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### Art Committee in Annual Tour Visit North Shore Cemetery

A group of distinguished visitors were callers at two places in the north shore recently, North Shore cemetery and Bowen Country club. It was the occasion of the annual tour of the Art Extension committee of the University of Illinois, led by Dr. Hieronymus and Lorado Taft. This year's tour of that group of art lovers started at Springfield. The university was visited, then a call was made at Old Salem the scene of the early life of Abraham Lincoln.

The Art Extension committee was joined on this year's tour by a number of officers and members of the American Civic association, which has its headquarters in Washington. Frederick Delano, formerly a well-known railway executive and for years receiver of the Wabash R. R. System, is the president of that organization. Mr. Delano was with this group on the entire tour. His organization is interested in nation-wide work in all matters tending to beautify the country or any locality. Amongst other achievements the American Civic association brought influence to bear on Congress which called a halt on the diversion of the water of the Niagara River for power purposes, an act which would have ruined Niagara Falls as a national asset.

A travelling assemblage composed of both groups visited several very modern and exceptional school houses, Starved Rock and many places in the Fox River Valley.

Another man of national reputation representing the American Civic association was Warren H. Manning, the talented landscape gardener of Boston. Mr. Manning has drawn the plans and superintended the development of many of the fine estates in Illinois, especially in the north shore. He seemed very much interested in having discovered such a garden place of interment as North Shore cemetery. After a short talk by Mr. John Western, the founder and manager of the cemetery, the walk about the grounds was commenced. Mr. Delano promptly took his place by the side of Mr. Western and proved that he is well informed on trees and shrubs by naming scores out of the one hundred varieties of trees growing in North Shore cemetery. After walking only a few minutes Mr. Delano asked who had been the landscape architect during its 12 years of development. Of course this was an "embarrassing moment" for the well-known cemetery man, as Mr. Western has designated the spot for planting nearly every tree and shrub in the grounds.

This travelling company of people looking for everything that is good in community life, next went to the Bowen Country club at the north limits of Waukegan for lunch. There Mrs. Biddle, an officer of the American Civic association of Philadelphia, was called on for a speech and she showed unmistakable talent, her remarks being animated and bristling with wit as she rapidly recounted the pleasure of the tour, the courtesies received from Illinoisans and the many scenes which the tourists had enjoyed and which she did not previously know of.

After the lunch this entire band of travelers, including Mr. and Mrs.

John Western, motored through the north shore residence district and took part in the annual dinner of the Chicago Regional Planning association at the Palmer hotel.

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