

North Shore Cemetery Visited by Thousands Memorial Day, Report

Memorial Day, 1930, was another red letter day for North Shore cemetery. The weather favored the management and the visitors. From 7:00 a. m. until 8:30 p. m. automobiles passed both ways through the gates of the main entrance. License plates from several states were noticed, including California, Massachusetts, and Michigan. The men at the gate requested all motorists to drive slowly, (a) out of respect for the "City of the Dead," (b) because the motorists would fail to see many of the attractive and instructive features of this big landscape garden if they drove faster than 12 miles an hour, (c) because rapid driving tends to destroy the beautiful white driveways of the cemetery. The men making these requests kept strict account of the number of cars and found that the total was 830 during the day. As they estimated that the cars averaged more than four occupants, it was concluded that between 3300 and 3500 persons were Memorial Day visitors.

One of the features which claimed the admiration of everybody was the special care plantings on the graves. Hundreds of thousands of colored foliage plants specially adapted to this kind of planting had been grown in the greenhouses of the company during the winter months. Comment on the difference between the appearance of these beautiful graves and those not planted, or planted by amateurs, was frequently heard.

The red-leaf maples, the purple-leaf plums, the golden ash trees, the golden elder bushes, the gray of the Russian olives, the white of the cut-leaf weeping white birches, the crab-apple blossoms, great masses of honeysuckle blossoms, large groups of geraniums and tulips, the velvety lawns, the white driveways, all drew enthusiastic praise from the throng of people. While many contented themselves with riding about the grounds, a large number parked their cars and enjoyed walking on the green lawns and discussing the many varieties of trees and shrubs at close range.

The management reports that during Saturday and Sunday following Memorial Day, 120 more autos entered the grounds, thus making a total for the three days of 950 cars and nearly 4,000 persons in three days.

A well known North Shore woman who is active in garden club work said, "This is the first cemetery I ever visited in which it is a pleasure to spend an hour or two." She further said, "Indeed, one may profitably spend several hours here, as there are more varieties of trees and shrubs, all in thrifty condition, than I ever have seen in any other cemetery."

The plan—original to North Shore cemetery—of landscaping every lot in the deluxe section separately, drew the attention and favorable comments of all the visitors.—Contributed.

In the meantime Americans should be thankful for the United States of America and should see to it that Uncle Sam is not in any way involved, politically or otherwise, in these age-old hatreds of Europe.

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be closed for six weeks, or their efficiency seriously impaired by reducing our excellent teaching staff. And, of course, there would be no gymnasium, no new playground, nor a playground instructor. It would mean going backward instead of forward.

How Committee Operates

The campaign for subscriptions to the fund will be handled by an executive committee, of which Mr. R. P. Sherer is chairman, and citizens' and parents' committee, of which Mr. Sellar Bullard is chairman and Mrs. Marc A. Law co-chairman. The operating plan includes both voluntary contributions and personal solicitations.

The committee desires to express a warning to the citizens not to let the spirit of enthusiasm that marked the opening of the campaign lull them into the belief that everything will be taken care of without their personal contributions. The only way the school fund can be put over is for every citizen to support it. "Letting George do it" has never brought success to any enterprise.

Cost of Educating Child

"At the present time it costs \$160 per year to educate a child at Elm Place or Green Bay Road. What would you pay for a private school education that could be no better and very probably might not be as good? "If you have one child in school

and pay your way it is necessary that you pay \$480 a year in taxes—because under the present school laws the school system receives but \$1.00 out of every \$3.00 paid in taxes. In order to find out exactly what you are now paying for school upkeep, simply divide the amount of your taxes by three.

What Chance Has Your Child?

"The life we live today cannot be compared to that of the frontiersmen of the 70's for whom our present school laws were written. Our children need education if they are to compete successfully with modern business and social conditions. What chance has your child got? It is your job to see that he has the best chance that you can give him. It is your job to pay your own way and, if possible, to help someone else who may be less fortunate.

"Every child represents two obligations. First, on the part of its parents; second, on the part of the community in which it lives. Child life depends on these two forces for its later success in life.

Help Great Cause

"One of the great desires of every healthy, normal adult is to lend a helping hand to some child. Surely, no better opportunity to perform such service can be found than in assisting to underwrite the school fund.

"The foundations for great successes must be laid in childhood. These are: a strong body; a trained, alert mind; a mastered character; a well developed life plan. If this is not done in youth, it never can be done after youth has passed.

"There are big dividends waiting for the super-trained youth of tomorrow. To underwrite the school fund is to underwrite the building of young people."

Every citizen is urged to get in touch with the committee through any of the chairmen. Our school system is facing a crisis. Either we go forward to the finest school system in the world—or we go backward because the citizens do not wish to support such an undertaking.

Decorate Vets' Graves in Lake County

The Eighth District, American Legion has once more fulfilled one of the foremost obligations which it owes to deceased comrades of the world war by decorating their graves on Memorial Day. Each post officer in the county met with district graves registration officer, Mancel Talcott, on Friday, May 23, when cemetery assignments were made and lists checked and rechecked.

Complete instructions were also issued to comply with the first state-wide graves registration survey now being conducted by the Department of Illinois. It is of interest to know that the state department has accepted the same plan of graves registration that has been used by the Lake county (eighth) district for several years. Post officers are to be commended for their loyal co-operation and assistance which has resulted in Lake county being recorded 100% in this important American Legion activity.

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