

NEWS OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING FIELDS

BANDIT SCARE PROVES FIZZLE

But Our Policemen Demonstrate They Are Prepared for Any Emergency

REALISTIC "HOLD-UP"

But It's Done by Honest Realty Brokers

This hold-up business isn't what it used to be, as any old-timer will tell you. There are too many curious eyes about, and too many policemen, at least on the north shore.

Take last Sunday afternoon, for example. A woman who lives on Hubbard road near Glenview road, was gazing out of her parlor windows when she saw "some dirty work at the cross roads." A big sedan came speeding eastward along Glenview road; another car sped west on the same highway; they stopped. From the sedan alighted one gentleman—a hard guy, according to the observer—and from the other car alighted another man. There was a short conference, following which the gentleman from the second car reached for the sky, while he of the sedan made a swift but thorough search of his supposed-victim's pockets. Both men got into their cars again and proceeded in opposite directions, the "bandit" sedan toward Wilmette.

Summons Police Squad

The lady was sure that some villainy was afoot, so she telephoned the Wilmette police, that a gang of desperadoes was speeding toward the village. The message was received with consternation.

Followed great activity. The Schaefer brothers, Pete and George, were dispatched on their motorcycles as the advance guard of the reception committee. Sgt. Joe Steffens and a squad with shotguns roared away in the police car. Motorcycle Policeman John De Groot was located and sent along with the others.

The man at the desk in the police station waited nervously for a flash stating "two dead, four wounded—we're taking them to the hospital", but none such came. All that happened was that the squads and the Schaefers came back to the station. They had failed to find any desperadoes.

About this time someone looked across the street and saw a sedan such as had been described draw up in front of a cigar store. The station fairly spouted policemen and in a moment the "bandits" were surrounded by a ring of determined men with weapons ready. They surrendered.

Desperate Lot Peddlers

Over at the station it all came out. The "bandits" were C. C. Mills, 4831 Lake Park avenue, Chicago, president of a large real estate company, and A. W. Spiler, 4630 Lake Park avenue, a salesman for the firm. The victim was another of the company's salesmen, J. L. Finnegan, 906 East 64th street, Chicago.

Mr. Mills and Spiler were on the way to Wilmette for some cigars, when they saw Finnegan coming toward them. They stopped him and asked him for a smoke, but he said he had none. When they doubted his word he laughingly told them to search him, which Mills did. Not finding what he was looking for Mills continued to Wilmette where he fell into the hands of the police. He finally convinced the latter of his innocence, and was even allowed to buy some cigars in the village, but the lady still has her doubts as to whether or not he is a hard guy.

NINE FAVORITES IN ONE CAST

Nine favorites are in the cast of "Chickie," the new First National drama. Included are Dorothy Mackaill, Hobart Bosworth, John Bowers, Gladys Brockwell, Paul Nicholson, Myrtle Stedman, Olive Tell, Lora Sonderson and Louise Mackintosh.

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ELECT REALTY BODY LEADERS

Southerner Heads National Association of Brokers

Robert Jemison, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., was elected president of the National Association of Real Estate boards at the annual convention of that body just closed at Detroit, Mich. Mr. Jemison will take office at the annual business meeting of the Association to be held in January, 1926.

Harrison Colburn, New York, was elected first vice-president under a new plan adopted by the association which will give it 15 vice-presidents instead of the 11 who previously served. The first vice-president will be a direct assistant to the president. The 15 vice-presidents authorized by an amendment to the constitution passed at the convention, will include the chairmen of the seven divisions of the association. The remaining seven vice-presidents are given territorial jurisdictions.

Resolutions were adopted by the association urging strong action against the use of inflated appraisals of real estate, favoring the consideration of city planning separately from city zoning, recommending further standardization of building material and quantity production of building parts to lessen building costs, and favoring the passage of a statute by the various states to provide under proper safeguard of individual rights for settlement of commercial disputes by arbitration.

New Realty Head True Leader in His Field

Robert Jemison, Jr., chosen by the delegates of the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate boards in Detroit, June 23-26, to head that organization through 1926, has had a large share in the suburban development of Birmingham, Ala., where he lives and heads two firms, Jemison and company, and Jemison and Seibles Insurance company. Fairfeld, for example, an industrial suburb of Birmingham, is almost entirely the creation of Mr. Jemison.

The new president-elect served with Charles M. Schwab during the war in the housing division of the Fleet Corporation in Philadelphia, and has served on several advisory boards for Birmingham.

Mr. Jemison was born in 1872 and graduated from the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Southern club, the Birmingham Country club, the Roebuck Springs Country club, and several luncheon clubs.

SUMMER SNOWBALLS

Denver Rotarians, with an express car of "ammunition" from the crest of the Continental Divide, recently staged a summer snowball battle on the streets of Cleveland, conveying the inviting "cool of Colorado" that delegates to Rotary International meeting in the Ohio city at the time, may expect when they come to Denver next June.

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Anybody who has lived in a house where an attic is available knows how many real uses there are for this extra space. But in small houses the cost of the old fashioned staircase and the space it took kept hundreds of householders from using the attic. Builders estimate that a home costs from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a room. The space occupied by a stairway of the old type on this basis would cost the home builder about \$800. And most people do not have \$800 to spend for this purpose.

With the Presto disappearing stairs all this space is saved. There is no evidence of the stairway except the inconspicuous panel in the ceiling. It's even less noticeable than the closet for a disappearing bed in an apartment.

Middle Western Cities Capture Realty Awards

The annual awards to real estate boards presenting the best exhibits of newspaper advertising were given at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate boards, Detroit, June 23-26, to the St. Louis Real

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Estate Exchange for the best institutional advertising and to the Minneapolis Real Estate board for the best display of advertising by individual real estate firms. A new annual prize for the best window display was won by the Lowry Watkins company of Louisville, with a street of model houses representing a high class subdivision.

Electrification Speeds Trains by One-Fourth

Electrification of the Illinois Central Railroad company's suburban service here will reduce operating schedules by approximately one-fourth according to an announcement made by the company.

Construction work necessary for the change from steam to electricity is under way, and electrical operation will commence in the summer of 1926.

"SLOVE"

Barbara Bedford has been betrothed and wed many times in pictures, and once in real life, but she claims that Charles Ray is the only one of her assortment of suitors who displayed any

originality in the matter of the ring. In the title role of "Percy," his new Pathe picture, which has just been completed at the Thomas H. Ince studios, Ray sits on the window sill with his sweetheart, nervously winding a broken fiddle string around the tip of his finger as he stammers his proposal.

When the girl accepts him he is elated to the joint of inspiration. He quickly knots the cirlet and slips it on her finger to bind the engagement. "This beats the dollar down and a dollar a week plan," according to Miss Bedford, and is replevin proof, something that many installment rings are not. Of course a horse hair of a suitable color might work up just as well.

SUNSHINE MONOPOLY

Many cities less favored are wondering if the Sherman anti-trust law has any standing in Nature's Court, following the announcement of the weatherman in Denver that the sun shone there on all but 12 days last year.

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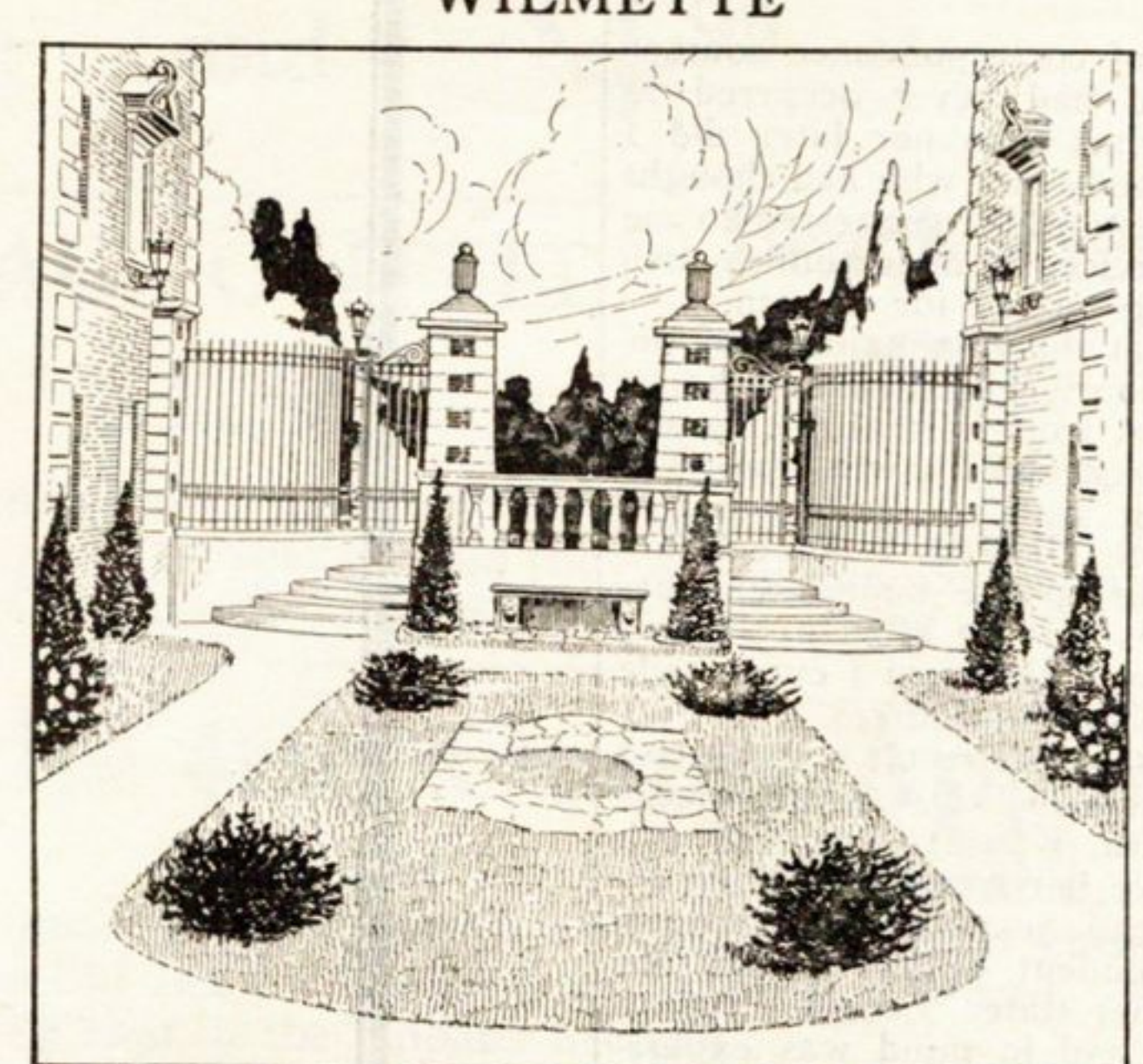
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