

True Civic Leader



Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, Winnetka village trustee, president of the Woman's City club, Chicago, and prominent in numerous civic activities, has been chosen vice president of the Chicago Forum council, reference to the mission of which is found in another column of this issue.

Says Gas Will Not Be Used as Big Destroyer

The use of deadly gases in future wars for the destruction of large cities or to lay waste vast territories is not predicted by Prof. W. Lee Lewis, professor of chemistry at Northwestern university, who has just published in The Independent an article on "Poison Gas and Pacifists." Dr. Lewis, whose name was given to Lewisite during the world war, takes the stand that utilization of gas in warfare is more humane than shells, bombs, bullets or bayonets. He claims also that many of the stories about the terrible power

of gas are either wholly untrue or grossly exaggerated. Claiming to be a national pacifist who dislikes war and hopes it will be eradicated but who feels that a measure of national defense is necessary "for a generation or more to come," Professor Lewis shows by figures from the Surgeon-General's office that gas has been unduly black-guarded.

Regarding its use on unprotected cities in the next war, a bugaboo which the professor cites as one of many that are baseless, he writes:

"Its use on unprotected cities is a doubtful military measure owing to the difficulty of effective concentration,

combined with the risk in delivering it, and the possibility of the enemy neutralizing the attack with gas masks distributed among the civilian population. There is no such protection against incendiary or explosive bombs. That is the only reason the Central Powers bombed London from the air and shelled Paris with the accustomed materials rather than with gases."

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith White, 425 Sunset road, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, September 21, at St. Joseph's hospital in Chicago. Marion Dorothy has been chosen as a name for the baby.

What about the new extension of the North Shore Line?



MANY people are inquiring these days about the new Skokie Valley extension of the North Shore Line now under construction. Here, in a few words, is the answer to these queries.

The purpose of the extension is twofold. It will enable the North Shore Line to offer even faster service between Chicago and Milwaukee. And it will open vast new home areas to those employed in Chicago.

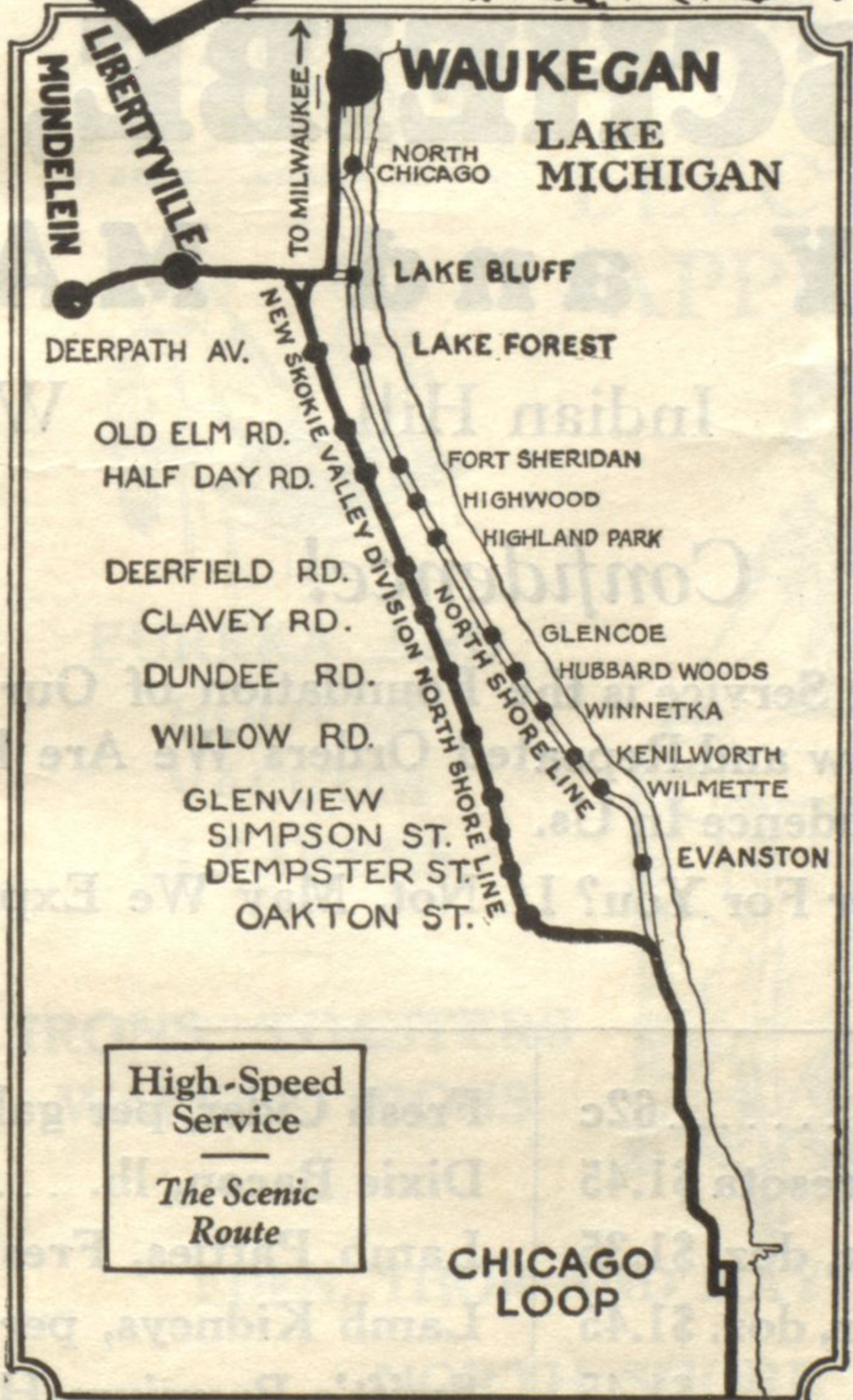
An existing arm of the Line, recently double-tracked, serves the Lake County Countryside, including the towns of Libertyville and Mundelein. When the intervening tracks are complete early in 1926, fast transportation to Chicago will open this alluring home community as Chicago's newest suburb.

The Lake County Countryside, with its many fine country estates, has long attracted Chicago people as a beautiful place to visit. But the absence of adequate fast transportation has prevented most people from considering it as a place in which to live. Now that is being changed.

The hills, trees, and flowers, the winding country roadways, the pure air of the Lake County Countryside may be yours—yours to enjoy not only once or twice a year but all the year around! Here, already established, are good schools, and good stores. There are available, too, all the conveniences of the modern city home.

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