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#### SMALL DAUGHTER DIES

Little Juliane Kiessling, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kiessling, of 1473 Edgewood lane, died Saturday of last week following a tonsil operation. Funeral services were held Tuesday, at the residence. Burial was at Memorial park cemetery.

John Vander Vries, Pine street, secretary of the board of managers of the National School for Commercial and Trade Organizations Executives, spoke this week on the Daily News radio late evening program, under the auspices of Northwestern university.

The Ladies Aid society of the North Shore Methodist Episcopal church will meet at 1:30 o'clock on Friday, August 27, in the home of Mrs. Ben C. Rich, 1409 Scott avenue, Winnetka, to spend the afternoon sewing for the bazaar which will be given in December. Mrs. George M. Adams, 1241 Ash street, Winnetka, held the August twentieth meeting in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hymen L. Raclin and family, 528 Elder lane, are leaving this week for a trip to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, to be gone a week or ten days. Mr. Raclin is a member of the Winnetka council.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Editor's Note: Accompanying is an open letter written by Dan Noe, Asbury avenue property owner to the Winnetka Park district regarding the proposal to acquire a large tract of land in the Skokie for park purposes. Mr. Noe cites some objections to the plan of the Park district.

#### THAT PROPOSED PARK

Winnetka Park District:  
Winnetka, Illinois.

Attention: Mr. James A. White,  
president.

Gentlemen:

I own lot 27, block 21, Chicago North Shore Land company, sub-division 1432 Asbury avenue, Winnetka, Illinois, and several months ago I received a bill in the amount of \$430, covering my assessment for the proposed new park at the west end of Tower road, Asbury avenue, and other streets.

I have been giving this matter some consideration ever since receiving this bill and I am writing you at this time to express my opinion regarding this improvement.

I have heard considerable comment on this subject on both sides and much to my regret, I am unable to satisfy myself that the property in question should be acquired for park purposes for the following reasons:

1. To begin with there is the question of drainage which is not altogether a local problem even though during the abnormal wet seasons it affects certain property within the corporate limits of the Village, and in order to relieve this condition, it seems logical to me that some financial aid should be rendered by the county to overcome the difficulty and the fact that the land proposed to be acquired now lies outside the corporate limits of the Village of Winnetka would, as I see it, be of sufficient reason to substantiate the request for financial aid from the county. In the event, however, that the Winnetka Park district should acquire this land, it would then be within the jurisdiction of the Winnetka Park district and the question of adequate drainage would then rest solely upon the Park district and the expense incurred to provide the necessary drainage system, would necessarily have to be borne by the taxpayers of the Village of Winnetka, which, in my judgment, is unfair.

2. On the other hand, the Winnetka Park district now owns in comparison with other municipalities a very large park system, which in my judgment, is not utilized to the fullest extent. And to add an additional one hundred acres of park land in this section that is usually under water during the spring season, would necessarily add a maintenance cost that would naturally reflect itself in the Park district taxes. As I understand it, it is proposed to build bridle paths, tennis courts, and to install a certain amount of playground apparatus but I cannot see the wisdom of this expenditure in view of the fact that there is a possibility of these tennis courts and bridle paths, etc., being wiped out each spring by floods. Because of this fact I believe that it would be of more importance to solve the question of draining this area before proceeding with the condemnation proceedings and acquiring land and placing an additional burden on the Winnetka tax-payers.

3. I do not recall at this time what the total cost of the improvement is, but it is in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and I am not satisfied that the land can be acquired for this consideration. And the big objection that I have to the improvement is the fact that there is nothing to prevent the Winnetka Park district from spreading a supplementary assessment in the event that they get the approval of the courts to

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