

PUBLIC FORUM

July 7th, 1924.

Editor,
Winnetka Talk:
My attention has been drawn to the unusual amount of water lying in the Skokie and to the condition of the golf links particularly.

I note in the last issue of your publication that a meeting was held with reference to this condition but do not see that any remedy was suggested. The reason for this unusual flood of water continuing to lie on the ground seems quite obvious and the remedy equally so.

This condition was a very common one ten or fifteen years ago but after the late W. G. Hibbard became interested it did not take very long to remedy it, and for the past seven or eight years we have had no such condition due to the work which he directed and personally accomplished.

Through the widening and clearing of the main channel in the middle of the Skokie, a free flow was established, and by keeping the ditches running to that channel, water was carried away as fast as it collected, except under extreme flood conditions, when a longer time lapsed before the conditions were cleared, but, nevertheless, relief was always possible.

Now the main channel is filled with a heavy grove of poplars and weeds of all kinds, necessarily leading to a further accumulation of obstructions. The considerable building operations and subdividing adjacent to the golf links have doubtless created a stoppage in some of the natural outlets for surface water.

What is necessary now seems to be an organized undertaking by those particularly affected and interested to again put the ditches and main Skokie channel into decent condition. The farmers would doubtless be glad to join, because their lands are in the worst shape that they have been for years and they realize the advantages of having their land in such shape that they can get on to it and raise the crops which they have been enjoying during the past few years.

The Playfield association might very well undertake this and collect an amount of money to pay for the labor which would be involved. The farmers would doubtless furnish some of this labor as their contribution, and after an initial expenditure, the ditches can be kept in proper condition by a moderate amount of attention.

So long as the Skokie west of Winnetka is the reservoir for the overflow of the Skokie from further north and our main channel is not in condition to carry away this water, we shall have the objectionable situation which exists at present. We shall be deprived of the pleasure of the use of the Skokie and the golf links and baseball field and shall doubtless suffer from a pest of mosquitoes from the ideal breeding places provided under the present conditions.

I shall be very glad to contribute to a fund to be used for accomplishing a remedy which should be undertaken at once.

Very truly yours,
ROBT. STEVENSON, JR.

July 9, 1924.

Editor,
Winnetka Talk:
Since writing you on July 7th, I find that there is now being organized a movement to correct these storm water conditions, of which I spoke, aimed particularly at the elimination of mosquito breeding conditions which are beginning to make life uncomfortable around Winnetka.

This movement is being undertaken by an energetic group and my only suggestion is that when it comes to

the attention of the residents of Winnetka that they be prepared to support it vigorously.

Very truly yours,
Robt. Stevenson, Jr.

OUR NATION'S SORROW

Once more our Nation's called to mourn,
Once more our hearts are sad,
This time it is our Leader's son,
And such a splendid lad.

Our hearts are filled with sorrow,
A Nation's tears are shed,
They are not weeping all alone,
O'er their beloved dead.

We must not ask for 'tis GOD'S will,
Though 'tis so hard somehow,
To see and try to understand,
Why he was called just now,

Just now, while in his youth and bloom,
They had to give him up;
Without Thy hand to stay them LORD,
They could not drink the cup.

But we must know that life is short,
Our days are not our own,
Thou givest and Thou takest LORD,
To and from every one.

Sometimes we feel that life's so dark,
'Twill never more be light,
Yet we know that sunshine always comes,
After the darkest night.

As we know 'tis but the casket,
That is hidden from our sight;
We know our Father's crown will shine,
With one more Jewel bright,

With them we bow in reverence,
'Neath the blow that on them fell,
Knowing that HE who delt it,
Doeth for us, all things well.

—Adelaide Koenen

R. H. H. Has Refreshing Word This Hot July Day

Far be it from us to boast, about the splendid character of our Winnetka Talk.

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—R. H. H."

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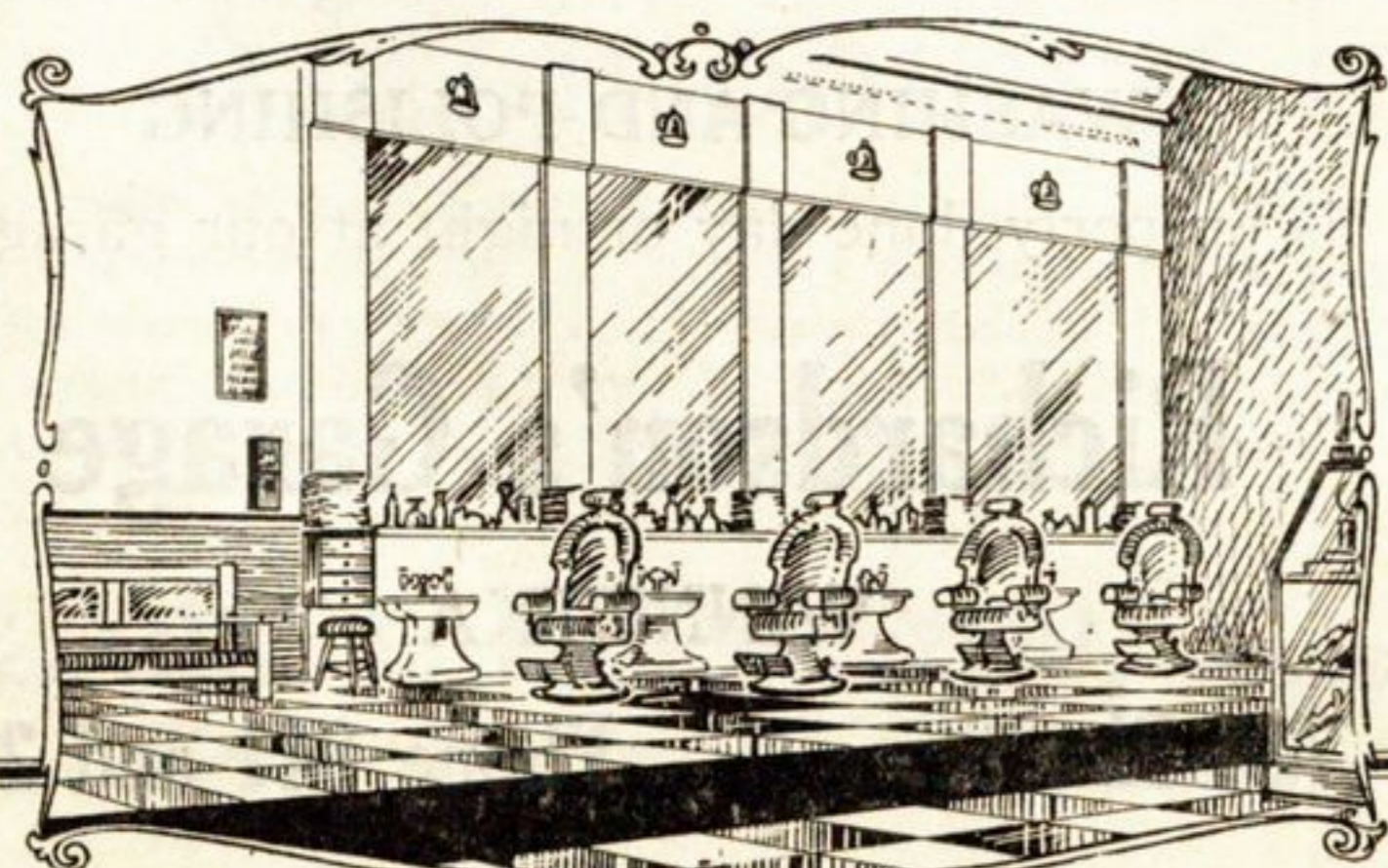
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Glencoe Gun Club Calls Residents to Big Picnic

The Glencoe Gun club is inviting residents of the north shore to a picnic, trap shoot and day of general festivity to be enjoyed in the Preserves one mile west of Glencoe on Dundee road, Sunday, July 20.

There are to be games and races with prizes for all events, it is announced.

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