

Fred Jackson, Former Glencoe Resident; Tells Quake Story

Predicts Day When Earthquakes Will Be Harnessed to Give Power

EDITOR'S NOTE: The most interesting depiction of the recent earthquake at Santa Barbara, Cal., to come to the attention of the editor of WINNETKA TALK is contained in a letter written by Fred D. Jackson, former member of the Glencoe Park board, to friends in the neighboring suburb. Mr. Jackson and his family escaped injury in the quake though their home was considerably damaged. Most of the accompanying letter was written in the garden of his home by the light of an old-fashioned barn lantern. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Santa Barbara Park board and President of the Rotary club in the stricken city and has been actively engaged in relief work since the earthquake. The letter reads:

"Just as a matter of resting I will try and set down a few lines to you, or, if I have time, more than a few of the events of the last two days, though it seems more like two weeks. You recall that we all sleep outdoors on our porches. Monday morning I looked at my watch at 6:40 and decided to get up but just then my bed and the whole house were lifted up and apparently started down the hill. I sat up and actually saw the tops of the trees hit the ground. I saw the ground rise and fall like waves over six feet high. My bed was shot over to the wall and back again, up and down and sideways so that for a minute or two (which seemed hours) I could not get out of it. At last I managed to get out and ran through falling plaster to my room and into the patio, just missing a large section of tile roof. My wife and daughter were there before me and my son was out on the grass at the other side of the house. Just then Mrs. S. came running up from her place and said the dam had broken. You remember a large reservoir towards the mountains from me and fortunately 150 feet below. This went out with one shot and the water rushed down the canyon like an enormous cataract and making more noise.

Views Business Area
 "The quakes continued and the plaster, chimneys and roofs continued to fall. Looking to the city I saw what I thought to be large masses of smoke but they turned out to be dust from the falling buildings. After a while we were able to enter the house and resurrect some clothes but we got outside as quickly as we could to put them on. We had no water, gas or electricity and haven't yet, though we are getting some water from the pipes in the garden that were over the top of the hill and couldn't flow back. After a while we had some milk and bread and I went down-town and discovered the whole business section a wreck. I haven't had my clothes off since but have been at work on most everything, water, gas, and electricity supply, Red Cross food, doctors, etc., etc. One of my friends was at his office in the San Marcos building which you will recall was the large six-story building on State street. One large section of it just crumpled up like paper and he was taken out dead hours later, together with another man, though a woman was taken out alive and not seriously hurt. The tower part of the Arlington fell and just how I cannot say but only two were killed. Others were killed while in their cars on State street by buildings falling on them. Had the quake come three hours later the loss of life would have been very large.

House Is a Wreck
 "My house is a wreck. What plaster is still left, inside or out, will have to come off. Most of the roof is in the yard and some of the main walls are badly sprung. The garden is also wrecked—walls tumbled down; the four-inch re-enforced cement pools cracked and broken like paper and even larger boulders split in two. There are many fissures in the ground that you can put your arm in.

"The old mission is in very bad condition, one of the falling walls killing the old gardener there.

"The business houses left will be unable to open for a week on account of the dangerous condition of such buildings as are left standing. Last night we got some electricity in the main street and will have more tonight. Before any light is turned on in any buildings a thorough inspection is necessary. Before the gas is turned on every meter in the city (some under piles of debris) must be closed and then oil of peppermint will be forced through the mains in order to detect any leaks. We hope to have gas in a week. Fortunately our main water supply over the mountains is not injured and we had water in our fire mains three hours after the quake and we are fortunate in that we have only had two fires and those small ones. Everyone has responded with help. Los Angeles sent three fire companies with apparatus and more than 100 uniformed officers. The army fliers came in from San Diego very soon looking for orders, as all our wires were down. We called out our Naval Reserve and the Legion for guard duty. Last night two destroyers came in with a bunch

of men and we also had another boat with a company of marines. So far as I know we have had absolutely no looting and no trouble of any kind. The public utility companies are working fine. The Southern Pacific president wired that his general officers would remain in Santa Barbara as long as we wanted them, and their Los Angeles office sent a whole trainload of water, another of doctors and nurses and another of food and cots. We were able to turn back the water and doctors as we had plenty. We were short of cooked food. The Edison company of Los Angeles sent three of their fire companies and a large group of men.

Later, 8 p. m.

"I have a real old-time barn lantern fixed so that some of the light falls on my keyboard. Another strenuous day, but now some of the population will sleep inside as we have had no shakes worthy of the name since about 7 o'clock this morning.

Form Safety Board

"This morning we formed a board of Public Safety of 10 men, and being one of the 10, I have been busy for a change. Also as park commissioner I have been seeing that the people who are living in the parks are taken care of. It does seem as though there are an awful lot of helpless critters around. On the other hand, we are really inundated with offers of help. About 400 marines arrived tonight and we turned over to them the job of protecting the town, thus relieving a lot of volunteer workers and Los Angeles police."

Place Cornerstone at Kindergarten College

The laying of the cornerstone for the new building of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college, 2770 Sheridan road, Evanston, will take place Saturday afternoon, July 18, at 4 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for a very simple ceremony, a brief address by Miss Edna Dean Baker, president of the college; the presentation of various documents marking the history of the college since its founding in 1886, and the placing of the cornerstone.

Following the service the alumnae, faculty and summer school students, will hold a picnic supper on the Wilmette beach.

Mrs. George D. Forrest of Glenwood avenue, has as her guest her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Page of Baltimore, who will remain until early fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lieber have returned from Canton, O., where they spent last week-end with Mr. Lieber's brother and his family.

Mrs. George W. Blossom of 995 Green Bay road is spending this week-end at Lakeside, Mich.

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NEW LIGHTS SIGNALIZE WILMETTE DAY FESTIVAL

Annual Wilmette Day this year will probably take the form of a great jubilee in celebration of the "turning on" of the new municipal lighting system early in August.

Departing from the custom of other years, when the day was spent in old-fashioned picnic style, the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the original plan, this year proposes to combine the event with the starting of the new \$289,000 lighting system, with activities centered at the Central business area.

A feature of the occasion will be the introduction of the uniform flag decorat on scheme which contemplates the erection of 12-foot flag

poles at regular intervals at the curbing of the business areas, this plan to be repeated at all holiday occasions. Band concerts, a speaking program and other interesting events are included in the early plans for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright and their daughter, Barbara, of Pasadena, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robson, 653 Lincoln avenue, for the last few weeks, returned to their home last Saturday.

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