

### GLIMPSES OLD SPAIN

#### Wilmette Student Finds Donkeys and Fords Principal Modes of Conveyance

Editor's Note: Interesting letters have been received by Mrs. Edward H. Yonkers, Wilmette resident, from her son, Edward H. Yonkers, Jr., who is attending the Sorbonne, Paris. Edward has just returned to Paris from Spain, where he made a tour visiting the principle cities. The following letter written at Carcassonne, gives a glimpse of the Spanish city of Toledo:

"Safe within the walls of this famous old city. The day after I wrote my last letter we went to Toledo, one of the oldest cities in Europe. It is about fifty miles south of Madrid. The most interesting thing about it is that it has been in the hands of so many peoples, races, and civilizations. This fact is expressed clearly in the great melange of architectural types found among its buildings—Roman, Mauresque, Greek, Gothic, Spanish—the Orient and the Occident interlaced in a charming manner.

"The winding streets leading to the portals of its ancient walls are filled with peasants walking beside or riding on little donkeys laden with goods. These little donkeys seem to be the sole mode of transportation aside from a few Fords.

"We spent several hours wandering about the crooked, narrow streets finding at every turn a picture. Sometimes it would be an old woman with a bundle of washing balanced on her head, the bundle being nearly as large as she, or it might be a young girl with an earthen jar, also balanced on her head. Then frequently we would stop to peek through a doorway with its ancient studded door ajar, disclosing a charming patio, brightened by the gleam of a palm and the purple or white of a tree in blossom.

"Madrid is a very modern city—new,

luxurious buildings, wide parkways, large parks. We found nothing of unusual interest there except the people.

### Court Rules for Forest Preserve in Washburn Case

The Forest Preserve board of Cook county won a decisive victory in the Superior court this week when Judge McKinley ruled for the Forest Preserve body in the so-called Washburn case, a ruling which emphasizes the fact that the Forest Preserves rightfully belong to the people as public park land.

The case in point refers to the attempt of one Washburn, who owns Skokie land, to enjoin the Forest Preserve board from purchasing untimbered property west of Winnetka and Glencoe. The Forest Preserve board had been upheld in the lower courts, only to encounter a reversal in the Illinois Supreme court, which body ordered the case remanded to the lower courts for trial on its merits. This trial resulted in Judge McKinley's decision this week.

In his opinion Judge McKinley asserted that the Forest Preserve board should be permitted to acquire the treeless portion of the Skokie because of the unique character of the country, its remarkable flora and fauna and its consequent priceless value to the people of Cook county.

Arguments for the Forest Preserve board were presented by experts from the University of Illinois and Chicago university who had made a study of the territory in question.

Boys and girls in New Trier township are entering the annual miniature aircraft tournament to be held at the Municipal Pier, Chicago, Saturday, May 8.

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