

URGES PRESRVATION OF THE RIVER BLUFFS

Jens Jensen Appeals for Extension of Conservation Plan to Include Them

(By Jens Jensen)

Here in Illinois almost all evidence of early explorers and settlers and Indian occupation is found along our rivers. In many instances the bluffs are high, often rising over the prairie country, and as one travels across the plains they form the purple ridges on the horizon with their mystery and their charm only known to prairie folks. They are in this way a break in the monotony of the flat prairie country. Whether in summer in their green, or in winter in their blue and purple, they give the prairie country a bit of character and beauty that is not found anywhere else. They give a setting, or the framework, for the agricultural country, and there is nothing that gives me greater joy than from one of these prairie waves

to look across the prairies dotted with homes in oases of apple blossoms against the purple ridges of the next prairie wave, especially at eventide, when the long shadows are over the land and the blue smoke from hundreds of chimneys drifts heavenward.

Preserve Landscape

I have no quarrel with the city folks who like to escape from their prison homes into God's out-of-doors. On the other hand, both culturally and spiritually, it would be a great mistake if all primitive lands of scenic beauty were destroyed by the summer home builder. You cannot have both the charm and inspiration of the primitive and build your home in it too. You cannot fill the woods with houses and still have the woods, and here lies the danger of destroying what little we have of God's Masterly Work. It becomes our duty, and our heritage, to prevent the destruction of whatever is left of the primitive landscape—the America that the pioneer saw in its full beauty.

Attempts have been made to pre-

serve the bottom lands for wild life refuges, and for the hunter, but no attempt has been made to include the river bluffs and their canyons, those parts that have both cultural and spiritual value and represent outstanding scenic landscapes in our prairie country. Most of us still have to learn what spiritual and cultural values mean before we will have real conservation in our country.

Perhaps we cannot expect to make parks or reservations of all our river courses, but we can expect that the most outstanding and most beautiful will be preserved and must be preserved, and we may hopefully expect that owners of great sections of our river courses may give by easement, or outright gifts, such holdings for the enjoyment of many. There is a bill before the legislative body of the state of Wisconsin to zone the river courses for various occupation. We have here in Illinois recommended to the state certain areas for state parks, most of them on our rivers. These tracts cover the most outstanding natural monuments in our state.

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RAVINIA ICE RINK PRAISED BY EXPERTS

Coliseum Figure Skaters on Visit Here Delighted With Conditions

(By F. V. Degenhardt)

Figure skaters from the Chicago Figure Skating club dropped in on Ravinia one night last week, and all were loud in their praise of the splendid rink. They were particularly impressed with the number of adult skaters, and delighted to see so much enthusiasm for the greatest of winter pastimes. Each day sees new skaters on the ice at Ravinia, all intent upon mastering the simple strokes that will enable them to waltz, do the 10 and 15 step, the Swedish mazurka, the suburban, and other attractive, yet easily acquired steps.

Fine Exhibition

Messrs. Laver, Barron and Miss Eddy gave a wonderful exhibition of figure skating, and thrilled the large crowd with their graceful pirouettes, leaps, and difficult edges as they waltzed to the entrancing music. Practically all of the dances on skates are easily acquired.

Figure skating aspirants should start by practicing circles,—the forward circles at first,—on the outside of the skate, and then on the inner edge. Following mastery of these, the back edges are practiced (inner

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Former Deerfield Girl Dies from Burns Received in Fire

Mrs. Dorothy Burren, formerly Miss Dorothy Supple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Supple, former Deerfield residents, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 19 at Woman's hospital, Flint, Mich., as the result of burns received in a fire which destroyed their home about one-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning. Her husband and eight months old daughter, Nancy, are still in the hospital recovering from burns and injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Burren had been to a party Tuesday night and returned home, taking Mrs. Burren's mother to her home. After they had gone to bed Mrs. Burren heard a noise in the basement and went to see what it was. As she opened the door the flames shot into her face. The family were forced to jump to the ground for safety as the house was in flames. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 2 in Flint, Mich., with burial in Bristol cemetery there.

Mrs. Burren was a graduate of the Deerfield-Shields high school, Chicago School of Physical Culture and the University of Nebraska. She was married May 30, 1928.

"Rio Rita," Deerpath Theatre Feb. 9 and 10; Other Fine Features

With the glamorous "Rio Rita" as a headliner next Sunday and Monday, February 9 and 10, the program at the Deerpath theatre, Lake Forest, for the next week includes some of the finest talking and sound features offered on the north shore in many months.