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George Park of Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Urges Action to Reclaim Beautiful Valley

The beauty and sanitary condition of the Skokie valley, which have commanded the attention of north shore residents for more than twenty years, is the subject of the following article by George Park, a vice-president and also chairman of the civic committee of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce:

"Its beauty has been extolled, but the sanitary condition has lain dormant. Money by municipalities, has been spent to exterminate the mosquito, but none has yet been expended to remedy the unsanitary condition of sewage contamination by its stagnant waters.

"The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce knows its menace to health, its unfitness for home-sites already constructed, its proximity to the village, flooding many basements, and of its destroying much property. Homes have been built on its east and west borders, depositing sewage through septic tanks and cesspools, and some

without any attempt to purification.

Engineers with municipalities, have acquired data for its drainage, encountering no difficult engineering problem, and property owners are willing to be taxed, knowing the great enhancement of property value and health, by its drainage. While the citizens who occupy the ridge between the lake and the valley, suffer the menace to health from this valley sewage contamination.

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce invokes action and will cooperate with any municipality, civic or commercial body, or property owners of the Skokie valley, so that this pestilential stagnant body of water may become a thing of more beauty than its primal ruggedness.

Drainage that would invite the building of homes in this beautiful valley would draw from the cultural wealth producing population of Chicago, who are hindered in all directions to expand for the lack of home-sites to build on. Hence, the cliff-dwelling apartments where families are compelled to live, while the Skokie valley, which is from twenty to forty feet above the lake, lies dormant, and often flooded, and that condition is a mystery of endurance to north shore citizens.

TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Gelineau Bastien, mother of Alvin E. Bastien, 1010 Hubbard lane, were held Tuesday, December 21, in the Presbyterian church at St. Anne, Ill. Mrs. Bastien passed away Monday, December 20, in her 84th year, at the home of her daughter, Mrs Christopher Miller. She was a native of Bourbonnais, Ill., and the widow of Octave Duclos Bastien.

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10:00 The Young Men's Class.

10:15 The 4th, 5th and 6th grades of the Church School.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Richards, "The Timeless Christ."

Evening—

6:00 The Winnetka Sunday Evening Club.

7:00 The Young People's Club.

8:00 Evening Worship. Sermon by Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, "Experiments in Unselfishness."

Wednesday—

10:00 Meeting of the Women's Society. Lunch at 12:15. 35c.

8:00 Mid-week Service.



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