

English Magazine Commends Noted Author On Work

"Personal Power Through Speech" written by Lew Sarett, a resident of this city, in collaboration with William Trufant Foster, has just been released by the publishers. In the October issue of the magazine, "Correct English and How to Use It," the following tribute was paid to the author, Mr. Sarett, by F. Sherman Baker:

"Poet, wilderness guide, lecturer and educator are only four of the many vocations and avocations of Lew Sarett, co-author with William Trufant Foster of 'Personal Power Through Speech.' This remarkable book which has been adopted by over two hundred schools under the title 'Basic Principles of Speech,' has just been released in an edition for the general public, and everyone interested in speech improvement or in speaking before groups should find in this book the answer to his problem. For 'Personal Power Through Speech' is probably the most comprehensive and thoroughly practical single volume on this subject. It combines the years of teaching experience of both authors with Mr. Sarett's poetic insight, his practical experience as a successful lecturer, and his dominating and magnetic personality. It is not merely a lucid exposition of the principles of effective speaking for Conversation to Radio Broadcasting, but it is also an anthology of the most inspirational prose and poetry of our time."

"Lew Sarett was born in Chicago but at an early age his family moved to Marquette, Mich., on Lake Superior. Here he gained that intensive love of fields, and forest, and the wilderness that is reflected in his poetry. The difficult years that followed on his return to Chicago when he helped support his mother as an errand boy, were an unhappy interlude until they again moved to Michigan — country of sand dunes and woods, of streams, and fruit farms."

"After high school he worked his way through seven years of college study at Michigan, Beloit, Illinois and Harvard and in the years that followed he became a U. S. Ranger, athletic director and Canadian guide."

While instructing at the University of Illinois he wrote his first poem in 1920, 'Many, Many Moons', his first book of nature and Indian poems was published. Lew Sarett is now Professor of Persuasion and Professional Speech at Northwestern University. He resides at 1782

S. Green Bay road, with his family."

Engineers Approve Improvement Project

Engineers last week approved a far-reaching improvement project to eliminate the North Chicago death trap at Twenty-second street.

They set an estimate of \$853,820 on the project, which includes two grade separations in North Chicago, construction of a huge sewer system in S. Genesee street, relocating the North Chicago Junction station of the North Shore line, and repaving the highway from Great Lakes thru North Chicago and down Genesee street to the Sheridan road cutoff.

The action followed a conference between representatives of Waukegan, North Chicago, the North Shore railroad and state engineers in the district highway offices at Chicago. All parties concerned stamped their approval on the general engineering plan.

The next step, it was explained, lies in removing legal blocks in the right-of-way path.

According to the plan, Sheridan road will be connected south of Twenty-second street by a subway grade separation under the North Western railroad tracks, while the Skokie route of the electric line will be separated at the Twenty-second street crossing by a similar separation. Cost of the two bridges was tentatively set at \$499,690.

The plan involves the removal of the North Chicago Junction of the North Shore line to Sixteenth street and the possible end of street car tracks in Genesee street from North Chicago to the Sheridan road cutoff. Details of the track removal in Waukegan have not been definitely approved.

The plans call for establishing a \$30,000 sewer system in Genesee street between May street and the Sheridan road cutoff, with huge relief mains in South avenue into Lake Michigan. It is included in the repaving plans for Genesee street between the cutoff and the city limits, estimated to cost \$115,100.

Two other repaving projects outlined call for expenditures of \$54,460 for Sheridan road from Great Lakes to Twenty-second street and of \$184,570 for Sheridan road from Twenty-second street to the Waukegan corporate limits.

The actual estimate price of the bridge work alone was set at \$200,079, while the drainage system and track replacement work was set at \$260,061. Relocation of the North Shore Skokie route tracks between North Chicago Junction and Six-

teenth street was approximated at \$39,000.

Discussion of paving work led to the decision to establish proper storm sewers under the streets before work on the surfaces could be started, indicating that the project in Waukegan may see action in the near future.

Approval of estimates came as a result of the recent conferences in Springfield between city officials of Waukegan and North Chicago and the state department of public works and buildings.

The state officials, declaring they were wholeheartedly behind the removal of the Twenty-second street grade crossing hazard, ordered the city, state and railway officials outline a general plan and estimate the total cost of the project.

Parking Meters

Parking meters, to control motor vehicle parking and relieve congestion in heavily over-crowded shopping districts, are sure to be adopted eventually by many cities in Illinois, says Carl A. Barrett, president of the Illinois Automobile club. Parking meters are a boon to business, he says, helping nearby merchants to get more customers while garages and parking lots in the vicinity will also profit. The small fee charged, Mr. Barrett contends, is not an additional tax on motorists, but rather is payment for the privilege of convenient parking close to the store to be patronized.

"Many motorists have been led to consider parking meter charges as 'just another tax' and oppose them for that reason," says Mr. Barrett. How can money thus collected be a tax, when its payment is entirely optional, as motorists may or may not pay it at their own discretion? That is not the usual way taxes are collected—at the option of the taxpayer.

"Parking meters will, I am confident, in time become as essential to municipal traffic regulation as are traffic signs and signals. Of course parking in a metered space will cost a small fee, usually a nickel. But what of it? What does it cost now in time, temper and gasoline to cruise the district searching for a place to park? There is a distinct advantage to both seller and buyer in providing the maximum of parking space.

"Question has also been raised as to whether cities have legal power to enact an ordinance providing for metered parking spaces on their streets. The Illinois Cities and Villages Act gives cities almost unrestricted power to regulate the use of the streets and to regulate traffic. I believe the use of parking meters is entirely within the law.

"Many cities have tried these meters and most of them are now staunch champions of the system, for it has proved a boon to business. Only a fair trial can determine their value. If desirable, they can be kept; if undesirable, they can be removed. They are certainly entitled to such a trial."

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