

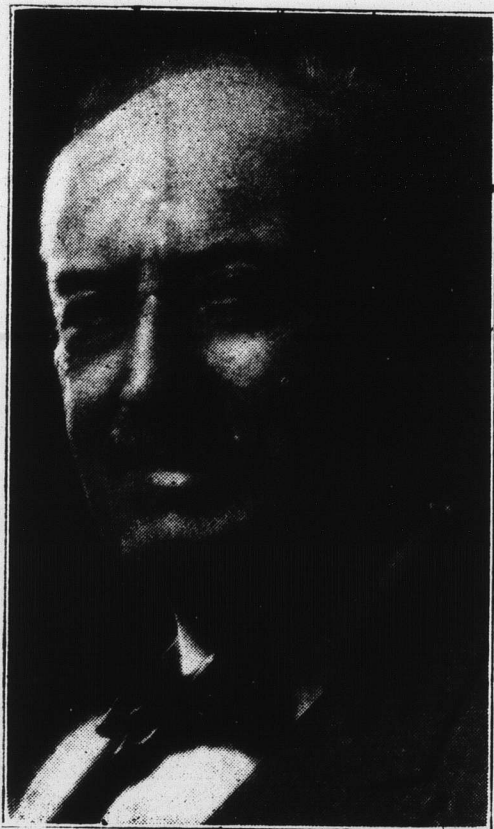
CANAL PROJECT MARKS START OF PARK DISTRICT

Former President Gillson Presents Graphic Historical Sketch of Progress

By Louis K. Gillson

The Wilmette Park district owes its inception to Col. R. R. McCormick, now of the Chicago Tribune.

In the fall of 1907, while negotiations were pending relative to the construction of a link of the drainage canal to connect the lake with the north branch of the Chicago river and to pass through Wilmette and Evanston, Col. McCormick, then president of the Sanitary district,



Louis K. Gillson
President, Wilmette Park District
continuously from 1908 to 1934.

delivered an address before the Wilmette Men's club. In the course of this address, after stating the location of the channel it was proposed to excavate, he added that all of the "spoil" removed in the work done east of the North Western railroad would be dumped into the lake between Washington avenue and the proposed inlet of the canal. It was estimated that there would be created approximately twenty-two acres of "made land," which would become the property of the state of Illinois. He then suggested that, inasmuch as the law provided that unoccupied "made land" lying within the boundaries of an organized park district might be taken possession of by such district for park purposes, the citizens of Wilmette would do well to organize such a district and thus acquire without cost a substantial site for a park. The suggestion was promptly acted upon, and petitions signed by about one hundred citizens were presented to the county court by A. C. Wenban and an election was authorized. I notice that the first signature on this petition is that of our former well-known townsman, H. K. Snider. I do not find the name of Mr. Bodinghouse on the petition but I distinctly recall that he was one of the active promoters of the enterprise. The election was held in January, 1908, and in addition to creating the Park district it designated as the first Board of Commissioners thereof, the Rev. E. J. Vattman, David

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K. of C. Invites to Outing Aug. 25

The North Shore council, Knights of Columbus, announces its first annual outing Saturday, August 25, at St. Paul's park, in the Forest Preserve at Morton Grove. The affair is open to the public, it is announced, and there will be no admission charge.

The committee on athletics is arranging a program of varied events for everyone and announces that several hundred prizes will be awarded in connection with this feature of the day's festivities.

There will also be dancing and cards, and luncheon and refreshments will be served. Those who desire, however, may bring basket dinners, it is announced.

The five councils uniting in the plans for the outing are Ouilmette in Wilmette; Newman in Evanston, Columbus in Ravenswood, and University in Rogers Park.

Joseph F. DeHaye and Anthony Ludovice, of the Ouilmette council are members of the general committee in charge of the affair.

Lieut. C. A. Peterson Now on Atlantic Cruise

Lieut. Carl A. Peterson, 144 Maple avenue, Wilmette, boarded the U. S. S. Marblehead at Norfolk, Va., last week, and is cruising in Atlantic waters for a couple of weeks. Mr. Peterson is a lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserves, and commander of the 9th district, Chicago. He is also a member of Wilmette Post No. 46 American Legion. At stated intervals the Navy department takes officers of the naval reserves on cruises of this kind for instruction in the newest methods of instruction in the newest methods of navy operations, which information they use in teaching the boys of their commands. Lieutenant Peterson comes from a seafaring family.

New Trier Book Store Will Open September 6

The book store at New Trier Township High school will be open from 9 to 12 o'clock Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, September 6, 7 and 8. Students are being urged to buy books at this time in order to avoid waiting in line the day school opens. The book store is located in the main building, Room 113.

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

Dr. Robert L. Sawyer, president of the Presbyterian College of Christian Education, will be the guest preacher at the First Presbyterian church of Wilmette Sunday morning, August 26, at 11 o'clock.

ECONOMY SHOP NEEDS

If anyone has a bookcase, chest of drawers, dresser or anything, no matter how worn, that can be used to store belongings, Economy Shop can use it at once. Anything with shelves or drawer space.

Also, there have been many requests for children's coats. School time is almost here and anything of this description that has been outgrown by your child will gladly be passed on to some smaller one who can wear it. There is a request for a brief case. Economy Shop is open six days in the week from 9 until 5 o'clock.—Mrs. A. L. Grinnell, chairman.

Note: Economy shop is conducted by the Woman's Club of Wilmette.

New Addition Ready for High School This Fall

You Must Register to Vote in November

Saturday, September 29, has been set as registration day for voters of the country towns of Cook county, the County Clerk's office announces.

The importance of registering is impressed upon all citizens. Absolutely no voter in the country towns can vote at the November election unless he or she appears personally at the place of registration and registers.

Mark this date on your calendar and—do not forget to register!

Wilmette Police Hold Boy on Burglary Charge

Francis Sandiford, 17 years old, 3447 N. Marshfield avenue, Chicago, was turned over to Wilmette police Monday by the police of Lake Forest. The boy, it was stated, had confessed to the burglary here on August 8 of the home of F. A. Spitznagle, 1045 Illinois road. He had committed a robbery in Lake Forest, according to the police, but was not held on that charge after returning the stolen property.

Sandiford asserted, it was said, that he had turned the proceeds of the Spitznagle burglary over to a man whom he knew only as "Red," at 63rd street and Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, receiving \$2 as pay for the job. Superintendent of Police Henry Brautigam and Sergeant Herman Vance spent two nights in the south side section of Chicago, in company with the boy, in a search for the man called "Red." Chicago police brought in several men, but the boy either could not or would not identify any of them.

The prisoner will be arraigned before Police Magistrate John J. Peters today on the Wilmette charge.

3 CONTAGION CASES

Dr. Martin H. Seifert, Wilmette Health officer, reports three new cases of contagious diseases, one of malaria, one of whooping cough and one of mumps, in Wilmette in the week ending August 21.

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Latest Unit at New Trier Houses Additional Classrooms, Large Laboratories

August 15, 1934, marked a new era of elbow room for pupils at New Trier Township High school.

On that day the contractors officially completed their work on the addition which virtually doubles New Trier's capacity. When the 2,300 students begin a new year at high school September 10, they will find a spick-and-span set of buildings with ample room for 3,000 pupils.

During the past few years, there were not enough classrooms to accommodate all the adviser groups, and some of them had to meet in the mess hall and in the gymnasium.

Upper classmen will be contrasting this year with last, when New Trier bulged with 2,200 students. The freshmen will start their secondary-school life with plenty of space for chest expansion (which may prove a blessing to athletic mentors who are seeking grid stalwarts).

Much Work to be Done

Plenty of work, however, remains to be done before the students return to find "the biggest New Trier ever."

This week, sixty-five men are busy moving in furniture and otherwise helping fit the new building for occupancy, besides redecorating the rooms of the older buildings. Last week, eighty-five men were thus engaged.

All equipment is on the grounds, and most of it is ready for installation, with the exception of two carloads of chairs and desks scheduled for distribution about September 1. The new building will house science laboratories, a large number of classrooms and domestic science rooms. Equipment for physics, chemistry, biology and domestic science has already been installed.

Biesemeier In Charge

Yes, it's one of New Trier's busiest "vacation" seasons—and one of the busiest leaders in the battle for elbow room is R. L. F. Biesemeier, supervising engineer. He is seeing his portion of the arduous job through from the 1931 start to the 1934 finish.

It was back in 1931 that this addition was begun. Work went steadily ahead until the exterior of the building was completed. Construction was halted in April, 1932, because of the collapse of the bond market. The shell

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Alder R. Tighe Takes Trip to Western Points

Alder R. Tighe of Tighe Realty company, 521 Fourth street, left Thursday of last week on a combined business and pleasure trip to Denver and other points in Colorado. He will meet his brother, Drew, at San Pedro, Calif., and together they will enjoy the Rocky mountains for a time. On his return, about Labor Day, Mr. Tighe will drive to Lebo, Kan., to get Mrs. Tighe's mother, Mrs. Maudeline Britell, now living there with her mother, and bring her to Wilmette for a visit here and with another daughter, Mrs. Wood, in Evanston.

LOOT REALTY OFFICE

The real estate office of C. R. Norman, 519 Ridge avenue, was entered by burglars some time during Monday night. A typewriter and a small radio constituted the loot.