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NORTH SHORE LINE GROWTH DESCRIBED

IS TRACED FROM START

Beginning Made in 1894, According to Engineer; Increase Has Been Rapid; Skokie Line Notable

The story of how the North Shore line built its Skokie route, overcoming obstacles that faced its engineers, was related last week by H. D. Howard, engineer in charge of construction of the work.

Mr. Howard traced the history of the line from its beginning in 1894 when the Bluff City Electric railway was inaugurated between Lake Bluff and Waukegan, through to the present day with the line now connecting Chicago and Wilwaukee.

The various additions to the line were traced. In 1898 the line was extended south to Highland Park, giving it 12 1/2 miles of road. The next year it went into Evanston. From 1903 to 1906 further construction connected Evanston on the south with Milwaukee on the north. The line passed through Kenosha in 1906, the speaker continued.

In 1916 the company was reorganized under the direction of Samuel Small and his associates. In 1919 the Chicago loop operating with the Chicago elevated lines from Wilson avenue south.

During the last three years a tremendous amount of construction has been carried on until now the North Shore line consists of 175 miles of main track lines, 47 miles of leased track, and 27 miles of sidetracks. The company operates 173 passenger trains, 43 merchant-despatch cars, 217 freight cars, 17 locomotives and working cars, and 65 buses and trucks. There are 314 passenger trains daily with 14 merchant-despatch trains covering and connecting all points on the lines.

The biggest engineering feature in the North Shore line's history is the construction of the Skokie Valley route, Mr. Howard declared. Here everything was built for permanency and in some stretches, particularly the first five miles out of Niles Center brought in every kind of engineering obstacle known to electric railway construction.

The speaker told of the tremendous amounts of material that had to be hauled to the construction scenes on specially built railroads just for that purpose; of crossing underneath the Northwestern railroad and maintaining that line in operation at the North Shore's expense; of moving a mile of the Northwestern lines to allow their high-speed traffic to continue without interruption while the subway was being built for the North Shore lines.

Mr. Howard predicted that territory adjoining the new valley route would become as thickly populated within the near future as the sections of countryside on both sides of the valley.

FOURTH CONCERT IS HELD FEBRUARY 14

Recital Series by Winnetka Music Club Planned

Monday, February 14, will be the fourth concert in the current artist-recital series staged in the Winnetka Music Club. At that time "The English Song" of London, will be heard in concert at the New Trier high school auditorium.

These singers appeared in America for the first time in 1925. After a few appearances, they were suddenly and unavoidably called back to London. It follows that they are not yet so well known in America as are the other famous artists appearing in this series, yet the subscribers, discriminating musicians as well as lay listeners, may look forward with confidence to a great treat when the English Singers give their concert here.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT HELD AT WAUKEGAN

Annual Basketball Contest for This Section to Take Place There

The basketball tournament for this district will be played at the Waukegan high school gymnasium on March 10, 11, and 12, according to word received by the superintendent last week.

Previous to the notice received, some fear was expressed that because of the demise of the Suburban league, there would be no district tournament for the schools in this part of the state. Notices had been sent out and no place was mentioned for a tournament here, but Manager Whitten of the state association states that it was a mistake and that the tournament for this vicinity is planned for the new high school gymnasium, in Waukegan. The three district tournaments most interesting to the Lake county fans will be held at Waukegan, Cicero and Dundee. The sectional tournament, as usual, is at Joliet.

Deerfield-Shields high school is in this tournament district.

PLAN TOWNSHIP PARK IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

Election to Authorize Issue of Bonds to Finance Project Is Considered

An election having for its object the authorization of the issuance of bonds by New Trier township for the purpose of acquiring public parks in the township, is the latest expedient sought by those citizens of the north shore communities who are determined to frustrate various building projects, now in progress or contemplated, in the so-called "No Man's Land" situated on the lake front between Wilmette and Kenilworth. It was stated, according to the Winnetka Talk, that County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki has ordered the election for April 5, for a vote on a \$500,000 bond issue.

A petition looking toward such a procedure, and said to bear the signatures of more than 100 citizens, was filed Monday of this week in the County court asking that tribunal to call an election for the purpose of submitting the proposition in question to a vote of the citizens of New Trier township.

Official bodies in the township listed as favoring the bond issue ballot include the village boards of Wilmette, Kenilworth and Glencoe; the New Trier Township high school board; Indian Hill Improvement association; Glencoe, Kenilworth and Wilmette Park boards; Glencoe, Kenilworth and Wilmette school boards.

The Winnetka village board, it is stated, has expressed opposition to the current and contemplated developments in "No Man's Land" as being detrimental to the home life of the north shore residents.

COUNTY CLERK GETS STATE TAX FOR 1926

The state tax for 1926 as received by County Clerk Lew A. Hendee, from Gov. Len Small last week shows a reduction of twenty cents a hundred dollars assessed valuation over the previous year.

The tax that will be payable in the spring will be 65 cents on the \$100 whereas it was 85 cents a year ago.

The various rates will be school, 19 cents; principal and interest on Waterway bonds 2 1/3 cents; principal and interest on soldiers' compensation 10 1/2 cents; University of Illinois maintenance, 5 2/3 cents.

THRESHOLD PLAYERS HEAR NOTED SPEAKER

At a meeting of the Threshold Players of Glencoe on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, at the home of Miss Ruth V. Thomas, 596 Sheridan road, Miss Sue Ann Wilson, executive secretary of the Drama League of America, spoke on the drama, and especially the Little Theatre movement.

PLAN BIG DRAINAGE DITCH FOR SKOKIE

TO BE TWELVE MILES LONG

Project Launched by President of Winnetka Chamber; Other North Shore Towns to Be Interested

A 12-mile-long \$1,000,000 drainage ditch to drain the Skokie valley and reduce the annual loss from floods over a 100-mile square area is proposed by George Peak, vice-president of the chamber of commerce of Winnetka, and chairman of that organization's civic committee.

The proposal was received enthusiastically by 150 members of the Winnetka chamber of commerce, who voted to present it to the village council January 18. The Glencoe chamber of commerce will be told of the suggestion tomorrow night and aid will also be sought from the Wilmette and Highland Park chambers of commerce.

The most recent flood over the area was last September. At that time basements were filled, cesspools blocked and considerable damage caused. Prominent men of the area, which is largely in the "new development" stage, have stressed the need for relief.

Mr. Park's plan suggests a wide, open ditch, which would be seven feet below ground level. The ditch would begin at the Lake county line between Glencoe and Highland Park and run south into the north branch of the Chicago river, affording run-off for the water.

"Such a ditch would cause no engineering problem," declared Frank A. Windes, Winnetka city engineer. "The area which such a ditch would drain would be fully 100 miles square, running west to Morton Grove. It probably would be necessary to assess parts of Lake county for the project."

Lake county has a drainage system now but it is considered inadequate. It is proposed to link this existing system with the new ditch and thus drain Lake county as well.

"We hope to make this proposition an issue in our April election," said Mr. Park. "I do not think it would be possible to start it before."

GUILD DIRECTOR IS AUTHOR OF VOLUME

Alexander Dean Writes Book on "Little Theatre Organizations, Etc."

Alexander Dean, chairman of the Dramatic department of Northwestern university and director of the North Shore Theatre guild, has recently published a book called "Little Theatre Organizations and Management." It is a book suitable to any dramatic organization in community, university or school, as well as drama, reading and study courses. Walter Pritchard Eaton has written an introduction explaining the need for such a book and giving in flattering terms Mr. Dean's qualifications for writing it. The book is dedicated to George Pierce Baker, chairman of the drama department of Yale university, with whom Mr. Dean studied at the famous Forty-Seven Workshop at Harvard. It has been published by D. Appleton and company of New York.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED ON RAIL AT RONDOUT

Six-Year-Old Edna Randall Is Victim While Returning From School

Six year old Edna Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Randall, of Rondout, met instant death Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock when she was struck by a fast Skokie Valley train on the Libertyville division at Bradley crossing located one-half mile west of Rondout. She was crushed to death under the wheels of the steel cars. Five of Edna's little schoolmates witnessed the tragedy.

GLENCOE WILL VOTE ON BOND ISSUE PLAN

TO BUILD INCINERATOR

Also to Acquire Certain Tracts and for Constructing Water Mains; Election to Be Held Feb. 26

Three ordinances passed by the Glencoe village council last week provided for a like number of bond issues totalling \$149,000, for various improvements and the purchase of real estate and fixing Saturday, Feb. 26, as the date of a special election on the proposition.

The largest of the proposed bond issues is for \$75,000, for the purpose of acquiring real estate comprising certain lots and parcels of lots in block 28, which block is bounded on the north by Hazel avenue; on the east by Glencoe road; and on the south by Hawthorne avenue, and on the west by Vernon avenue.

This, it is said, is for a site for contemplated village improvements in the future. The proposed bonds for this purpose, as well as the bonds for the other two issues are to draw four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

The seventy-five bonds of \$1,000 each are to be due and payable numerically in their numerical and consecutive order, the latest expiring date being 1945.

The second largest of the proposed bond issues is for \$55,000, for the purpose of constructing and establishing a municipal garbage incinerator or plant, together with the necessary real estate to provide site. The bonds in this issue would also be of \$1,000 denomination, due and payable numerically in their numerical and consecutive order, the same year, 1945, being the date of the last maturity.

The third proposed issue is for \$19,000, for the purpose of constructing water mains. The nineteen bonds of this proposed issue will also be of \$1,000 denomination, with like provision of retirement and latest maturity date at 1945.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS; WILMETTE

Those Elected for Ensuing Year by Sherman Lodge Formally Inducted

The officers-elect of A. T. Sherman lodge, No. 892, I. O. O. F., were installed at a meeting that was attended by a large number of Odd Fellows, in their hall in Wilmette.

The installing officers, under William J. Schatz, as district deputy grand master, inducted the following members into their respective offices: E. L. Tucker, noble grand; W. J. Cunningham, vice grand; H. G. Cazel, recording secretary; Charles Knobel, financial secretary; H. W. Lange, treasurer.

Then after the installation of these elective officers, the following appointive officers were installed by the district deputy master: E. B. Polly, warden; C. C. Branscome, conductor; A. H. Hardie, chaplain; H. Otterback, outside guardian; C. J. Lee, inside guardian; Karl Knobel, R. S. S.; L. Doolittle, L. S. S.

RADIO FAN SECURES IMPORTANT DECISION

Wisconsin Supreme Court Gives Him Damages Against Public Utility

What is believed to be the first case in America where a public utility has been held liable for interferences with radio reception reached its conclusion last week in Milwaukee, when the Wisconsin State Supreme court upheld a Circuit court jury in awarding \$2,000 damages to Peter J. Walter. Suit for damages was started by Walter against the Milwaukee Electric company on the grounds that a high tension line near his home made it impossible for him to tune his set properly.

WANTS TO PURCHASE WAUKEGAN HOSPITAL

Report Says Cardinal Mundelein Seeks to Buy It; Sale Is Not Expected

The purchase of the Victory Memorial hospital at Waukegan is sought, members of the hospital board admitted last week when it was learned representatives of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Cardinal Mundelein, that the Chicago diocese had put forward a proposition to take over the institution. G. T. Cook, representing the Catholic diocese, proposed the purchase to Rev. Howard Ganster, president of the hospital association, and H. C. Burnett, treasurer of the organization. He suggested the purchase of the hospital at a "fair price," not specified. If purchased it would be operated by Catholic nuns.

It was also intimated that the purchasers would agree with the present management regarding the future operation of the hospital, so that an understanding might be arrived at before the sale.

When questioned regarding the matter, Rev. Ganster stated that the sale of the Victory Memorial hospital was "out of the question."

"There would be no one to give the money to," he said. "The hospital association, which operates the Victory Memorial hospital, is incorporated under the statutes of the State of Illinois as a corporation, not for profit. Furthermore I do not see how it could be disposed of on account of the fact that it was originally built as a memorial to the ex-service men and women of Lake county and should continue to be conducted as such."

It is not believed that the sale will be considered. It is understood, however, that if the hospital association absolutely refuses to accept the proposals to purchase the institution that steps will be taken to acquire property in or near North Chicago and erect a large hospital on the site.

NORTHBROOK ANNEXES TRACT OF 800 ACRES

The election which was held at Northbrook recently on the proposition to annex approximately 800 acres lying east of that village, carried almost unanimously, the total number of votes for the proposition being 142 with only eight against it.

The former eastern boundary of Northbrook was about a quarter of a mile west of Lee road, and by the result of the recent election it is now extended to the Kotz road, almost to the west limits of the village of Glencoe. The new Northbrook territory now takes in the new Skokie valley line on which Northbrook station is located, and Northbrook, President R. Lauer, announces, is making plans for development of the new territory, according to the Glencoe News.

Northbrook, under the official guidance of President Lauer and his fellow officials, has gone forward more rapidly, perhaps, than any of the other North Shore villages, and very certain it has grown more and expanded more in the past two or three years than it did in its entire previous history covering many years.

And President Lauer says there are still many extensive plans under way to keep pace with the rapid growth which the village is experiencing.

FORMER WINNETKA WOMAN IS NO MORE

Word has been received by Winnetka friends, of the death of Mrs. Frank A. Helmar of Battle Creek, Mich., formerly of Chicago and Winnetka, which occurred last week, in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmar lived in Winnetka for several years, having bought the home of Mrs. Ralph Dickinson on Prospect avenue in that village. Shortly after this time their only daughter married Dr. Stewart Prichard, head dietician of the Battle Creek sanitarium. Leaving Winnetka, Mr. and Mrs. Helmar made their home with their daughter, where Helmar died. Since that time Mrs. Helmar lived with her daughter until her death.

MAKE CAMP LOGAN STATE PARK, PLAN

REP. WEISS PREPARES BILL

To Present Measure in Legislature and Sees Success; Tract Contains About 250 Acres

One of the first bills which Representative W. F. Weiss of Lake county will introduce in the state legislature at the present session will be one providing for the creation of a state park to take in all the land now occupied by Camp Logan.

This land located on Lake Michigan just north of Zion comprises about 250 acres and for many years has been a state rifle range but since the war has been used only now and then. In fact during last summer it had not over a half hundred men working there for target practice. Before the war the state militia used to go there every summer and the range was filled with marksmen perfecting their scores.

Camp Abandoned. However since the war there have been other and more efficient rifle ranges provided for the state militia such as are found at Camp Grant and other places. The use of these large ranges have resulted in a practical abandonment of Camp Logan.

Two years ago Mr. Weiss introduced a bill covering the same proposition that will now be considered in the new measure to be presented to the present legislature. The bill passed the house without a vote against it and went to the senate. However, in the senate, it met severe opposition and was killed.

Urge State Park. However, since that time there has been new agitation advocating an establishment of a state park, the theory being that it would be better to utilize this land for a park available to all the residents of the state rather than to keep it as a rifle range and in practical disuse.

On the property in question is said to be found practically every kind of tree; shrub, and flower and all other features that mark the dunes down around the southern part of Indiana along the bank of Lake Michigan. This tract at Camp Logan is the only piece of property bordering the lake in the state available for state purposes and therefore the feeling is general that if it is to be abandoned that the state should utilize it as a state park rather than to dispose of it to real estate brokers and others who might wish to subdivide it.

N. S. LINE SEEKING WAUKEGAN FRANCHISE

Plan to Institute One-Way Car Traffic in Downtown Area; Other Features

A request was made to the Waukegan city council by representatives of the North Shore line for a special election on the franchise which will allow the North Shore the right-of-way along the streets on which they propose to operate their new city street car loop. The council expressed its favor on the proposition and the special election will take place as soon as franchise has been drawn up, it was stated.

The new plan for the North Shore for the city system, will terminate in one-way street car traffic in the downtown area; the plan being for the northbound cars to operate on Genesee street and the southbound to go down County street, with a branch on Water street, and an ultimate extension of the line across the ravine on Utica street to connect with the South Genesee street line on Belvidere street.

Petitions have been signed by a majority of the property owners on the streets selected for the new line, and a special election on the franchise will be the last move necessary before the installation of the proposed new system.

The Family Next Door