

Approve Visiting Nurse Proposition in Deerfield

The following letter was sent to Dr. W. B. Metcalf following a special meeting of Village Council when action on the hiring of a nurse was taken:

Deerfield, Illinois
October 20, 1929

Dr. Walter B. Metcalf
Deerfield, Illinois
Dear Sir:

"A special meeting of the Village Council was held Monday, October 26. At this meeting, the question of the need of a village nurse was brought up. The hiring of the nurse was approved by the council and you are hereby advised that you are appointed as associate commissioner of health in the Village of Deerfield together with Dr. Davis.

"Your special functions, however, are to look after the health and sanitary conditions of the two schools and the nurse is to report to you and be under your supervision.

Yours very truly,

Wm. W. Geary, President
Village of Deerfield.
Deerfield, Illinois
November 6, 1929

Mr. William W. Geary
President, Village of Deerfield
Dear Sir:

"Your letter of October 30, 1929, tendering me the appointment to the position of Associate Commissioner of Health, received.

"I am deeply mindful of the responsibility imposed in accepting this appointment. However, the task is one I will not put aside. I accept it in a spirit of service, confident in the hope that the parents of Deerfield will have as keen a realization of their responsibility. Let us not forget that the entire child goes to school, body, mind, soul.

This is a community proposition.
Yours very truly,
Dr. Walter B. Metcalf."

A group of interested and public spirited mothers of children of Wilmot and Deerfield schools met at the home of Mrs. S. M. Goder early in October and discussed the apparent and urgent need of a school nurse. Prior to the meeting Mrs. Gooder had consulted Dr. C. J. Davis, commissioner of health, who was unable to be at the meeting, but sent the following letter, which was read at meeting and also at the Village Board meeting when a committee from the group brought the matter to the attention of the board.

Highland Park Hospital
October 7, 1929

My dear Mrs. Gooder:

"Regarding our recent conversation during which the subject of medical inspection of school children and the need of a school nurse for the Deerfield and the Wilmot schools was considered; would like to add to what I stated at that time regarding the latter; the need of a school nurse. I have given the matter much consideration since then and I cannot conceive of a single reason why it would not be of the greatest benefit to the community.

"We haven't forgotten our epidemic of scarlet fever of last year with the loss of time in school to the children and the inconvenience to the families during the necessary quar-

antine. A school nurse would be a great factor in the matter of controlling all contagious disease; by regular examinations she would recognize and recommend to the parents for correction, the more common physical defects school children are subject to. These two matters alone would justify her employment. If a plan could be arranged whereby the village board could assist in financing the project, she would have plenty of time to act as a community or public health nurse in visiting the homes when necessary in times of sickness and giving advise in matters of hygiene and sanitation.

"Dr. Ernest J. Lederle of New York says, 'The school nurse has been voted a success from the day she began work.' Dr. Thomas Harrington of Boston writes, 'It does not seem possible to conceive of a more satisfactory or effective piece of school machinery than the school nurse under medical supervision.' Citations from the best authorities on the subject, similar in tone, might be indefinitely quoted. It might be said that I have been unable to find a division on the subject.

"If I can be of any further assistance in any way do not hesitate to call on me.

Very sincerely,

R. Johnston Davis."

Highwood Girl Hurt in Fall from Auto

Miss Rachael Hautale of 410 Waukegan avenue, Highwood, was out riding Sunday afternoon with Dominic Cheli of Highwood and as they were driving through Highland Park, Cheli stopped at the arterial highway sign at Vine avenue and Green Bay road. The door of the Ford 2-door sedan swung open as the car stopped and Miss Mautale fell to the street, her head striking on the curbing.

Cheli rushed her to the Highland Park hospital where it was stated that she had a very serious skull fracture. Her condition was said to be quite serious.

Infant Dies Saturday; Funeral Held Monday

Jean Margaret Olson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olsen, 930 Ridgewood drive, died last Saturday, aged seven days. The funeral was held Monday and burial was in the North Shore cemetery.

Red Cross Annual Roll Call

Between Armistice day and Thanksgiving the 13th annual roll call of the American Red Cross will be held in Deerfield. Mrs. Minnie Whitcomb is chairman of the committee in charge of the drive.

Col. A. V. Smith May Run for Congress; Is Considering It

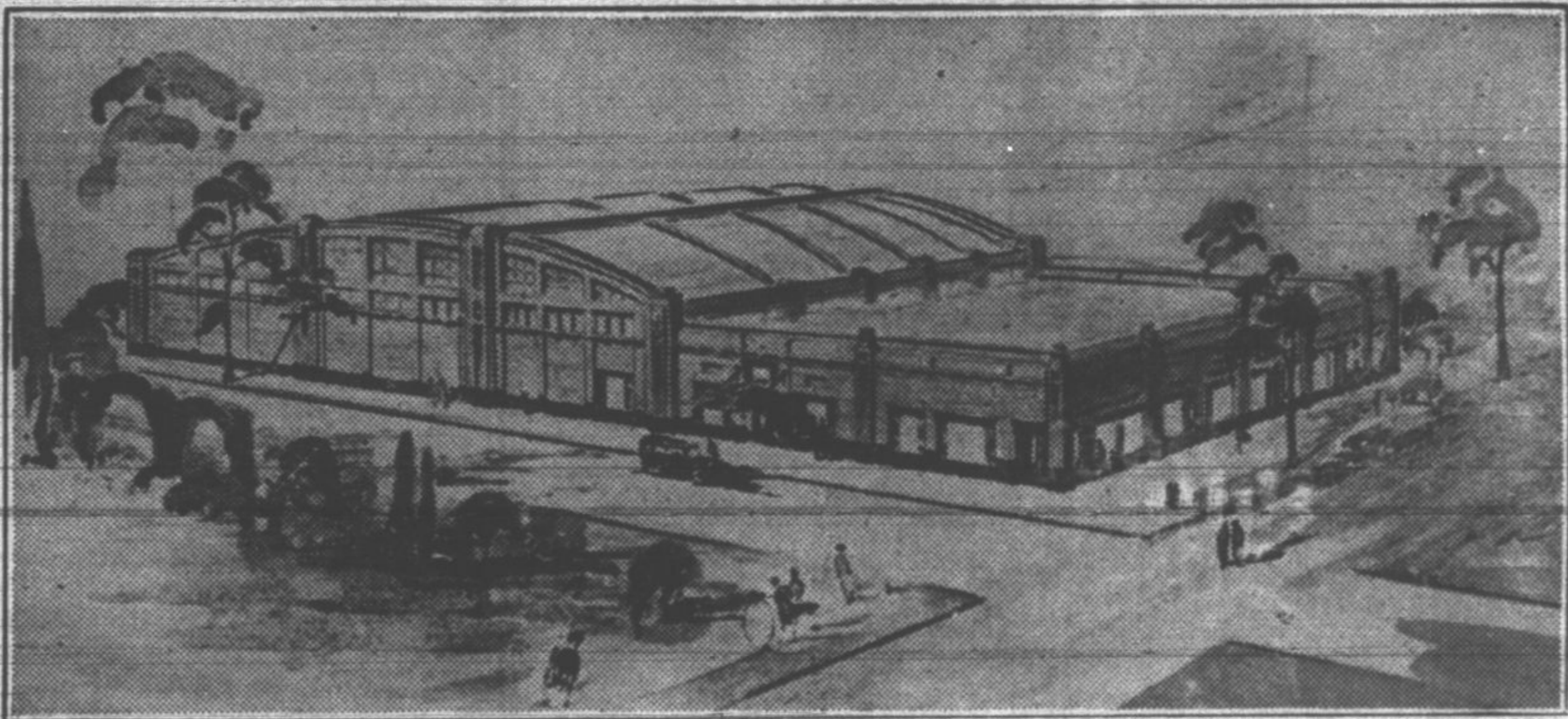
State's Attorney A. V. Smith is being urged to run for congressman of the tenth district at the spring primary, it became known today. The Waukegan post of the Spanish American War Veterans last week adopted a resolution requesting Col. Smith to seek the post in the interests of ex-service men and the district at large.

In an interview Col. Smith acknowledged that he had been the recipient of numerous requests from ex-service and other organizations in the south section of the district, urging him to become a candidate. He would not admit himself a candidate but stated that he was considering the proposition.

Congressman Carl R. Chindblom, the present occupant of the important office, will seek re-election, he has already announced.

The tenth congressional district comprises the north portion of Cook county, including Evanston, Niles, and New Trier, together with all of Lake county. Requests urging Col. Smith to run have come from various parts of the district and show a strong evidence of his popularity in the south section of the district.

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