

## PUSH WORK ON TRAFFIC WAY, MERCHANTS' PLEA

### Wilmette Business Folk Give Unanimous Endorsement to Through Highway Plan

The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce in session Monday of this week voted unanimously in favor of a resolution introduced by Hoyt King, chairman of the civic committee of the Chamber, lending the unqualified endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce to the project of extending a direct highway from McCormick boulevard in Evanston through Wilmette over Main street.

The Chamber of Commerce not only expressed itself as endorsing this project, but offered its services to its village in any way which may be found necessary to expedite this undertaking. The King was in substance as follows: "The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce endorses the project for the extension of a highway from McCormick boulevard, north to the Cook county line, through Wilmette over Main street, by condemnation, if necessary to acquire property, and by special assessment, for the improvement."

The action of the Chamber was influenced largely through talks by Robert Kingery, secretary of the Chicago Regional Planning association and W. W. DeBerard, chief engineer of the association. Mr. Kingery, by use of maps, explained in detail the status of the highway in question, showing portions completed and indicating steps necessary to bring other sections of the highway to completion to finish the whole.

#### Facilitates Local Traffic

He emphasized that this highway would be used primarily for through traffic from Chicago to the various points on the route in the distribution by trucks of goods from Chicago firms to local dealers and homes in New Trier. The road, it was pointed out, would not be used primarily for the long distance hauls terminating beyond the north shore towns. Instead Mr. Kingery emphasized traffic with through destinations, would be routed largely over Waukegan road and the other new west through highways which it is proposed to build along the Skokie Valley line. The new road is to be forty feet in width and the Waukegan road, it is said, is to be widened to forty feet in order to take care of ever-increasing traffic.

In regard to the building of the new highway through Wilmette, it was explained that the state would pay for a twenty foot strip of the proposed forty foot pavement, the state's share of the expenditure to be made through the county. The Cook county commis-

sioners have already set aside \$100,000 for this project, it was explained.

#### Cites Other Projects

Mr. Kingery also spoke of the plan to extend Crawford avenue, along Asbury avenue, in Evanston, to join up with Ridge avenue in Wilmette, which in turn, would connect with the McCormick boulevard extension in Winnetka.

Mr. Kingery, in the discussion of the general scheme of road building, said it is the plan of the association, wherever possible, to develop section line traffic arteries, an equally interesting and forceful figures of the gigantic undertaking which is ahead of those who are planning these great highways in order to keep ahead, if possible, of the growing need of such roads. In regard to the increase of automobiles, he showed by comparative statistics, that an anticipated 35,000,000 cars will be in use in the United States by 1930.

#### Work Here Progresses

Mr. DeBerard gave a very interesting report as to the status of the work accomplished in the matter of bringing the new through highway over Main street in Wilmette. The project is now in court, he said, it having been found necessary to spread a new assessment roll because of some legal difficulties in connection with the original assessment. He also reported that the condemnation proceedings involving the J. E. Dempsey triangular piece of land at Fifteenth street and Elmwood avenue are progressing satisfactorily.

#### ENTERTAINS STAGE STAR

Mrs. D. P. Hurd of 152 Bertling lane, entertained a group of friends at a luncheon, Friday afternoon, February 4, in honor of her cousin Miss Mildred Elliott, who, for the past three years has been appearing as "Mrs. Cohen" in "Abie's Irish Rose," which has recently been playing in Chicago.

It is interesting to note that Miss Elliott out of the seven representative companies, now playing throughout the United States, was chosen for the London company, which opens its run early in the spring.

Mrs. Preston Boyden of 806 Rosewood avenue, left the north shore for Italy on Monday, February 7, on a three months' trip. The trip planned includes an interesting tour in France, Sicily and "little out-of-the-way corners," with a possible final meeting of the three Chase sisters, "Libby," who has been abroad for some time, and Janet, who will accompany her sister, Mrs. Preston Boyden. April 1 will see Mrs. Boyden back in Winnetka again, after three months of real adventure.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Butz of 627 Sheridan road, announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Emily, on January 28.

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