments

Scores of amendments are before the sub-committee for action this week, Attorney Robson said. In all, nearly 400 amendments have been

Will Preach



Msgr. Francis A. Magner, former assistant at St. Francis-Xavier parish, and now pastor at St. Mary's, Evanston, will preach the dedicatory sermon, Sunday, May 14, when George Cardinal Mundelein presides at the consecration of the new church, Ninth street and Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette.

Msgr. Magner, who was at St. Francis-Xavier from 1921 to 1924, had charge of the building of the parochial school. His elevation to the rank of domestic prelate by the new pope was announced recently by Cardinal Mundelein.

proposed to the bill which in some respects is the most drastic ever devised for the regulation of motor truck traffic in the state of Illinois. Its most revolutionary provision is to remove the control of motor trucks from the Illinois Commerce commission and place it under the jurisdiction of the public works department of the state.

Amendments approved by the sub-committee will be passed on to the whole committee of the house. The new truck law is being considered simultaneously by the house and senate, bills having been introduced in each body several weeks ago.

Village Board Takes Office Without Pomp

President Announces Committees and Makes Department Head Appointment

Without pomp or circumstance the new village board was inducted into office Tuesday night, its makeup consisting of two holdover trustees, two trustees from the former board reelected, and two new members. The president's term does not expire until 1941.

After the old board was called to order and reports of committees presented, the official canvass of the village election of April 18 was made. The returns by precincts appear on another page of this paper.

Following the canvass came adjournment sine die, the newly elected trustees were sworn in and the new board called to order.

Announces Committees

President Harry C. Kinne announced the following appointments to standing committees:

Judiciary Committee—George H. Redding, chairman; Gaylord J. Case, Christian E. Jarchow.

Police and Fire Committee—Warren T. Fifer, chairman; Joseph F. Rossberger, George H. Redding.

Public Service Committee: Gaylord J. Case, chairman; Christian E. Jarchow, George H. Redding.

Sewer and Water Committee—Alfred W. Jensen, chairman; Joseph F. Rossberger, Warren T. Fifer.

Finance Committee—Christian E. Jarchow, chairman; Gaylord J. Case, Alfred W. Jensen.

Streets & Alleys Committee—Joseph F. Rossberger, chairman; Alfred W. Jensen, Warren T. Fifer.

Department Heads

The president also made the following department appointments, and asked for the approval of the board of trustees. All are incumbents:

Village attorney, William M. James; village prosecutor, Edwin A. Robson; collector, Edmund H. Kerr; superintendent of public works, C. C. Schultz; building commissioner, William A. Wolff; health commissioner, Dr. Martin H. Seifert; fire chief, Walter H. Zibble; street lighting, William J. Shiley; electrical inspector, Stephen Brownlee; superintendent of waterworks, Willard M. Olson; auditor, Ralph D. Clay, and public health nurse and probation officer, Ruth Hansen.

Trustee George H. Redding suggested that approval of the appointments be withheld until after consideration by the board in conference, and a recess was declared for that purpose.

Hitch Develops

The discussion in conference is said to have centered upon the omission of the appointment of Acting Village Manager A. J. Koenig, and is reported to have reached white heat. President Kinne is said to have reiterated his expressed opposition to the original appointment of the acting village manager. Trustees are said to have

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