

ZOO NOT BURDEN UPON TAXPAYER

Great Benefit at Small Per Capita Cost

How little in dollars and cents the proposed largest Zoological Park in the world, to be established in the Forest Preserve by the Chicago Zoological society, will cost the average individual was explained this week by John R. Magill, secretary of the society.

"The legislature has empowered Cook County to levy a tax of three-tenths of a mill on the one dollar assessed valuation for five years and one tenth of a mill on one dollar valuation for maintenance for the proposed Zoo in the Forest Preserve near Riverside," said Mr. Magill. "The referendum vote on this proposition will come up before the people at the November 6 election. In some quarters there has appeared opposition to this proposed civic project and statements carrying the idea that \$7,500,000 would be taken out of the pockets of the taxpayers have been made, the inference being that this big sum of money would be used at once for the Zoo.

Explains Situation

"Now here is the real situation; by the three-tenths of a mill tax for the building fund for five years not more than \$500,000 would be made available each year from the taxes of Cook County. As an illustration of what it would mean in dollars and cents to the average house owner, it is fair to place the valuation of such a house at \$10,000. The assessor's valuation of that property would be about half of that, or \$5,000 and the tax assessment would be one-half of that amount or \$2,500. Three-tenths of a mill tax for the Zoo on \$2,500 would be only 75 cents. That means that the biggest Zoo in the world can be established in Chicago and all the average home owner would have to contribute would be 75c a year for five years. Thereafter, the maintenance tax of one-tenth of a mill would cost the same home owner only 25 cents.

"The largest sum to be used for the development of this substantial asset and attraction for Chicago in one year will not be more than \$500,000 or less than 20 cents per capita in Cook County. The normal taxation after construction and equipment will be considerably less than 10 cents per capita."

What the Zoo project would mean to the city and people, aside from the consideration of the small tax to be levied, is described by Charles H. Wacker, chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission, who is one of the governing members of the Chicago Zoological society.

Cites Benefits

"I do not believe the full magnitude of the proposed Zoo project is appreciated by the people," said Mr. Wacker. "Think of the benefits, educational, recreational and financial which the Zoological park of this character will bring. What a source of delight and instruction it will be to persons of all ages. Everyone will be fascinated to watch in an environment that is appropriate the movements of animals and birds that otherwise would be as unreal to them as the goblins they can only read about. We miss half the joy of life if we do not know nature, and this Zoological Park will help the young and old to that knowledge.

"Along with the educational benefits will come recreation. What is more restful and diverting than for whole families, father, mother and children, to get away from the noise, grime, hard pavements of the city into the open clean air, green trees and elastic sods

of the outdoors. When they are tired looking at the animals, there is the Desplaines River with its opportunities for canoeing and boating, recreation grounds for games and the shelter of the trees for rest and refreshment.

"All this will have its financial advantage. The attraction to visitors in Chicago will be increased and more people will be drawn here to spend their money, which is the experience of every city in which there is a big zoological park. Five hundred thousand people spend an extra day in New York to see the Bronx Zoo."

BOB SKELTON IS MASTER OF BEAR

Official Custodian of N. U. Mascot

Mayor Dever met "Teddie," the Northwestern university bear, in the mayor's outer office in the City hall, Chicago, recently. The bear-cub, which fills the double office of mascot to the varsity football team and Northwestern's \$5,000,000 campaign, was in charge of Bob Skelton, of Wilmette, world's champion breaststroke swimmer and a student at Northwestern. Skelton, in behalf of President Walter Dill Scott, invited Mayor Dever to attend the Homecoming game with Iowa on November 24. When he left the campus Skelton had with him a signed letter from President Scott, but in the Ford on the way down, he said the bear so mutilated the note that it was unrepresentable.

Has Molars Fixed

While in Chicago, the cub was taken to the children's clinic of Northwestern dental school, where he had his teeth given the "once over" by Miss Marie Prestin and Miss Rhea Hunt. Seated in a dentist's chair with a towel around his neck and attended by two women students, Bruin became the center of interest, all of the children, forgetting their own aches, crowding around him to watch the "operation." His teeth were examined and pronounced in excellent shape; in fact he tried to chew up one of the instruments.

"Teddie" was at Stagg Field last Saturday afternoon when the Northwestern team met the Chicago university battlers, and created as much excitement as he did in the Loop on his way from City Hall to the Northwestern university building on Dearborn street. Ambling along on the chain held by Skelton, "Teddie" caused more than one pedestrian to skip out of the way. But the children seemed not at all scared. Most of them wanted to pet him.

Authors to Autograph Books for Northwestern

Professor Goodspeed of Chicago university, Edna Ferber, Lew Sarret, Edwin Balmer, Vincent Starrett, these are a few of the galaxy of local authors who will be on hand to autograph their works in the new Temple building bookshop this Saturday on the occasion of Northwestern University Book Day. Ten per cent of the proceeds of the day's sales will be turned over to the associate alumnae of Northwestern as a contribution towards the \$350,000 fund for women's buildings at Evanston.

Announcement of Northwestern Book Day was made today by Miss Ray M. Latimer, a member of the Chicago women's campaign committee of Northwestern. Miss Latimer is a graduate of Northwestern in the class of 1917. She announced that other "Midland Authors" are expected.

ILLINI-BADGER GAME NOV. 10

Local Alumni Urged to Buy Tickets Early

A surprising increase in the number of mail orders for the Wisconsin-Illinois football game in the Urbana stadium on November 10 is reported by Frank H. Beach, manager of ticket sales, whose office in the Union building, Champaign, is the busiest place in town these days.

Although this game is naturally overshadowed by the Chicago-Illinois encounter on November 3, a week previous, many persons plan to see both contests. It is believed that there will be tickets for all for the Wisconsin battle but the early purchasers want to get the matter off their minds. Those who order now do not have much trouble in obtaining the location they prefer.

November 10 will be Dad's day and an elaborate entertainment including a big military review has been arranged. It is believed that 3,000 fathers will come.

Temporary bleachers on the north as well as the south end are likely to be needed to accommodate the crowd for the Chicago game. The east stand from Illinois field is being transported and erected on the south and another stand will be put on the north, it is believed.

Director Huff announced that every effort would be made to augment the seating capacity of the Stadium and warned people to believe no statement that all tickets were sold until an official announcement over his signature was published in the daily newspapers. At the rate of sale the first of this week a sell-out was regarded as certain sooner or later but the temporary stands will accommodate from 4,000 to 8,000 persons, which is quite a crowd.

Illinois, back from Iowa, turns its attention to the invasion of Northwestern, Saturday.

New Trier Soccerites Defeat Proviso 6-0

New Trier's all-conquering soccer team added another victory to its perfect record last Saturday when it gave Proviso the zero end of a 6-0 score. Only once did the New Trier goal guard have to toss the ball

from the region of the goal, for the hard kicking backs and the quick forwards kept the ball in Proviso's part of the field during the greater part of the game. For the first time the newly completed north field was used, the old grounds being under water as a result of the previous heavy rains.

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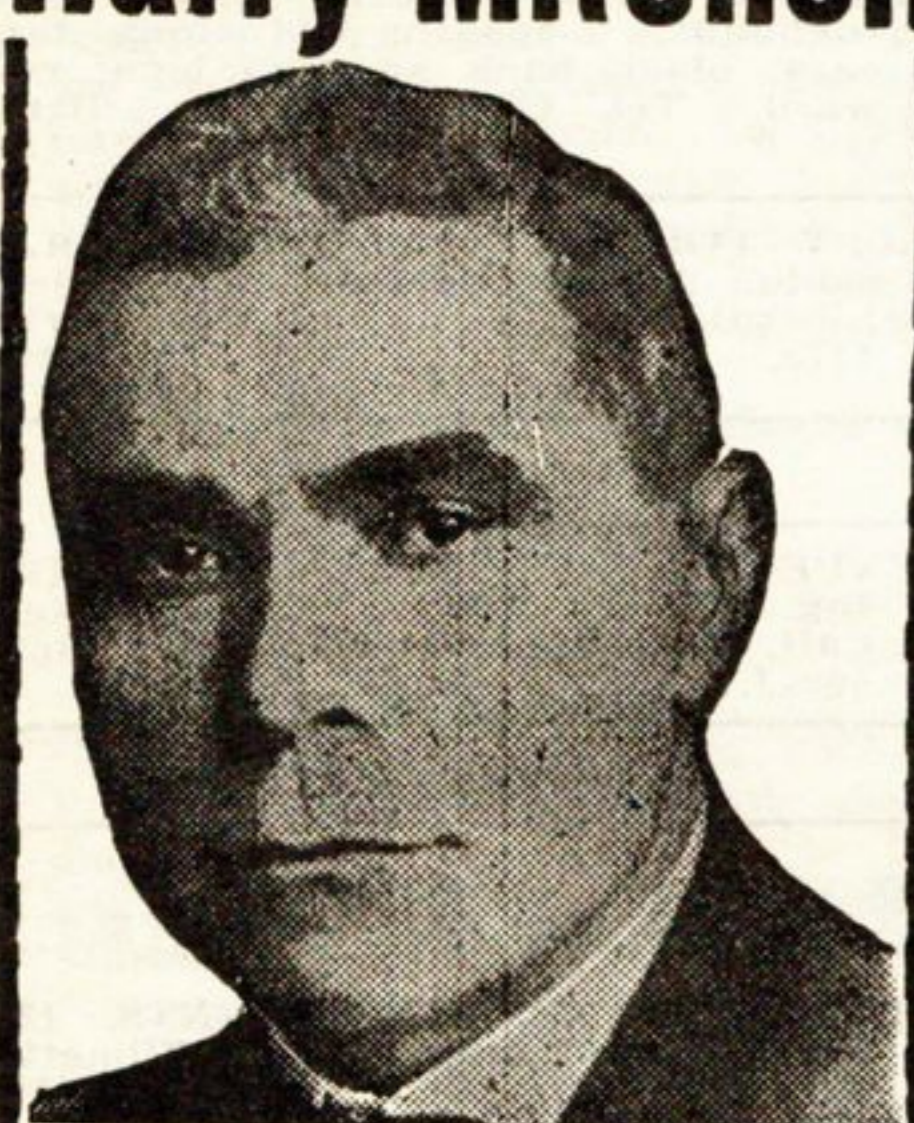
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