

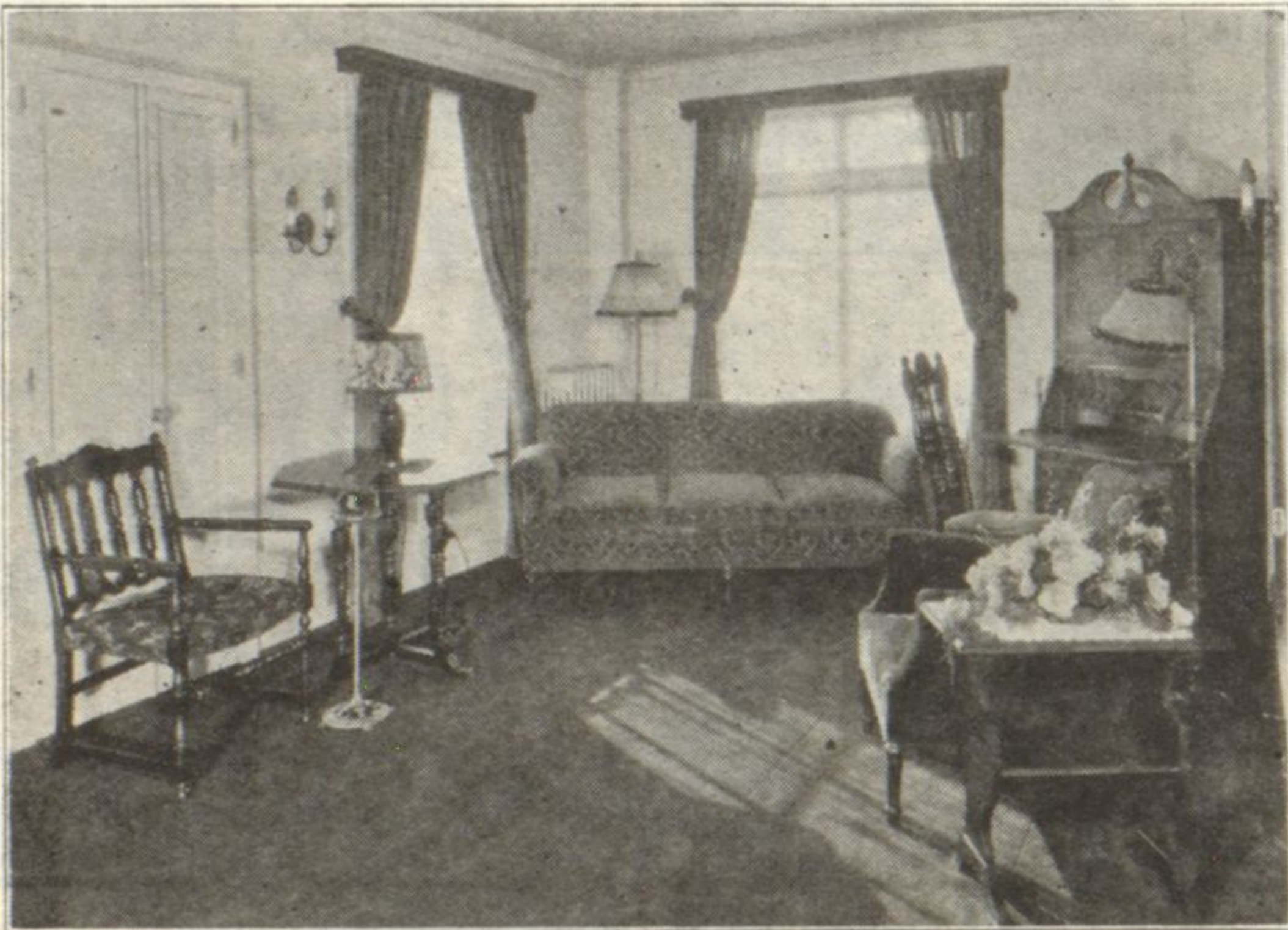
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Cornerstone Reveals Big Boost in Realty Values

Last week when the corner stone in the Capitol building, Chicago, known as the old Masonic Temple building, was opened, papers contained in the strong box, published in 1890, told of golden opportunities for investments in land, "only five miles from the courthouse. Twenty acres in Rogers Park were offered for \$10,500 and lots on Crawford avenue were selling for \$350 each."

In striking contrast to this, the owner of a small acreage tract near Glencoe is said to have just refused an offer of \$11,000 per acre, and \$6,000 today is considered cheap for a lot in that village, although it is more than four times the distance from the loop to Rogers Park.

Chicago Area to Grow by Million in 5 Years

That the population of the Chicago metropolitan area should reach a minimum total of 5,000,000 persons within the next five years is an estimate borne out by figures and estimates just submitted to Mayor William E. Dever of Chicago, and Edward N. Hurley and Myron E. Adams of the Centennial Exposition committee. More than one-third of this increase was credited to those areas which lie outside the city's corporate limits.

WITH KROLL AND SMITH

Mrs. William J. McDowell, formerly associated with the E. E. Stults Realty company, has accepted a position with Kroll and Smith, real estate brokers at 419 Fourth street, Wilmette.

DEVELOP HOME SITES

Max Ekelman, Glencoe Builder, Constructs Attractive Residences in Jackson Avenue Area

Max Ekelman, of 595 Vernon avenue, Glencoe, is numbered among the builders who are being attracted to the numerous attractive building sites on Jackson avenue, in that village, where at No. 505 he is now developing a \$35,000 residential property which he plans to have ready for the market in the spring. The foundation was put in the past week, and work on the superstructure will progress as rapidly as weather conditions will permit.

The house will be of the English type, constructed of buff stucco on tile, with shingle roof and will comprise eight rooms, three baths and a two car attached garage. Mr. Ekelman says it is to be one of the prettiest homes in this section of the village, and is indicative of other similar high class residential properties now underway or being planned for this section of Glencoe.

Mr. Ekelman recently completed for Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Miner, their beautiful residence property at 344 St. Palos, a Pennsylvania Colonial of stucco on tile, the stucco being in natural color. It is a massive ten room house, with a large sun porch, breakfast room, three baths and an attached garage, a specially pleasing design for the beautiful grounds, the latter having a frontage of 125 feet and a depth of 250, in the rear of which is the much admired rock garden. John Archibald Armstrong, of Chicago, was the architect.

Hoyt King Purchases Valuable West Acreage

Hoyt King, of 711 Forest avenue, Wilmette, has purchased for investment seventy-one acres on the south side of Half Day road about a half-mile east of Waukegan road, from Plotke and Grosby for \$152,000, or approximately \$2,250 an acre. It will later be subdivided and sold in small acre tracts, Mr. King announces.

BUYS WINNETKA CORNER

P. R. Cunningham, contractor and builder of Glencoe, has purchased of Ward Pearl, through P. W. Bradstreet and company, 788 Elm street, Winnetka, the sixty feet of vacant at the northwest corner of Ridge avenue and Ash street, Winnetka, on which he is planning the erection of a seven or eight room house, for the spring market.

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