

SAYS TOWNS SHOULD EMPLOY TEAM WORK

Quincy L. Dowd Suggests Intersuburb Conventions For Mutual Aid

OUTLINES POSSIBILITIES

Shows How Intercourse Would Benefit All

Quincy L. Dowd—better known to Winnetkans as the Rev. Quincy L. Dowd, former minister of the Winnetka Congregational church—is a booster for Chicago's "suburbia," a term that applies to Chicago's suburban towns, collectively.

In a recent article appearing on the editorial page of The Chicago Daily News, Mr. Dowd emphasizes the need of and benefits to be secured from a "comparison of notes" as between suburbs, suggesting frequent "conventions of town leaders for the purpose of exchanging views on improvement projects and stimulating friendly rivalry in municipal and community enterprises that would redound to the good of the towns, individually and as represented in a great suburban community of nearly 500,000 population.

"Within thirty-five miles of the city hall lies a semicircle of eighty-three towns and villages which compose Chicago's suburbia," writes Mr. Dowd. "Their population varies from 40,000 to 400 souls. These partly urban, partly rural folk number about 477,000 in all.

Selfish Attitude

"As things stand each town and its group interests are distinct. They might almost as well exist in separate states or be an ocean apart. What Glencoe thinks and does is unknown to Elmhurst; yes, even Wilmette has not much more dealing with Winnetka than Samaritans and Jews of contiguous territory once had.

"This unneighborliness seems hardly fitting. Nowadays conferences and co-operation by units of adjacent population mean the exchange of ideals and programs by which all can improve and profit."

"Should not these eighty-three suburbs through their mayors and councilmen arrange a conference for permanent organization," he asks, "whose object might be to confer annually or oftener over their local civic problems, public works and community planning? In the aggregate a half-million people of the suburbs are directly concerned in mutual matters where team play is essential. Besides, this definite and frequent intercourse would open up generous acquaintance and stimulate friendly rivalries made manifest by community fairs and holiday celebrations."

Lauds Reserve Project

"Now that the Cook county forest preserve is so far worked out and has so magnificent a policy of varied improvements to make it the greatest among world cities; now that 4,000,000 annually seek these sylvan retreats, is it fair to ourselves that crowds of visitors perforce look upon so much artificial, staring unloveliness of today's suburban centers? Rather, let us say that at once men and women of light and influence should educate these scores of surrounding communities to their own important parts in the great play of social beauty and at-

tractiveness. Even the financial return from this forward-looking action would be enormous.

"What mayor of a town, what president of a village council, will take upon himself the initiative looking toward a comprehensive intersuburb convention having promise of mutual good?"

"By almost any scheme of friendly counsel each village could not lose or confuse its own individuality, but would arrive at intelligent, intense consciousness of its very self, its own peculiar make-up, its communal development along lines natural and true to its locality and citizenry."

FINE SUBDIVISION WILL REPLACE GOLF COURSE NEXT YEAR

What real estate men generally consider will become one of the north shore's finest subdivisions, is to be opened soon by Arthur Dunas and company, of Chicago, at what is now the site of the Evanston Community Golf course, lying along the Drainage channel and extending from the Evanston hospital to Isabella street or the Wilmette south limits.

The proposed subdivision comprises twenty acres formerly owned by the Evanston Golf club.

Isabella street will be cut through from Asbury avenue to Sheridan road. There will be lot frontages on Girard, Garrison, and Isabella streets, as well as Sheridan and Ridge. There will be no flats, only one family residences being allowed. Nothing may be built to cost less than \$12,000 on the Ridge and Sheridan lots, and \$8,000 on inside lots. Lots will sell for \$2,000 and upwards. All sales, however, will be subject to the community golf course lease, which runs until March, 1923, or fourteen months from date, according to Arthur L. Michel, manager of Arthur Dunas & Co.

"Prince There Was" Community House Film

Thomas Meighan, Paramount star, is supported by Mildred Harris, former Lois Weber star, in his new starring vehicle "A Prince There Was," which comes to the Winnetka Community House next Friday, January 27.

Mr. Meighan puts over some strong emotional acting in this screen adaptation of the famous George M. Cohan stage success, and Mildred Harris is a most capable leading woman. Mr. Meighan plays a rich, young idler and Miss Harris a young writer, who formerly lived in luxury, but with her father's ruin and suicide is forced to write for a meagre living, with poor success. Little Charlotte Jackson, in the role of the little boarding house drudge, goes to the rich man and asks him to "intercede" for the girl, which the rich man does, pretending he is an assistant magazine editor and taking up quarters at the boarding house, where he soon falls in love with the girl.

But a broker, also in love with the girl, makes it appear that the prince was the man who caused her father's financial ruin and also exposes the fact that he had to buy the magazine to get her stories printed. This causes an estrangement, which, however is speedily patched up by the turn of circumstances and everybody is happy at the finish.

Other features of note in the cast are Nigel Barrie, Guy Oliver, Sylvia Ashton, Fred Huntly, and Arthur Hall. The picture was adapted by Waldemar Young and directed by Tom Forman.

HEALTH CENTER CLINIC
Dr. G. E. Beard of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, will conduct his regular monthly clinic at the Gross Point Health Center, Wilmette and Ridge avenues, Gross Point, Tuesday

morning, January 24, at 10 o'clock. Those interested are requested to secure further information by telephoning Miss Queen, the health center nurse, between 12 and 1 o'clock, at Wilmette 2402 or Wilmette 882.

THIEVES TAKE CAR
Joseph Kuttan, Wilmette coal dealer, is offering a reward of \$50 for the return of his Ford coupe stolen Saturday from the parking space in front of the Evanston hospital.

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