

ROAD PLANTING IDEA FOSTERED

**Jens Jensen Explains Plan
for Making Country
Highways Attractive**

A TRUE INSPIRATION

**Lanes Preferable to "Ave-
nues of Monarchies"**

Editor's Note: Jens Jensen, one of America's leading landscape architects, the man who has had most to do with the development of Chicago's wonderful park system since 1890, was responsible for the beautification of the Ideal Section of the Lincoln Highway. He is a pioneer in roadside beautification in America. He is a resident of Wilmette.

By **JENS JENSEN**

Roadside planting should be a part of the general character of the landscape so that the roads themselves do not appear as a definite line apart from the rest of the landscape, but a means to an end that is in sympathy with its surroundings. The highways are the points from which the traveler sees and enjoys the surrounding country. It is therefore, of importance that the roadside planting does not shut out adjacent lands. Out on the plains, the open country and the freedom of it is a real charm and inspiration. Even roadsides lined with rows of trees in the Avenue fashion would be a mistake. This not only would change the broad expanse of prairie country, but would tend to checkerboard the prairie landscape.

Defines American Highways

Scattered trees planted promiscuously along the highway, as one sees them in the forest, are more in keeping with our landscape and with the American mind than stately avenues of monarchies. It is rather lanes that we want, or "pikes," as they are called in the South, where trees seem to enjoy the roadside and each others company. There is nothing stiff or set about it. A lane or pike is tolerant even to the shy but sweet violet that may be permitted to scatter its perfume along the highway. I have seen pikes in Kentucky that come as near to what I consider a beautiful American highway as anything I know of. They are serviceable, beautiful and cool on hot summer days. Native plants of all sorts find a happy home along these roadsides and give their beauty and their wonderful message to the passerby, and in them nest our birds that thrill us with their songs.

We want this expression of freedom along the open road. We want shadows and we want sunlight. We want the comfort of shady lanes and we want the beautiful outlooks over the surrounding country.

Plant Native Vegetation

All roadside planting should be determined and based on the country and its native vegetation through which the road winds its way. In this way the roadside planting will become a part of the general landscape and enhance the beauty of its surroundings as far as this is possible for a highway to do. For instance, swamp or lowland landscape are of a widely different character than prairie or hilly country and the vegetation fitting for these different types of landscapes are equally as different.

Never have I seen a white oak prettier and the landscape nobler by the oak being a part of it, than on one beautiful May day in Missouri with the oak crowned with golden tassels against the blue sky. It is just one instance where the oak or any other tree will bring out its greatest beauty when planted in a fitting situation.

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Every plant has its proper place in the out-of-doors. To find this place is worth while because here it reveals its greatest beauty and gives us joy in the fullest measure. Trees adapted to their environs may grow to great age and nobility and in this way highway planting will become a most important task in the making of our rural landscapes. This points to another important matter—the designing and supervision of the work. It is a matter of great importance, a matter that requires great knowledge of plant life as well as the vision of the artist.

Important as City Planning

Roadside planting, the development of state reservations, and rural parks are equal in importance to city planning and are far greater in scope and vision than the latter. A period of great cultural advancement is always measured by the vision and the outlook for the future. Roadside planting belongs to such a period. It is pioneer work with us, but it is a part of a great cultural movement of our people.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF REBEKAH LODGE

Wilmette Rebekah Lodge, No. 610, I. O. O. F., held its installation of officers recently at which Ida E. Sherman, past president of the Rebekah State assembly, conducted the installing ceremonies, assisted by other officers of the local district.

Officers installed at the impressive ceremonies were:

Alma Mergenthaler, noble grand; Mattie Kurz, vice-grand; Hannah Lange, chaplain; Katherine Herberholz recording secretary; Kathryn Klemm, financial secretary; Elsie Cunningham, treasurer; Fred Thompson, warden; Alice Bailey, conductor; Minnie L. Kuelzow, right supporter to noble grand; Laura Hill, left supporter to noble grand; Della Kruppa, right supporter to vice-grand; Elizabeth Krysanitz, left supporter to vice-grand; Florence Ward, inside guardian; Victor Hill, outside guardian; Gertrude Knobel, musician.

Minnie L. Kuelzow, retiring noble grand and past noble grand of Banner Lodge, received a beautiful token of esteem presented by the installing officers, each retiring officer of the lodge received a recognition pin, and all outgoing and incoming officers were given many gifts.

The Wilmette lodge has experienced a remarkable growth since its institution on April 11, 1923.

To Install Sewer, Water on Development Property

An application by the Kenilworth Realty association for permits to install sewerage, water and gas systems in the Community Development subdivision was granted by the Village board of trustees at their regular

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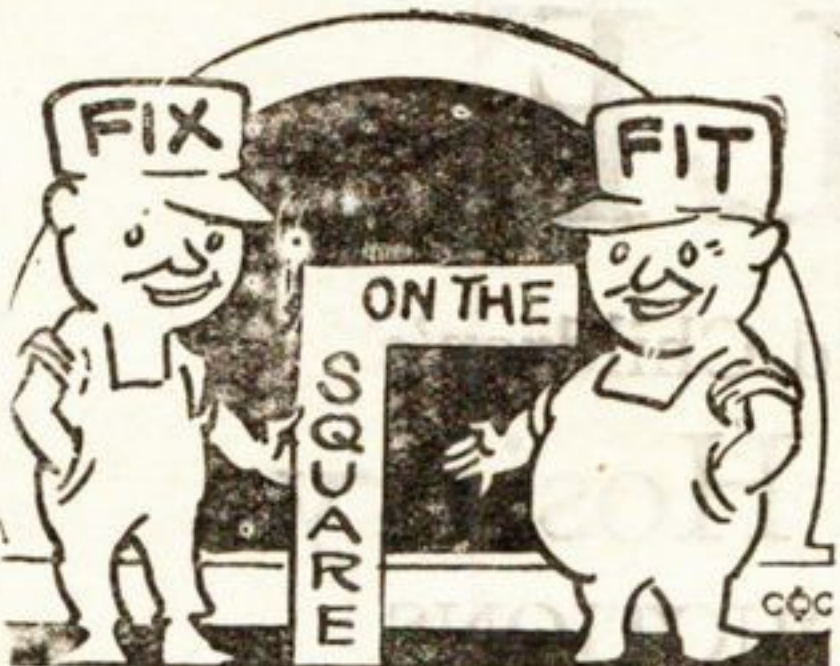
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monthly session Monday evening, January 14. The application specified that the construction work would be entirely at the expense of the Realty association and without cost to the taxpayers of the village.

At the same meeting the proposal by the water company to petition the Illinois Commerce commission for an increase in water rates was discussed. The present rate, it is said, does not furnish sufficient revenue.

The meeting lasted until well past midnight but consisted largely of general discussions with no other important business.



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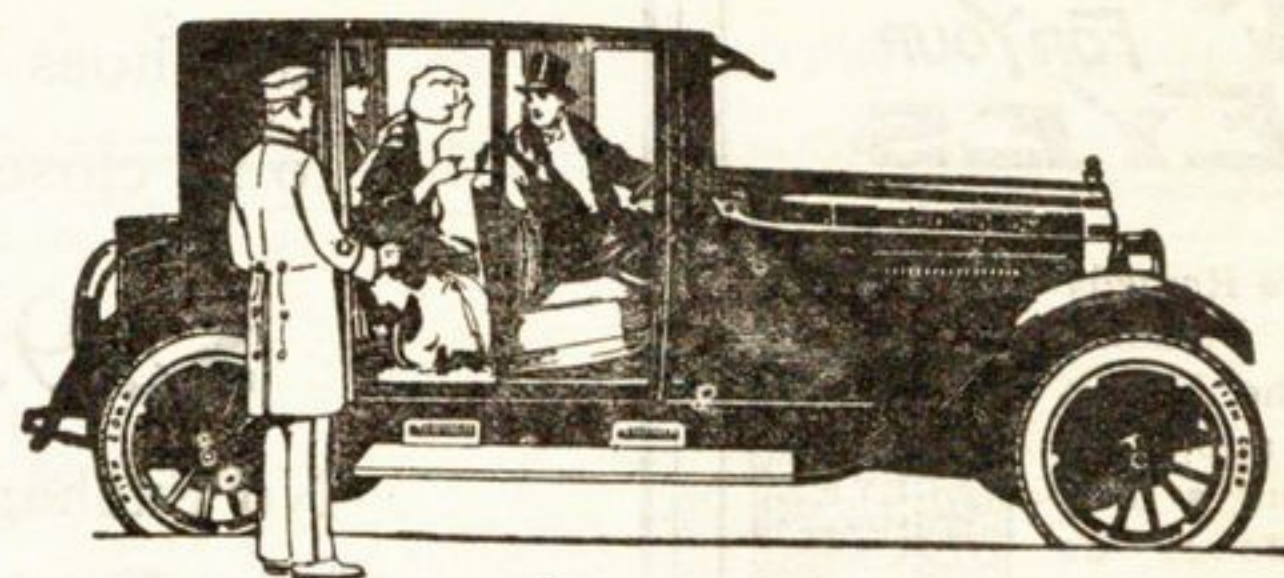
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