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ELECTION CALL IS VACATED BY COURT

IN "NO MAN'S LAND" FIGHT

Proposition Not to Be Voted On at Spring Election; Pushing Annexation Plan; Wait On Legislature

County Judge Edmund Jarecki last week issued an order to vacate the call for an election April 5, on the proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds for purpose of acquiring "No Man's Land"—the territory lying along Sheridan road between Wilmette and Kenilworth—for a New Trier township park. In other words, there will be no election on the proposition.

The action by Judge Jarecki was largely at the instance of the Citizens' committee, a group of New Trier residents who, several days ago, were successful in securing favorable action in committee on House Bill No. 51, designed to bring "No Man's Land" into Wilmette by forcible annexation. This bill is soon to be acted upon in the legislature, it is thought.

In a statement concerning the order to vacate the call for the bond issue election, and setting forth the status of the annexation measure, Arthur Bonnet, chairman of the Citizens' committee, comments as follows:

To Protect Homes
"The Citizens' committee is interested mainly and only in protecting the homes and the community life of the north shore.

"And the only way we can accomplish this in our fight against the 'No Man's Land' developments is to have a united public opinion behind us.

"When the bond issue was proposed and the petition submitted to the county court, we had in mind the possibility of putting on the Illinois law books a statute permitting compulsory annexation of the tract. But we did not know how far we could get with the idea.

"However, in the matter of forcing additional taxation, no matter how small, on a community, there is always bound to be a difference of opinion. One can never hope for unanimous consent. Therefore, when last week, we succeeded in getting the municipalities committee to report favorably on our compulsory annexation statute (House Bill No. 51), we felt that this was the action that should and would have the united support of the entire north shore.

"Therefore, to clear the atmosphere and bring the issue down to the single point for which we have always contended—the control and policing of these 'No Man's Land' developments—we have, through the legal avenues open to us, prevailed upon the county judge to vacate his order on the bond issue."

MAY WIDEN MILWAUKEE AVENUE, LIBERTYVILLE

Plans Being Considered by Board of Local Improvements; Suggested by Owner

Frank Kennedy, at an adjourned meeting of the Libertyville village board last week asked that a building line be established on Milwaukee avenue. Mr. Kennedy expects to start work April 1 on a business house on the lot purchased from Thos. Corlett, just south of Hurlburt court, in that village, and wants to make sure that all buildings in the future will be on a uniform line. He is willing to set the new building back 17 feet from the present lot line thus enabling Milwaukee avenue to be made 100 feet wide when necessity demands such action.

A public hearing on the question will be held at the village hall Tuesday evening, April 25, and all property owners on Milwaukee avenue, from Johnson avenue to Rockland road, and on Park avenue, from Stewart avenue to the east village limits, will be notified of such hearing.

LAKES CLEARING UP EARLIER THIS YEAR

Season Evening Up for Lateness of Spring Last Year, It Is Believed

With one of the latest starts last year in history, nature and the law of averages seem to be united this year in establishing an early opening of commerce on the Great Lakes. The first government report for 1927 on the conditions on the Great Lakes showed the ice in many of the harbors either entirely gone or noticeably thinner than at this time last year.

In the narrows near the Soo, on the opening of which depends commerce between Lake Superior and other ports, the ice is 18 inches thick, ten inches thinner than on March 15, 1926.

Ice in the Waukegan harbor and other harbors on Lake Michigan, has been cleared up for some time and offers no bar to navigation.

A government dredge is expected to arrive at Waukegan about the first of April and will rush the annual work of dredging out the harbor. As soon as this is completed it will be possible for the large coal boats to take their cargoes to the docks there. The Waukegan harbor is not affected as much as some others by the early opening of navigation.

WINNETKA MASONS HEAR MANAGER TALK

Community Executive Tells How to Run a Village; Much of Interest

A large number of Winnetka Masons availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser address the Winnetka Masonic lodge at the state meeting, last week.

His topic was "Managing a Village," and Mr. Woolhiser brought out clearly and in detail how local village affairs are managed. City government plans have changed and improved throughout the years until today we are enjoying the modern and successful plan known as "Council-Manager" form of municipal government, he explained.

Mr. Woolhiser states that this plan had been so successful that many large cities in the United States had adopted it, and others are seriously considering doing so. During his years of service as manager, in which time the population of Winnetka has more than doubled, there have been many improvements. Those standing out most prominently are the municipality owned and profit-paying lighting plant, the new village hall, the filtration plant, and the recently built fire station. Mr. Woolhiser will have completed his tenth year with the village as manager on May 1.

CONSERVATION PLAN SOON IN OPERATION

Fox River District Has \$20,000 in Treasury and Proposes to Begin Work

With \$20,000 tax money in its treasury, the new Fox River conservation district organized in 1926 will begin this summer to reclaim the long lost beauty of the famous stream on whose banks the ancient Redmen of Illinois and Wisconsin got their first idea of the happy hunting ground.

Motor boating, fishing, swimming, and other sports are on the program for conservation for the first few years, according to William H. Blencoe, retiring mayor of Geneva, president of the conservation district.

But the main purpose of this conservation program under the legislative act of July 11, 1925, is to provide and maintain water supplies of the interior towns and villages, now seriously imperiled by the lowering of water levels for wells. Every year for the last quarter of a century the water level has been falling. It has dropped from a bubbling fountain in the '90s to 150 feet below the surface, now the working level of suburban artesian wells. The cost of raising water from this deep working level has almost become prohibitive.

HE TOOK TIME BY MOUTHFUL, REPORT

Waukegan Man Swallows Watch and Doctors Fish It Out; Runs Two Hours

John Bactianic, aged 23 of Waukegan was the life of the party held in his home at 1032 Lincoln street on a recent Sunday afternoon, but soon afterwards he was in a hospital, which is our way of beginning a timely story, says the Waukegan Sun. His conversion from joy to tragedy came when he went the old rule of

taking time by the forelock one better by taking it by the mouthful.

During a particularly hilarious moment of the party John was informed by a friend that if he placed a watch in his mouth he could hear it tick. John borrowed a small wrist watch from a woman guest at the party. He placed it in his mouth. A gentleman friend, whom John declares was no gentleman, slapped him sharply on the back.

John gulped and then he heard the watch ticking at a point somewhere between his oesophagus and his Adams apple.

A physician summoned to the Victory Memorial hospital to attend John gave one look down into the throat of the patient with the aid of a fluoroscope and then called for a better fisherman. He asked the aid of a specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat ailments. For more than five hours the two physicians angled for the elusive timepiece until they finally hooked it with a small fishhook.

The watch stopped at 5 o'clock, two hours after it was gulped down by John.

We are urged to protect our wild animals, and that variety of them known as small boys claim they can protect themselves.

The seed catalog looks fascinating to many of us, but the hoed and spades with which the seeds are raised, not quite so much so.

Many of the boys are unable to succeed in sports, but a large number of them stand a good chance of the eating championships.

Some people think President Coolidge should retire at the end of his term, but at last accounts he was not complaining of his present job.



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