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NATIVE EVERGREENS

Winter landscapes in Highland Park, in contrast to the summer, lack character and color owing to the scarcity of evergreen trees. The native evergreens of this region are the white pine, the arbor vitae, the red cedar, and the bush juniper, all of which, with the exception of the white pine, are still found below the bluff near the pumping station. And one or two old pine trees along the northern margin of Lake Front represent a very considerable colony that was standing there when the first settlers came to this town. There are still a number of fine specimens of white pine on the site of the old Gad's Hill encampment together with a large number of arbor vitae and red cedar. Most of the planting of evergreens done by the early settlers here were of nursery stock inasmuch as the nursery men of that time handled European stock almost exclusively. Thus it is that all over the country the Norway spruce predominates in plantings of twenty or more years ago. The large evergreen used for the Christmas tree this year and temporarily set up on Central Avenue was a Norway spruce with a history very much after the manner described.

It will be noted that the spruces are rather sombre and dull in tone and the average farm house flanked with them for wind breaks is inclined to lack a certain element of cheerfulness, and to suggest an atmosphere of bleak and windswept areas. The Austrian pine too is an introduced pine with long coarse needles, presenting also a somewhat stiff and unwieldy appearance.

In contrast to these imported trees, the native white pine and the red cedar make a very favorable appearance. The foliage of the white pine is soft and silky and, as the trees age, and the branches are reduced, the tree itself becomes more and more picturesque. The red cedar is noted for its beautiful spire-like form, and much could be said in favor of the arbor vitae when allowed to grow freely.

It is certainly true that Highland Park needs more color in her winter landscapes—more green against the white and brown of ravine, of bluff, of upland, ridge, and valley. And it is logical that we should begin with the work that nature has done in this region, and plant only the native trees. The spruces and Douglas fir do not lend themselves naturally to an environment of our native trees, but remain stiff and unyielding, and seem to belong rather to cement sidewalks and iron fences than to a landscape of native oaks.

An arbor day for Highland Park, or a white pine planting "drive" suggests itself as a solution for those who favor more greens in the winter landscape, and a greater working knowledge of our native trees. If a number of property owners would go into partnership, the trees could be bought by the hundred or five hundred lot, and it would be possible to get good trees with vigorous roots wrapped in burlap for only a nominal sum for each tree. There should be hundreds of red spruce planted, and wherever conditions are favorable the bush juniper and red cedar.

As a people we are not slow to see the need of social and civic reform, and meet it, but when it comes to the question of beautifying our city by restoring its native trees, we are very much inclined to leave this matter to the student of a department.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander are spending the remainder of the winter season at their home in Belaire, Fla.

Mr. Harold Oleson, who was commissioned second lieutenant in the Signal Corps Reserve of the Radio School, has been honorably discharged. He has returned to New York after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Oleson, where he has accepted a position as electrical engineer, doing radio work. Mr. Oleson has been sent to Miami, Fla., for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. George Schuman of Camp Grant has received his honorable discharge and has returned home.

Mrs. C.H. Doyle of Chicago was the guest last Friday of her sister, Mrs. William Guyot.

Mr. George Harder, who was stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., has been released from military service and has returned home.

Miss Esther Hicks of the U. of C. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hicks.

Sgt. McCord of New York was the Tuesday guest of Mr. Thomas Morton.

The North American Union will give a euchre party Wednesday evening, February 19, in Masonic Hall.

Mr. Percy Prior has just returned from Josephine, Ala., where he spent several weeks.

Mr. Frederick Legler of Ravinia, left Monday for New York where he will remain indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams have gone to Boston where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. Martin Muzik, who spent the past two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vencel Muzik, will leave tomorrow for Baltimore Maryland, to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thayer had as their guests for a few days last week Mr. Jerry Jordan, K. C. and wife of Saskatoon, Can.

Mrs. C. Hoopes of Maywood, was the Sunday guest of her sons, Messrs. Fred and George Tucker, and Harry F. Clow.

Mr. H. M. Prior left Tuesday for Josephine, Ala., where he will join his wife who is spending several months there.

Corporal Harold Taylor a member of the Black Hawk Division, recently returned from overseas was the Monday guest of Mr. Thomas Morton.

Lieut. Le Roy Huet of Camp Custer, Mich., spent a few days last week at the home of Miss Rose Deiges.

Mr. Roland Brand, who has been in the navy stationed at Municipal Pier has been honorably discharged from the service.

Mr. M. M. Ludlow, who is at Camp Holabird, Md., has been promoted to first sergeant.

Mrs. Edna Egan of Chicago was the Sunday guest of Mrs. John Sheahan.

Miss Anna Muench is visiting her parents for several weeks in Olney, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown returned to their home in Dewitt, Ark., on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Brown (Stella Frakes) has spent the time with her parents, John Frakes and wife ever since her husband enlisted in the navy. He has been honorably discharged from the service. He saw active service on the U. S. S. Ohio, on which he made several successful trips across in the capacity of first class fireman. On one of his trips he went into the North Sea and into the famous Kiel Canal. He will take up his civilian life where he left off—as a very successful young farmer at Dewitt.

Miss Mae Danville of Waukegan was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Booth, the early part of the week.

Major H. S. Vail, who has been ill at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, since his return from Florida last week, has been removed to the Highland Park Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stuenkel are the happy parents of a boy, born Tuesday, Feb. 4.

William Hennig, who is in the navy, returned yesterday from France.

Nathan Corwith, a member of the Blackhawk Division, returned home from France yesterday, having received an honorable discharge.

Miss Priscilla Carver will fill two engagements at Creper next week, and in De Kalb the week following.

The girls from the Highland Park Telephone Exchange attended a party at the Parish House at Waukegan on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23. A splendid program was given in which the Highland Park girls took part.

The mid-year teachers' meeting will be held next week Thursday, at the Gorton School, Lake Forest, Friday at the High School and Saturday at the Central School, Waukegan. An interesting program has been prepared.

Mr. Robert Clyde Cameron, who is home on a ten day furlough from overseas where he has been for the past twenty-one months, was most pleasantly surprised on Wednesday by a host of friends. During the evening a more pleasant surprise was given when Miss Lillian J. Evans and Mr. Cameron were united in marriage at 8:45 by the Rev. C. G. Unangst. The bride was attractively dressed in blue satin and carried a shower bouquet of white and pink roses, the veil being held in place by orange blossoms. Mrs. S. Z. Christopher, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mr. Joseph Cameron attended his brother as best man. After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served. The home was decorated in red, white and blue. Mrs. Joseph Cameron played the wedding march. The twenty five guests gathered in were very much surprised. Following the ceremony dancing was enjoyed. Mr. Cameron leaves Sunday for New York where he will report for sea duty again.

Leslie Grant, who has recently been commissioned Ensign at Pelham Bay, is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Grant.

Mr. F. H. Starrett of Lancaster, Wis., was the guest last week of Mr. Albert Meecham.

Mr. Roy Garrity, who attends St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore Md., is visiting his sisters for a few days this week.

Sergt. Lloyd McCaffery of Camp Grant, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCaffery.

Dr. F. M. Ingalls, after spending the past six weeks with his family in Atascadero, Cal., returned to Highland Park Tuesday.

Mr. Anson Morgan is on a business trip in California.

Mrs. Foy and two children of Detroit, Michigan, spent last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Ada Jones.

Mr. John Kearney of the U. S. Wheeling is home on a short furlough.

Mr. Robert Carr, who spent the past two weeks in this city, has returned to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. P. C. Wolcott is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lyman Prior, in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Millard will leave this evening for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. Harold Smith, who has been stationed at Camp Sheridan, Ala., has returned to this city, having been honorably discharged from the service.

RED CROSS

The Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross has sent out notices to all chairmen of auxiliaries to close up the work shops as the production of supplies for military forces is practically finished and this work has now become a government responsibility. In closing her letter Mrs. John McMahon, chairman of the auxiliary says, "I take this occasion to express to you the appreciation of the executive committee and officers of the Chicago Chapter for the splendid work done by your organization during the war. You have responded to our numerous requests in a manner which has reflected the true Red Cross spirit. Your efficiency has been demonstrated repeatedly and your entire organization may feel as we feel, that they have made an enviable war record."

The hospital garment department has received an honor roll certificate showing that perfect work has been done in that department.

Also from the refugee garment department comes the following: This finishes your quota, the garments were beautifully made. We assure you that the assistance you have rendered this department is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

The attractive paper bags which Mrs. Walter Carr is making for the benefit of our auxiliary may be purchased hereafter at Larson's Stationery Store or Schumacher's Drug Store.

There are a few knitters who still have yarn out. Mrs. Eugene S. Wilson, 304 N. Sheridan Road, is in charge of this work and will be glad to receive finished articles or yarn not made up as soon as possible. Several aprons belonging to workers have been left in the Red Cross work rooms, some of which are marked and some are not. Please call for same this week or next, as all effects are to be disposed of within a few days.

Mr. Citizen: Do you know that seventy-five per cent of the fires originate from preventable causes? Therefore it is a matter of deep and urgent necessity that every means should be taken to prevent this evil. It is indeed discouraging to note the little interest that is taken in this matter by the public.

Recently the fire commissioner of Boston put this question to a prominent firm of attorneys in that city. "Has an owner of property which is damaged by fire for reason of neglect of the owner of adjacent property to clean chimneys and flues, a right of action against such owner in common law?"

In the opinion of the attorneys, the injured property owner has such a right. How would you feel if you were hauled into court on such charges? It would be very annoying, would it not? And yet our citizens are very

laid in their cries of high insurance rates. Do you suppose the average man makes a daily or weekly or even monthly inspection of his house to see if his wires are in good shape, his ashes stored in metal receptacles, and his basement free from rubbish? The man who does is very hard to find.

Let us combine closely our efforts and work together in this matter. I need your cooperation and assistance to get proper results. One suggestion I would make is that when burning leaves and rubbish you guard the fire until it is burned out. Also, remember when you call alarm of fires, you need the fire apparatus. Don't call the fire department to put out a bonfire that you could put out with a bucket of water. It costs the city dollars every time an alarm is turned in. When calling the fire department, give your name and address in a clear voice. It will help us to answer the call faster than if we have to ask you for the information we need.

Respectfully yours, EDWARD HOSKINS, Chief.

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house on N. Green Bay Road last Saturday night at 11:55, the result being that the roof was slightly damaged. Tuesday afternoon the house owned by the George P. Cummings estate was on fire, the roof being ablaze in five places when the department arrived. The fire was quickly extinguished with practically no damage except that of a few shingles. This fire was caused by sparks from the chimney while rubbish was being burnt in the furnace.
The following letter from Fire Chief Hoskins, addressed to Mr. Citizen is timely:
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H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting was held last Tuesday afternoon at Witten Hall. A splendid program was given consisting of songs by Mrs. Donald Wayne Riddle and a lecture by Professor Franklyn B. Snyder on "Warfare and Literature."
The next meeting is to be Tuesday, February 13, at 2:30 o'clock, Witten Hall. Mrs. C. A. Winston will speak on "Cathedrals in the War Zone" and Mrs. William Peter will sing.