

SUBURBS NOVEMBER BUILDING RECORD

GAIN SINCE YEAR AGO

Statistics Show Forty-Four Per Cent Increase Over October; Highland Park Total Is \$609,356 for Month

Chicago suburbs closed the eleventh month of 1928 in a blaze of glory, making a 28 per cent gain in November over November a year ago. The November gain this year was 44 per cent ahead of the volume of the suburban area for October.

These comparative figures as compiled by S. W. Straus & Co. are based on permits filed in 42 suburbs.

Building conditions in many of the suburbs are particularly propitious. Evanston, with a November volume of \$3,409,750, made a gain of 291 per cent against November of last year. Highland Park, with a volume of \$609,356, made a November gain of 302 per cent. Joliet, with a November volume of \$220,600, made a gain of 105 per cent. Elgin, with a volume of \$247,735 in November, made a gain of 184 per cent.

Some Notable Gains

While the volumes were somewhat smaller in a number of suburbs several made very unusual November gains as follows: Arlington Heights 1261 per cent, Batavia 2238 per cent, Niles Center 1396 per cent and East Chicago, Indiana, 1003 per cent.

Other suburbs showing gains in November were as follows: Aurora 14 per cent, Berwyn 60 per cent, Calumet City 151 per cent, Chicago Heights 49 per cent, Des Plaines 152 per cent, Elmhurst 23 per cent, Harvey 13 per cent, Homewood 368 per cent, Kenilworth 106 per cent, LaGrange 179 per cent, Maywood 11 per cent, North Chicago 40 per cent, Oak Park 12 per cent, River Forest 482 per cent, and Wheaton 115 per cent.

It is significant that out of 42 suburbs 23 made gains in November.

The suburbs and their gains as shown in November against October this year included: Arlington Heights 50 per cent, Aurora 23 per cent, Batavia 300 per cent, Calumet City 32 per cent, Des Plaines 49 per cent, Elgin 47 per cent, Elmhurst 82 per cent, Elmwood Park 83 per cent, Evanston 451 per cent, Highland Park 325 per cent, Homewood 478 per cent, Joliet 7 per cent, Lombard 14 per cent, Maywood 20 per cent, Mount Prospect 43 per cent, Niles Center 26 per cent, North Chicago 187 per cent, Oak Park 117 per cent, Wheaton 150 per cent and East Chicago, Indiana 103 per cent.

Outlook Is Good

This evidence of building activity presages prosperous building conditions in the suburban area for the next 60 to 90 days.

The gains shown in November will materially add to the volume in the metropolitan area for the year and will give this district the honor of having the second largest metropolitan growth in the country.

This immense volume which is fortunately closing, with the exception of December, the year 1928 has been handled with probably a greater efficiency because of improvement in working conditions than ever before in the history of the city. It has also been handled with a minimum of misunderstanding between labor and contractors, according to the survey.

Figures for Month

Comparative figures for November 1928 and 1927 are as follows:

Arlington Heights	\$ 217,850	\$ 16,000
Aurora	256,500	223,287
Batavia	15,200	450
Berwyn	755,500	471,600
Blue Island	50,483	49,000
Calumet City	123,000	49,000
Chicago Heights	94,850	63,300
Cicero	293,075	441,633
Des Plaines	74,404	29,410
Downers Grove	58,025	189,025
Elgin	247,735	86,992
Elmhurst	187,517	411,045
Elmwood Park	74,705	186,456
Evanston	3,409,750	871,550
Forest Park	38,050	60,300
Geneva	21,735	***
Glencoe	79,000	266,150
Glen Ellyn	49,850	102,830
Harvey	102,072	96,383
Highland Park	609,356	189,965
Hinsdale	31,674	92,123
Homewood	82,990	17,680
Joliet	220,600	107,200
Kenilworth	87,000	42,100
La Grange	106,100	38,000
Lake Forest	249,426	296,081
Lombard	32,468	44,996
Maywood	255,550	228,475
Mount Prospect	79,500	79,400
Niles Center	373,990	25,000
North Chicago	112,550	80,525
Oak Park	1,944,827	1,683,500
Park Ridge	173,900	639,745
River Forest	214,250	36,900
St. Charles	19,400	***
Waukegan	220,100	1,055,405
West Chicago	12,400	87,600
Whitton	144,300	67,000
Wilmette	111,613	185,319
Winnetka	220,600	320,400
East Chicago, Ind.	330,100	29,925
Gary	174,650	447,250
Hammond	260,300	434,150
Whiting	1,000	3,550
Comparative Totals	\$12,074,430	\$9,422,614

THE FOOL'S PRAYER

The royal feast was done; the King Sought some new sport to banish care, And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool, Kneel now, and make for us a prayer."

The jester doffed his cap and bells, And stood the mocking court before; They could not see the bitter smile Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head, and bent his knee Upon the monarch's silken stool; His pleading voice arose: "O Lord, Be merciful to me, a fool!"

"No pity, Lord, could change the heart From red with wrong to white as wool; The rod must heal the sin; but Lord, Be merciful to me, a fool!"

"Tis not by guilt the onward sweep Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay; Tis by our follies that so long We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire, Go crushing blossoms without end; These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept— Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung? The word we had not sense to say— Who knows how grandly it had rung!"

"Our faults no tenderness should ask, The chastening stripes must cleanse them all; But for our blunders—oh, in shame Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes; Men crown the knave, and scourge the fool That did his will; but Thou, O Lord, Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose The King, and sought his gardens cool, And walked apart, and murmured low, "Be merciful to me, a fool!" —Edward Rowland Sill

CARICATURE EXHIBIT AT ART INSTITUTE

English Collection of 400 Now in Print Room There; Many Are Satirical

An illuminating side light upon English political and social life between the years 1721 and 1850, is shown in the exhibition of English Caricatures now being displayed in the Print Rooms of the Art Institute. They have been lent by Thomas Furness of Chicago, and altogether number over four hundred items. Not all of these have been hung, but the most interesting ones will be found on the walls. Caricature originated in Holland and from thence came into England, where the English artist Hogarth seized upon the wild financial schemes of the times, known popularly as "Bubbles," and lampooned them unmercifully. Hogarth's caricatures in 1721 on the "South Sea Bubble," resulted in the founding of a regular school of caricaturists, some of whom became world-famous. Among these were Hogarth, Bunbury, Woodward, Rowlandson, Gillray, Dighton, Allen and Cruskshanks, father and son. All of these men are represented in the present exhibition. The crime of lesmajesty could not in those days have been severely punished, for we find these cartoonists aiming their sarcasm and ridicule at the Royal Family and at the highest officials of the government. The parsimonious living of George the Third, he from whom the Americans wrested the

growing colonies, was made the butt of their fun and the Prince Regent, afterwards George the Fourth, was lampooned for his dissolute and dissipated ways. These interesting Caricatures, which really are valuable as historical documents, are mostly done in etching and afterwards colored by hand. The exhibition will continue until January 1.

NORTHWESTERN U. TRACK PROSPECTS

LOOK FOR GOOD SEASON

Teams Somewhat Crippled by Loss of Prominent Stars; Stronger for Outdoor Work

Despite the loss of a number of star athletes including Capt. Bill Droegemueller, pole vaulter, Al Bagge shot putter, and Frank Rettig, high jumper, the Northwestern track team appears to be well fortified in most events and should make as strong a showing as last season.

The team will probably not stack up quite so strong in the indoor season as outdoors since a number of the prospective candidates are members of the basketball squad.

Capt. John Gorby appears to be the strongest entrant in the half mile. Besides being a consistent performer in the 880 he is also a member of the relay team which usually places well up in conference competition. Other middle distance men from last year are Sam Bloomberg, Bert Fox and Earl Wilkins. Rut Walter, basketball star, will be available for the outdoor season in the quarter and the relay. Sophomore half mile and quarter mile candidates include Eddie Farrell, former Crane high school star, and Eddie McAuliffe who shows promise. Einar Hermansen should be among the top notchers in the conference this year as far as the sprints are concerned. Sophomore candidates in the sprints are Don Green, Peter Lattman and C. Lundberg.

Four sophomore pole vaulters all of whom show promise are Tom Warne, Scott Ingle, F. Lundberg and Dean Klarr. Several of these boys

will get up around 18 feet this season, it is expected.

The hurdle candidates, although not brilliant will probably win more points than usual in this event. George Morris and John Singleton of last year's team are working out. Sophomores include Roy Leming, Fred De Cordova and J. MacMakin.

The wealth of shot putt material of several years ago has passed on. Coach Frank Hill is grooming Frank Sinkler and Henry Anderson of last year's team and Henry Bruder sophomore.

Prominent among the distance men are Ralph Wolf and James Moring, both members of last year's team. Donald Crews, a sophomore, is also on the squad in this capacity. Fred Hoffman who won points in dual meets in the high jump last year is back again. Alden Jamison is the lone sophomore aspirant in this event.

Will Lewis is the only varsity broad jumper back although Hermansen performs in this event at times. Will Portness, a highly promising sophomore, is also working out. Justin Drott will take good care of the hammer in the spring competition.

10 Year Old Girl Mayor Lady Elizabeth Townsend, 10 years old, will shortly take office as Mayor of King's Flynn. She is the daughter of the Marchioness Townsend.

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"A number of years ago people scoffed at the idea of a radio set employing only one tuning dial," Frankel said. "Leaders in the industry and

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CHANGED FIGHTERS

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