

GLENCOE NEWS

Last Monday was Glencoe Reception Day at the County building—the Board of Review wanted to meet a large number of citizens who had for some reason or other become as strangers to the taxing authorities. No one escaped.

Mr. Oscar J. West is at Sugar Island, St. Lawrence river.

Mr. Frank W. Darling is traveling on the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson and family are spending the summer on a farm in Michigan near the old family homestead and birthplace of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Benj. Newhall returned from North Manitou Island last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Andrew visited at Castle Park, Michigan from Friday afternoon till Monday morning.

Mr. Wilbur Hattery of Chicago visited in Glencoe last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. De Lang.

We have been told for some time past that success and prosperity was just around the corner. Now we are told success and prosperity is right upon us. What does it look like?

The banks are all bulging out with money. Soon the corn cribs and barns will bulge out with grain and feed. This is good news—but woe unto him who gets squeezed between the bulges.

Former Postmaster General Geo. L. Von Meyer, now Secretary of the Navy, favors U. S. Postal Savings Banks.

SKOKIE COUNTRY CLUB Announce Women's Calendar for August.

Saturday, August 14—3:30 p. m. Putting contest. From 4 to 5 p. m. Mrs. E. Reginald Williams will preside at the tea table.

Monday, August 16th—Approaching and putting.

Tuesday, August 17th—12:30 p. m. Luncheon and bridge.

Thursday, August 19th—Club mixed foursome.

Saturday, August 21st—3:30 p. m. Putting contest. From 4 to 5 p. m. Mrs. James Murray will preside at the tea table.

Monday, August 23rd—Two-ball foursome—handicap.

Tuesday, August 24th—12:30 p. m. Luncheon and bridge.

Saturday, August 28th—3:30 p. m. Putting contest. From 4 to 5 p. m. Mrs. Charles K. Blackwood will preside at the tea table.

Monday, August 30th—Maids vs. Matrons—tor cup presented by Miss Josephine Landon.

Dancing every Saturday evening during August.

The Electric Road Again.

When the Glencoe franchise for the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Road was passed, much emphasis was laid on the fact that the interests of the village were safeguarded in all respects, that the Road was strictly prohibited from carrying freight, that all trains were required to make at least one stop in Glencoe, at Park Ave., to take on and let off passengers, and that the penalty clause, while sufficiently flexible to prevent any unfair drastic action, was also ample to insure the enforcement of these provisions.

At a meeting of the Village Council held August 3rd Mr. Walker, reporting for the Judiciary Committee, in response to a request that the Road be allowed to haul broken stone through Glencoe to furnish an outlet to a Wisconsin stone quarry, called attention to these facts, recommended that the Road be notified that it is not observing the limitations of its franchise, that it would be required to observe these limitations in good faith and that, in case of wilful and continued failure to regard its franchise obligations, steps would be taken in the manner provided in the franchise to forfeit its rights.

Commenting on this report, attention was called to the fact that the parties in control of the Road were not anxious to haul this stone and were entirely willing to be notified by the Village authorities that the prohibition as to hauling of

freight would be insisted upon and attention was also called to the fact that when the franchise was granted Mr. Frost specifically assured the Council that the Electric Road would not haul any stone from his quarries except as it might be needed on its own road bed.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Walker, Mr. Hughes, the Village President, admitted that it was undoubtedly true that the Road is not observing its franchise limitations, but stated that he was against adopting the recommendations of the Judiciary Committee.

Upon the question of adopting the Judiciary Committee's report, Mr. Walker and Mr. Fox voted aye, Mr. Sayles and Mr. Behrs explained that they did not object to having stone hauled by the Road through the Village, even if it were contrary to the law of the Village as embodied in the franchise, and voted no. Mr. Hughes, who, as executive head of the Village, is required by his official oath to enforce this franchise, as well as all other laws of the Village, the reupon voted against the enforcement of these requirements of the franchise and, as the result of this kind of enforcement of the Village ordinances, the Electric Road will not even be notified that it is expected to observe these requirements of its franchise.

It is worthy of comment that the same three gentlemen who voted against requiring the Electric Road to observe its obligations were very much exercised when Murray & Terry sought to connect one 8-inch water pipe with the Downing Ave. main, instead of eight 1-inch pipes to supply water to property which had been assessed for that water system, and these same three gentlemen, in the public interest, voted to lay a side walk on Grove St. against the protest of most of the property owners affected, because they considered this a broad public question, but when the private interest of A. C. Frost in obtaining an outlet for his stone quarry and the interest of the Electric Road in running certain trains without stopping in the Village conflict with the clear provisions of the franchise negotiated and accepted by Mr. Frost and the Electric Road, these same three gentlemen disregard the public interests and clear law of the Village, as embodied in this franchise, and go on record as supporting the private interests of Mr. Frost and the Road in violation of the clear law of the Village.

This is a situation which the man on the street finds it hard to understand.
O. R. B.

The Glencoe Public Library

In 1906 a Library Board was elected and a first tax of two mills on the dollar for a library was levied, producing about \$650, which was collected in 1907. Since that time there has been no addition to the Library fund until July, 1909, owing to a difference of opinion as to the law, which was only settled by a mandamus suit against the Village Treasurer, which was decided in July, when Judge Du Puy entered a judgment sustaining in part the contentions of the Library Board and directing that \$800 be transferred from the general fund to the Library fund, increasing the total in that fund to \$1,450, to which, before the end of the year, about \$900 will be added from the taxes which are now in course of collection.

With about \$2,300 in sight, the Library Board is now, for the first time, in a position to do something in the way of establishing a Library and reading room in Glencoe, but it is confronted by the fact that there is no room suitable for that purpose which can be rented at the present time.

The Library Board is, therefore, confronted with the following alternative plans:

First. If a suitable site be donated by public spirited citizens, probably \$10,000 or more could be obtained to erect a Carnegie library.

Second. The money on hand could be invested in the purchase of a site and bonds issued for building purposes, but it is believed that a bond issue at this time is not desirable.

Third. A site could be purchased and the fund allowed to accumulate until there is sufficient for the erection of a building.

Fourth. It has been suggested that the Village build a new fire hall and that the Library Board take possession of the present fire hall, put in an attractive glass front and additional windows and equip the present fire hall as a library and reading room.

As this is a matter of general interest and as the Library Board is confronted by difficulties which appear from the foregoing statement, suggestions from any interested parties would be very acceptable.

The Library Board, as at present organized, consists of Otto R. Barnett, president; Charles R. Barnes, secretary; M. B. Orde, Mrs. W. M. Culver, Mrs. Belle Brigham and Samuel R. Hurford.

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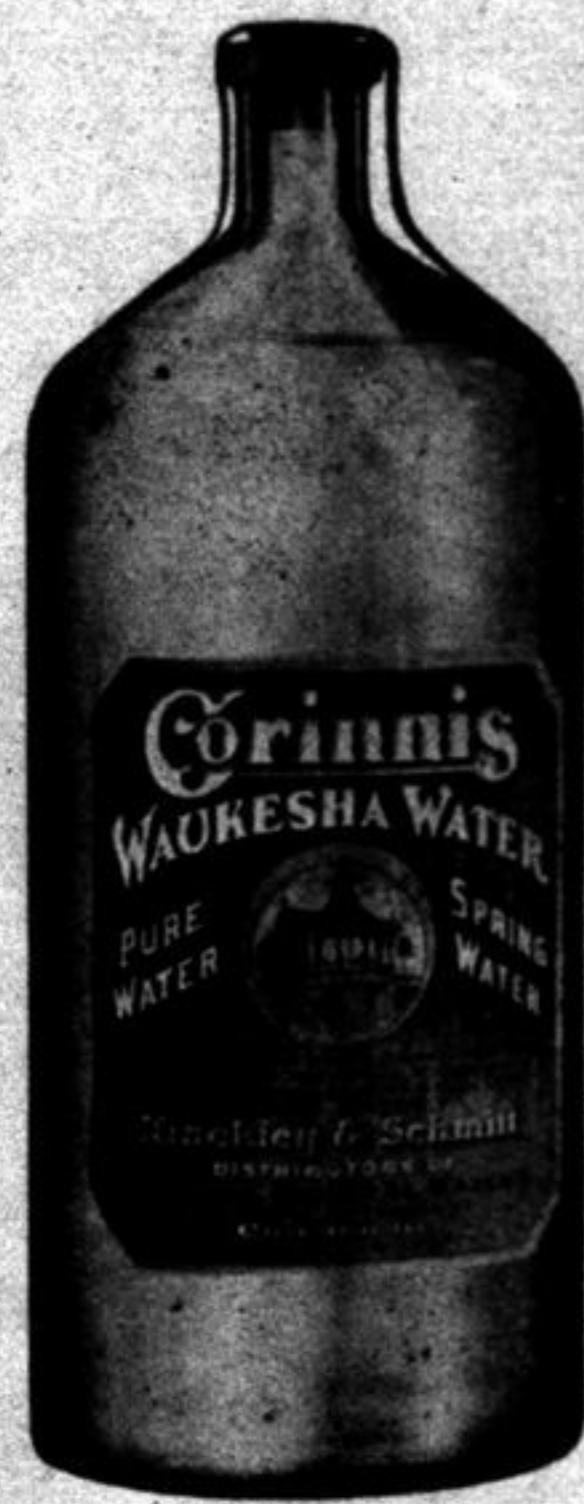
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