

North Shore News

Mrs. Elliott Trees of Winnetka is giving a shower this week for Miss Eleanor Smith of Evanston, who is to be married Saturday, Jan. 14. The wedding of Miss Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric D. Smith, to Harry A. Trees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Trees of Kokomo, Ind., will be solemnized at 4:30 o'clock in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church of Evanston, Dr. David Hugh Jones officiating. The service will be followed by a small reception at the Smith residence. Only two attendants will be in the bridal party, Miss Helen West of Chicago, and Elliott Trees, who will serve as best man for his brother. Upon their return from their wedding trip, Mr. Trees and his bride will make their home at 319 Custer avenue, Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Motty of Evanston announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Margaret, to William Beresford Renshaw, son of Mrs. F. W. Renshaw, 256 Sheridan road, Winnetka. Miss Motty attends Northwestern university where she was pledged Alpha Phi, and Mr. Renshaw is a member of Alpha Delta Phi at the University of Wisconsin.

Two recent brides, both of Kenilworth, who married brothers, Mrs. Lester M. Branch, and Mrs. William Marshall Branch, were guests of honor at a bridge given Wednesday afternoon of last week by Mrs. John Ailes at her home in Evanston. New Year's night Miss Mildred Gerske of supper for the two brides and their Evanston, entertained at a buffet husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis F. Muther of Evanston announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Noe Muther to Herbert C. McKendry, son of Mrs. William McKinney of Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Foresman of Kenilworth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Warren A. McCracken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. S. McCracken of Chicago. Miss Foresman attended St. Mary's hall at Burlington, N. J., and was graduated from Smith college in 1922. Mr. McCracken is a graduate of the University of Michigan in the class of 1913. The wedding will be an event of the spring.

In celebration of the one-hundredth birthday of Mrs. Frances Winne of Evanston, and the coming of the fifth generation with the recent birth of F. Langdon Hubbard, Jr., son of the F. Langdon Hubbards of Detroit, Mrs. Frank C. Dakin, with whom Mrs. Winne resides, held open house informally Sunday. Among the guests at the large family reunion were Mrs. Winne's daughters, Mrs. Robert Cluett of Hubbard Woods, and Mrs. Dakin; her granddaughters, Mrs. Frederick Scott of Hubbard Woods and Mrs. Richard Conkling of Oklahoma City, her great granddaughter, Mrs. F. Langdon Hubbard (formerly Miss Emily Scott) and her infant great grandson.

Miss Alice Channer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Channer, 812 Greenwood avenue, left Glencoe on Monday for New York and sailed for

Europe Jan. 4, with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. McCormick and their daughter Marjorie of Detroit. The girls were roommates together at Ogontz, from which school they graduated last June. They sailed Wednesday noon on the steamer Conte-Blancamano direct for Naples. They will spend some time on the continent traveling thru Italy, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. Miss Alice Channer was formerly a student at New Trier.

Leroy Baumgartle of 1180 Oakley avenue, Hubbard Woods, is expected home shortly from a cruise to Cuba and the West Indies with his wife, Mrs. Baumgartle, who will remain in New York for a week after her husband's return.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Breit and family, Betty Jane, Geraldine and Virginia, of Essex road, Kenilworth, left Thursday of last week for their home in Miami, Fla., to spend the remainder of the winter months. Frederick Breit, Jr., is a student at the Canterbury school and spent the holidays in Kenilworth, going east again to resume his studies when his parents left for the south.

A number of luncheons and dinner parties were given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Breit. These included a luncheon by Mrs. Theodore Kneip, and dinners by Mr. and Mrs. A. Seng, Mr. and Mrs. E. Keeley, and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Mulvey of 800 Oakwood avenue, Wilmette, announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Converse to Leonard E. Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe of Long Beach, Cal.

Miss Jane Chilcott of Winnetka gave a luncheon for twelve of her classmates, Wednesday, Jan. 4. Buncoco was the chief game of the afternoon. The guests were asked to write short stories, of not more than fifty words, about something interesting during the Christmas vacation.

Suburban building construction in the 10-mile zone surrounding the city totaled 1927 just closed more than \$163,700,000.

The suburban total figures added to the construction value of the city itself for the last year, of more than \$352,900,000 makes a grand total in construction for the city and immediately adjoining territory of approximately \$516,600,000.

Banner Year This record makes 1927 one of the greatest construction records in the history of the city and suburbs. Al-

though figures are not available for all suburbs covering the last five years, it is comparatively safe to assume that 1927 was one of the greatest years the suburbs ever experienced in the building construction industry. The basis for the above estimate is the official permit records of nineteen major suburbs.

For the year these nineteen suburbs had a total building construction volume of \$87,637,972. Comparative figures for last year indicate that Park Ridge holds stellar honors, having made a yearly increase over 1926 of 72 per cent.

Oak Park had a gain over 1926 of 45 percent. Waukegan a gain of 56 percent, Evanston made a yearly gain of only 1 per cent, and Winnetka also made a gain. Gary's construction volume fell down to the extent of 27 per cent.

Figures for Year The 1927 figures for the principal suburbs reporting are as follows: 760,900; Chicago Heights \$857,593; Aurora \$2,838,801; Berwyn \$6,454,504; Cicero \$1,303,707; DesPlaines \$1,451,504; Elgin \$1,871,820; Evanston \$16,017,225; Glencoe \$2,077,192; Glen Ellyn \$1,707,430; Highland Park \$2,251,761; La Grange \$837,000; Lake Forest \$2,150,930; Maywood \$1,975,620; Oak Park \$9,080,676; Park Ridge \$4,191,685; Waukegan \$7,234,851; Winnetka \$2,638,205; Gary, Ind., \$14,991,929; Hammond, \$6,224,975; Whiting \$319,098.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IS NEVER SUCCESS

There are undoubtedly many advocates of public ownership of industry who actually believe that such a program would be beneficial to the public.

Would the United States be the nation it is today if the government had controlled and monopolized basic lines of endeavor when our nation was formed?

If we can judge by what has happened in other nations under public ownership of industry during the past 150 years, the answer is emphatically no.

Then why flirt with public ownership here? We have seen it tried by our government with our merchant marine and our railroads, and in each instance the deficits have been tremendous and the service questionable.

Public ownership cannot do the impossible—stretch a dollar beyond its actual purchasing power. Men will work no cheaper for government than they will for private enterprise. Quite often the reverse is the case for like service.

In considering proposals to put the government into business, it is well to repeat the basic question, would such a system have developed our country as it is today? Would bureaucratic control have stretched railroads from coast to coast? Would it have developed the telephone? Would it have pioneered in automobiles, airplanes and radio? Would it have brought about widespread use of electricity? Would government have exerted itself in the beginning to give the people these advantages?

Again the answer is no, if other countries where government ownership prevails are used as a basis for comparison. Then why consider stepping backward rather than forward in this nation?

KANSAS CITY PLANS FOR BIG CONVENTION

Notable Harmony of Feeling Manifested as Result of Western Selection

William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National committee, who has long been noted for his canny judgment of political affairs and conditions, is now reaping his reward for his persistence in suggesting Kansas City, Missouri, as the convention city. One of the first results is that the Middle West is not only proud of the honor which has come to it, but is determined to make good. It has translated the Butler move as first-hand evidence that the often-

expressed Eastern Republic interest in the Middle West was not a mere figure of speech.

As the Middle Westerners see it, the Eastern Republicans are extending the hand of good party fellowship, and they do not intend to be behind in showing their appreciation. The very fact that Kansas City with its reputation for a mid-summer June-time heat won against the glories of the Golden Gate and the coolness and sweetness of Detroit, has not in any way weakened the confidence and the sincerity of the gesture which the Republicans have made.

Reports out of Kansas City itself are to the effect that the town is virtually on its toes intent on redeeming each and every promise which its boosters made in Washington.

EARLY DISTRIBUTION OF AUTO LICENSES

Early distribution of auto license plates for 1928 is promised and indications are that the work will be accomplished more speedily than during past years. Already it is estimated 80 per cent of the cars in the state will carry the new license plates by the end of January.

Approximately 1,235,000 plates have been issued during 1927 for passenger cars and approximately 184,350 plates for trucks. It is estimated that it will require not less than 1,350,000 plates for passenger cars and 200,000 for trucks during 1928.

License plates for the coming year will be white numerals on a maroon background. The outline map of Illinois carried on the plates for 1927 will be omitted.

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