

## VOTES TO PURCHASE SKOKIE VALLEY SITE

County Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners Vote To Purchase Vast Tract of Land

Skokie valley, 2,000 acres more or less, of this marsh tract, noted for its geological history and natural beauty, extending from the north limits of Peter Hoffman's farm on the south, bounded by the city limits of the north shore villages on the east and the Chicago and Milwaukee railroad on the west and as far north as the Cook county line, is to be added to the Cook county forest preserve.

After a wrangle dating back more than three years and involving a number of prominent north shore and Chicago people, the county board of forest preserve commissioners voted this week to adopt the plans of their subcommittee and proceed to acquire the land whenever price negotiations may justify.

### Includes 8,000 Acres

The Skokie tract in its entirety includes same 8,000 acres of which the county board plans to purchase 2,090. Some improvements may then be made but chiefly the tract will be allowed to remain in its natural state.

The plan for the purchase of the Skokie valley was first suggested and furthered by the body known as the Chicago plan commission. This commission published the plans for the acquisition of this land and held several public hearings at which the proposition pro and con was thoroughly thrashed out.

The opponents of the plan urged that this fertile tract be preserved in private ownership for cultivation and habitation. Skokie, a filled in swamp, is, along its edges and extending each year farther into the center, a garden spot, wonderfully fertile. The many possibilities for production aided by its proximity to transportation argued against the purchase.

### Must Be Extended

It was argued, however, that the necessity of extending the limits of the forest preserve with the growth of the lake cities was an imperative one. This view prevailing, the board appointed a sub-committee to look into the details of the purchase and it was their report which was adopted. The purchase will be consummated as soon as satisfactory prices can be arranged.

### OVERLAND 4 CARS IN RECORD TEST DRIVE

Headquarters of the Overland Automobile company announce the following bulletin from the cars in the transcontinental tour of Overland 4's from New York City to San Francisco, started from New York on July 18. The machines were driven by average drivers who took over the machines at various Overland stations through the country.

In regard to the great transcontinental run with Overland 4 car from New York City to San Francisco, wire received as follows:

"Arrived San Francisco 7:05 A. M. the 27th."

Left New York City Monday morning the 20th.

Distance 3,442 miles.

Average speed per hour including any stops 19.2 miles per hour.

Car run night and day.

Consumed 126½ gallons of gasoline for entire trip.

Average mileage per gallon over east and west mountains as well as the plains, 27.2 miles per gallon.

They report car in splendid condition when arrived at San Francisco in spite of many bad road difficulties encountered.

Twenty-eight drivers acted as relay drivers, selected from dealers through whose territory car passed.

Non-interested observers accompanied the car and kept the above.

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The Winnetka Motor company is the local headquarters for Overland cars.

### BOYS STRIP AUTO

E. H. Flaherty of Winnetka, a former motorcycle officer of the Winnetka police force, reported to the Evanston police that he had seen two boys stripping an automobile Wednesday night at the corner of Mulford street and Custer avenue, Evanston. The boys escaped before he could apprehend them and the tires and accessories which had been removed were restored to the car.

### PURCHASE AUTOMOBILES

Mrs. Phillip S. Doane, Sheridan road, and Dr. H. C. Ballenger, 1304 Asbury avenue, Hubbard Woods, have purchased Willys-Knight sedans and William Abel, 437 Provident avenue, recently bought an Overland sedan from the Winnetka Motor company.

### PRaises FIREMEN FOR SNAPPY EXHIBITION

The local fire department was called to a house at 840 Linden street, Hubbard Woods, last Saturday in response to a call from the owner, Miss Alice Fitzgerald, 826 Linden street. The fire which had started in the roof was blazing merrily when the department appeared on the scene and quickly extinguished the flames.

Through the rapid work of the men the damage amounted to only \$125 while none of the contents were damaged. Miss Fitzgerald was very enthusiastic in her commendation of the fire department. They were on the scene two and a half minutes after the call was registered.

### VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

#### NOTICE

Winnetka, Illinois, July 31, 1920. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the construction of the following improvement:

For the improvement of Burr Avenue from and connecting with the present water pipe at the southerly line extended easterly of Laurel Avenue southerly to a point twenty-six (26) feet south of the north line extended east of Fig Street; for the improvement of Fig Street from said proposed water pipe in Burr Avenue west in said Fig Street one hundred eighty (180) feet; for the improvement of the private road or easement provided therefor running northerly and southerly through Skokie View Subdivision from and connecting with said proposed water pipe in Fig Street to and connecting with the present water pipe in Pine Street, by the construction in said Burr Avenue, Fig Street, and said private road or easement provided therefor of ten (10) inch internal diameter cast iron water pipe; and for the improvement of Fig Street from and connecting with the present water pipe in Linden Avenue west to and connecting with the present water pipe in Rosewood Avenue; and for the improvement of Rosewood Avenue from and connecting with the present water pipe in Fig Street, south in Rosewood Avenue to and connecting with the present water pipe in Pine Street; and for the improvement of Ely Road from and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in Rosewood Avenue east in Ely Road to a point twenty-six (26) feet east of the west line extended of Locust Street; and for the improvement of Locust Street from and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in Ely Road south in said Locust Street to a point twenty-six (26) feet south of the north line extended of Starr Road; and for the improvement of Starr Road from and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in Locust Street in said Starr Road to and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in Rosewood Avenue; and for the improvement of the private road or easement provided therefor running easterly and westerly in said Skokie View Subdivision from and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in Rosewood Avenue westerly in said private road or easement to and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in the northerly and southerly private road or easement provided therefor in said Skokie View Subdivision, thence westerly in said easterly and westerly private road or easement from and connecting with the water pipe herein proposed to be laid in the northerly and southerly private road or easement in said Skokie View Subdivision west in said easterly and westerly private road or easement to the west end of said easterly and westerly private road or easement by the construction in the said Fig Street, Rosewood Avenue, Ely Road, Locust Street, Starr Road and easterly and westerly private road or easement in said Skokie View Subdivision of a six (6) inch internal diameter cast iron water pipe, including all cast iron water pipe, cast iron water pipe fittings, cast iron body bronze mounted fire hydrants with cast iron body and bronze mounted auxiliary water gate valves with cast iron shut-off boxes with lids, cast iron body bronze mounted water gate valves, brick masonry water gate valve vaults with cast iron covers, connections of cast iron water pipe with necessary cast iron water pipe fittings for proposed water pipe to present water mains, and engineering and supervision during construction, all in the Village of Winnetka, County of Cook and State of Illinois, said improvement and assessment being otherwise known as Winnetka Special Assessment No. 374-173. In accordance with the ordinance heretofore passed therefor, will be received by the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Winnetka by or before eight o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of August, A. D. 1920, at which hour all bids will be opened at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall in the said Village of Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois.

The specifications of said improvement are on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village of Winnetka.

Contractors will be paid in bonds bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum for all estimates approved by the Board of Local Improvements in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and over, from the second and subsequent installments of said Special Assessment, and when the amount of balance due on any estimate is more than the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and no further bonds may be issued against the second and subsequent installments of said Special Assessment, and when the amount of balance due on any estimate is less than the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the same will be paid by time warrants.

In addition to the usual bond for construction and maintenance in the sum equal to the amount of the bid accepted by the Board of Local Improvements, the successful bidder will be required to furnish an indemnity and defense policy in some reliable company, indemnifying the Village of Winnetka against loss from liability for damages on account of injury or death suffered by reason of the performance of the work required to be performed by the said contractor, by any person or persons, including such liability imposed under the employers' liability and workmen's compensation law of the State of Illinois, and the amendments thereof, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

JOHN S. MILLER, JR., President of the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Winnetka.

FREDERICK DICKINSON, Village Attorney.

### HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

Members of the Hamilton club spent Thursday at the forest preserves, near Glenview, in their annual picnic. Basket lunches and games, contests and dancing were the features of the day.

### JOURNEY THROUGH EAST

Mr. and Mrs. William Wehrstedt and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winderbotham of 899 Oak street, will leave today for a trip through the east by automobile. They will return to Winnetka about September 1.

### STANDS AMONG FIRST

Ira J. Couch, Jr., of Glenview stood among the first 16 in the qualifying round of the western junior golf championship tourney now being played at the Bob O'Link Golf club, Highland Park, turning in a score of 43-38.

### PURCHASE STEWART TRUCK

Paul Reschke and company, 566 Center street, and J. D. Hoth, also of 566 Center street, recently purchased Stewart one-ton trucks for use in their business from the Winnetka Motor company.

Dr. Miller, Osteopath, North Shore Hotel, Evanston. Phone 6424. LTG27-tfo


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