

**Communicated.**

Editor Sheridan Road News Letter:

My Dear Sir: It is rumored quite extensively that the property owners on St. Johns avenue, south of Laurel, at a recent meeting of the city council—the November meeting, if I mistake not—sent in to the council a petition signed by all the property owners, and asking the council to give them a hearing in the matter of paving their street, or else appoint a committee consisting of the mayor and Aldermen Stubbs, Clampitt and Van Riper, to meet with the property owners and see if some compromise could not be effected whereby the street might be immediately paved; furthermore pledging themselves to pay the money or give bonds that the improvement should be promptly paid for.

Now what I want to know, Mr. Editor, is, is the above statement a fact? Was there such a petition? And is it true that the council refused to grant them a hearing, but referred them to the city attorney instead? Is it correct that the aldermen of the Fourth ward refused to consider any improvement except the one proposed in an ordinance passed some years ago? Is it also true that the property owners on that avenue, some time last winter, sent to the council a similar petition, which was tabled without any consideration? Is it also correct, Mr. Editor, that the property owners on that avenue, without exception, have felt themselves forced to appeal to the supreme court in order to get a change made in the proposed pavement, taking out a parkway? Will you also inform the writer how much taxes in addition to the city attorney's salary the public have had to pay in the last three or four years "lawing it" about St. Johns avenue, and whether this might not all have been avoided by a more conciliatory method, at the same time giving the public the benefit of an improved street years ago? The writer is not presuming to know whether these rumors are correct or to know the merits of the case, but the public at large are beginning to wonder whether there is not something wrong in the matter of St. Johns

avenue and whether the property owners are or are not justified in the persistent opposition they are making to the old ordinance.

**TAXPAYER.**

A game of indoor baseball will be played at Fort Sheridan Park Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. East Ends vs. Triangles of Chicago.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Edward Huber last Saturday evening. About thirty guests were present and progressive euchre enjoyed.

Miss Grace Ryan of Chicago spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Nellie M. Rudolph.

Ford Carter had the misfortune of breaking his arm in a football game last Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Chapman and daughters left Thursday for Florida to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gump have returned from a two weeks' visit in Tennessee.

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