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Seek to Create Park Buffer at No Man's Land

Creation of a buffer park zone between No Man's Land and Wilmette will be sought in a petition to be circulated in the village beginning next Monday.

The proposal is being backed by the Wilmette Home Owners association, of which Robert E. Ricksen is president, and the circulation of the petition is under the direction of Miss Rebecca Fitch, executive secretary of that organization.

The petition is addressed to the Wilmette park commissioners and will request them to purchase for park purposes a strip of territory extending east from Tenth street to Lake Michigan and north of the houses along the north side of Chestnut avenue between Tenth street and Sheridan road.

In Park Board
The park board will be able to do this. it was explained, because while No Man's Land, a triangular tract between Wilmette and Kenilworth along the lake shore, is outside both municipalities, it lies within the Wilmette park district.

On the other hand, it was added, the Wilmette park district extends only as far west as Ridge road, and residents of the village west of that point will not be asked to sign.

The creation of a buffer park, which can be done over a period of the next few years without increasing the present outstanding obligations of the park district, it was argued, will prevent the growth of the No Man's Land business area to a point where it might jeopardize property values in the village.

Step to Annexation

It will also lead to the eventual annexation of the tract as a part of Wilmette, was another assertion made by the proponents of the plan.

An attempt will be made to reach every home in the park district within the next few weeks, it was stated. The petition is to be circulated by members of various women's church organiza-

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed Fugard. Jr., have come from Boston to divide a holiday visit with Mrs. Fugard's mother, Mrs. Walter Mead of Wilmette and Mr. Fugard's parents, the John Reed Fugards of Evanston. They'll return east after New Year's. Mrs. Mead spent Thanksgiving with her son-in-law and daughter in Bos-

Francis Whipple, who has been the guest of the George Springers, 724 Forest avenue, Wilmette, during the holidays, is returning Sunday to his home in Los Angeles.



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AVIATOR



Robert G. Boyd, 1710 Forest avenue, Wilmette, a graduate of Georgia Tech in last June's class, recently completed a month's elimination flight training at the naval aviation base at Glenview, and has been ordered to duty at the naval air station, Pensacola, Fla., for one year's flight training as an aviation

Upon graduation from Pensacola, he will be sent to flight duty in the status of a junior naval officer with an aviation unit of the United States fleet for three years. At the end of this period the naval reserve and released to inactive duty with 1,200 to 1,500 hours of flying experience.

Big Tax Boost Is Assessor's Christmas Gift

A Christmas present in the form of a steep increase in personal property taxes was presented to scores of wealthier citizens of New Trier township last week by the office of County Assessor John S. Clark.

The township includes the villages of Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth, and Wilmette, the No Man's Land area along the lake shore, and the Indian Hill club and Woodley road residential tracts.

Access to federal income tax returns, it was explained, enabled the assessor's office to put most of the net increase of more than \$11,000,000 in effect. For the first time, large amounts of stocks, bonds, and other forms of intangible securities were

More Than \$500,000

According to published figures made available, one Kenilworth resident will pay taxes on property valued at more than a half-million dollars. In another case, a Wilmette property-owner was boosted from a sworn statement of about \$2,500 to more than \$100,000.

Eight citizens of Winnetka, including the Woodley road and Indian Hill club district just outside corporate limits were found by the assessor to have property valued in excess of \$100,000. Four Glencoe residents \$100,000. Four Glencoe residents were also in the latter class.

Over the entire township, the action of the county assessor increased personal property taxes by more than 121 per cent. The total assessment for he will be commissioned as ensign in personal property for the 1936 tax year was a little more than \$9,000,000. For the tax year 1937 it will be over

Invite Singers to Join Chorus of Annual N. S. Music Festival

Applicants Are Urged to Act Nearly 11,000 Seals Promptly; Rehearsals Soon

John W. Beattie, dean of Northwestern University School of Music, and Edwin S. Mills, chairman of the North Shore Music festival, announce the formation of the May Festival chorus for the spring of 1938. This year the chorus will be composed of 400 singers under the direction of Max T. Krone of Northwestern university. The chorus will be featured with the Chicago Symphony orchestra with Dr. Frederick Stock and Hans Lange conducting.

participated in the festival last year, averaged 28 seals apiece. and new members will be admitted upon application to Max T. Krone at 1822 Sherman avenue, Evanston, at one of the scheduled conference hours. All new singers are required to have a conference with Mr. Krone before they are accepted into the organization.

Rehearsals this year will be every Wednesday night commencing January 5 until May. Beginning on February 20 rehearsals will be scheduled Sunday afternoons, also, making two meetings per week. Rehearsals will be held in Great Hall of the First Methodist church, Hinman avenue and Church street in Evanston. Members of the chorus must attend all rehearsals.

The conference hours listed below will be held at Music Administration building, 1822 Sherman avenue, room 52.

Monday, January 3, 11-12; 2-4; 7:30-9.

Tuesday, January 4, 9-12; 2-3; 4-5, 7:30-9.

Wednesday, January 5, 11-12; 2-4. Thursday, January 6, 10-12; 2-3; 7:30-9. Friday, January 7, 11-12: 2-3; 7:30-9.

Sold by Children of Kenilworth School

Nearly 11,000 Christmas seals were sold to Kenilworth by the children of the Joseph Sears school, it was revealed last week by Elmer L. Nygaard, superintendent.

Seventh and eighth grade boys sold the largest amount per capita, Mr. Nygaard's figures showed, each boy in the two grades averaging 408. All grades, however, cooperated in the program, The chorus is open to all singers who and even the kindergarten children

First Place

Willoughby Goodsmith took first place with 3,200 Christmas seals, the one-cent stickers used in combating the menace of tuberculosis. Other children who scored high were John Holmes, with 1,725; Bobby Ellis, with 1.600; Lois Hawley, with 1,500; and Beverly Hicks, 1,375.

Many children had more than 1,000 sales. Among them were Edwina Fuchs, Henry Zander, Allan Gilbert, Rolland Heiser, John Darley, Mary Lou Heiser, Martha Lodwick, Karen Williams, Barbara Weishaar, Nancy Boreegaard, Alice Barnes, Graham Burnside, Nancy Eckert, Walter Hallsteen, Billy Henning, Nancy Hoetger, Dorothea Knudson, Sue Ellen Loucks, Barbara Merkle, Alice O'Connor, Marilyn Olsen, Marian Petersen, Idamae Schulze, David Simpson, Patty Zipprodt, Bobby Carpenter, John Crowell, Catherine Schreiber, and Richard Kilner.