

Political Review

BY HOYT KING

Harry Eugene Kelly, president of the Union League club, Chicago, backed by other civic leaders, believes the time has come for the public to demand of the Cook county judges that a special grand jury and a special prosecuting attorney be appointed to make an investigation of the alliance between crime and politics that lets murder and ballot frauds go unpunished.

Tuesday of last week, on the border line of Cicero, in front of a saloon where they were alighting. James McSwiggin, assistant state's attorney and Thomas Duffy and James J. Doherty, beer runners, were murdered by gunmen operating a machine gun from an automobile.

Myles O'Donnell, said to be a partner of Doherty in bootlegging and owner of a Cicero saloon, is supposed to have been with the party and escaped.

Duffy and Doherty were Crowe workers with McSwiggin, Crowe's assistant, in the 30th Ward. Myles O'Donnell was also a Crowe worker in the Primary fight.

Doherty had been indicted for the murder of Eddie Tancl and Leo Klimas and had been tried by McSwiggin and acquitted.

This triple murder is the last, at this time of a series of 93 gang murders.

In view of the State's Attorney's known relation with and support by the lawless element, Mr. Kelly deems him unfitted for an investigation that is likely to charge him and members of his staff with responsibility for lax enforcement of the criminal law and the ballot law,—subjects in which the public is vitally interested.

Notwithstanding this public appeal for an untrammelled special grand jury, uncontrolled by the State's Attorney, Mr. Crowe petitioned Judge Brothers for a special grand jury, of which he should have charge, and his petition was granted.

In the opinion of some, even Crowe supporters, Mr. Crowe has made a mistake. His act, they say, suggests that an unbiased investigation is not desired by him and that he has something to conceal. They say the public is interested in knowing why Mr. McSwiggin was out with bootleggers, one of whom had been tried by him and acquitted of murder. Did Al Brown, alias Scarface All Capone, rival of Doherty and O'Donnell in beer running and suspected of the murder, seek the death of an assistant state's attorney, or was he an innocent victim?

Some think Mr. Kelly and his supporters have Mr. Crowe's back to the wall and that he will make enough mistakes in his handling of the investigation to justify the judges in granting the demand of Mr. Kelly and other law-abiding citizens.

It is not an investigation of the gunmen and bootleggers that the public seeks, but an investigation of conditions that give gunmen and bootleggers unbridled liberty.

The approach of the May music festival promoted by the Chicago North Shore Festival association, May 24 to June 1, and the nearness of the summer outdoor opera season at Ravinia, will be anticipated in the annual featuring of displays of the scores of operas, oratorios, cantatas, etc., that are on the programs of these two important musical events, as well as books concerned with music appreciation, stories of the operas, etc. These books are placed in ready access in the circulation room of the public library preceding and during the time of both the festival and the Ravinia season.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Breit and their family, 422 Essex road, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Malone, 535 Warwick road, are again in their Kenilworth homes after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Mark Cresap, 239 Essex road, returned to Kenilworth Monday, from New York, where she went to bid bon voyage to her mother and aunt who sailed for Europe.

Mrs. Alfred McDougal, 325 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth, entertained the members of her bridge club at luncheon Wednesday.



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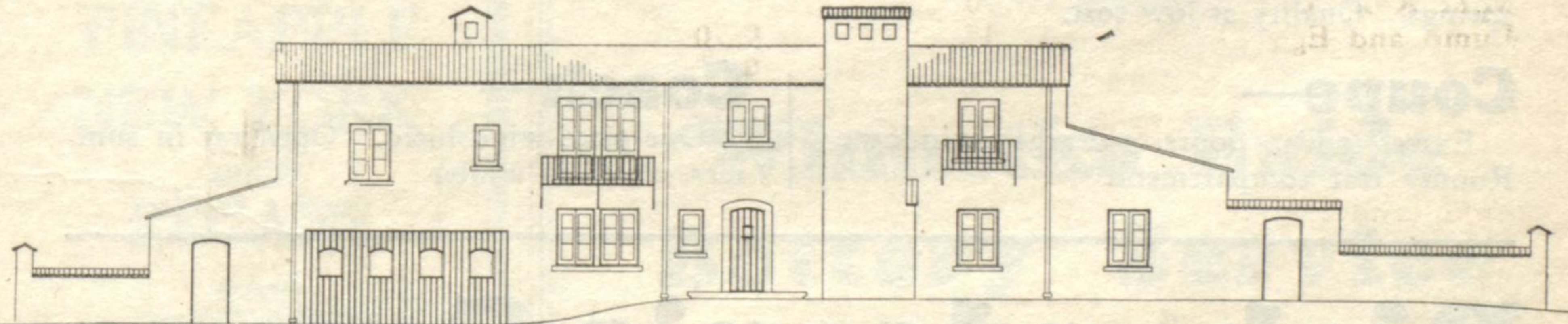
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