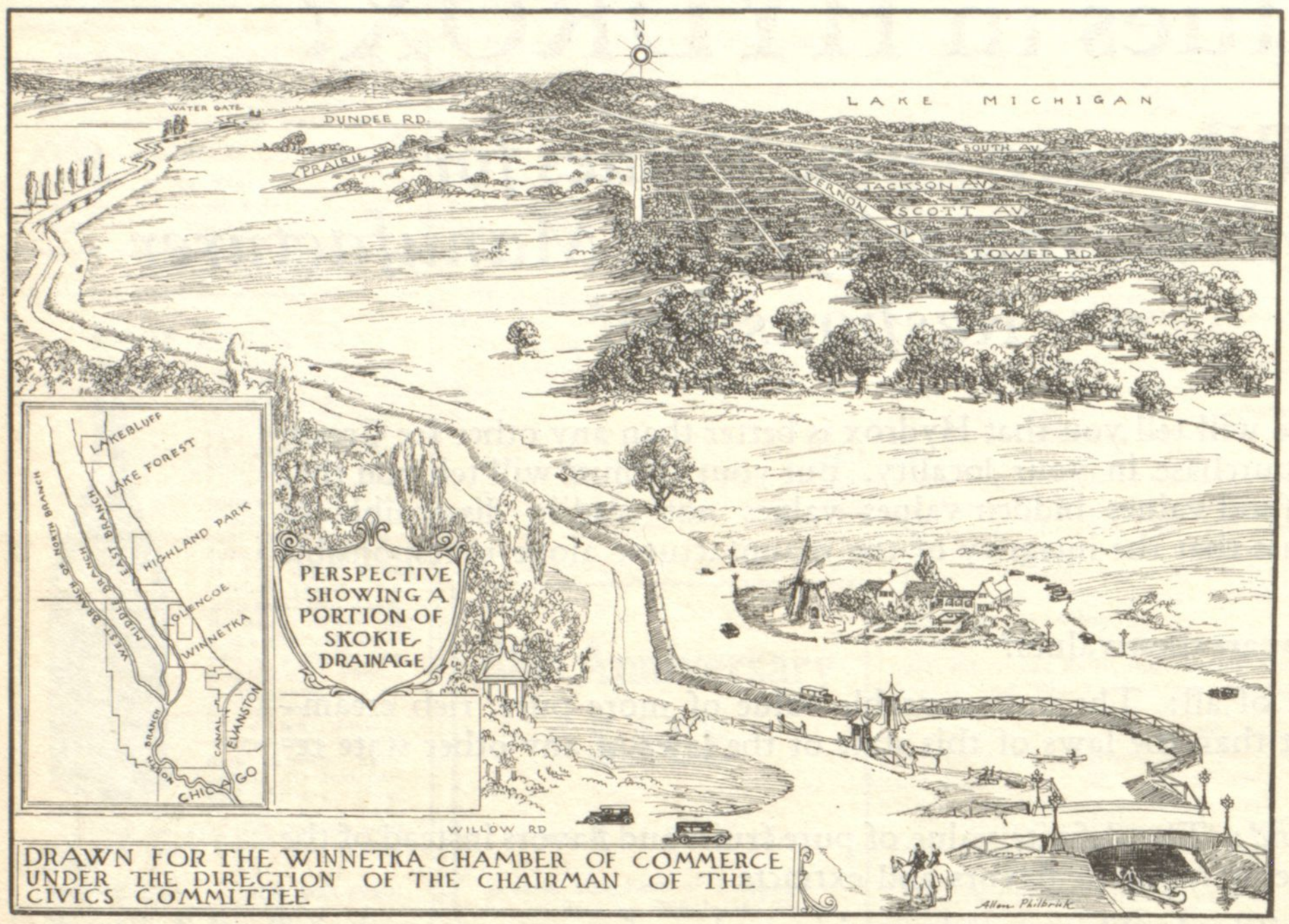
Would Combine Utility and Beauty in Drainage Scheme

Envisions Beautiful Skokie Valley of the Future



SUBMIT CONCEPTION OF SKOKIE DRAINAGE PLAN

Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Produces Sketch of Proposed Valley Improvement

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In the interest of the proposed drainage of the Skokie Valley, the Civic committee of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has received letters, telephone messages, schemes and sketches. Nature lovers, of whom there are many, are protesting against encroachment upon the primal beauty of the valley. One would suppose from the protestations, that the stream in the valley was a brook of clear water, when as a matter of fact, it is only a sewage disposal plant, without any scientific attention.

Not being pleased with merely drawing the attention of the citizens of the north shore to the unhealthy condition of the valley, the Chamber of Commerce has had prepared an artist's sketch including a cross-section of a possible improvement of the region. This is designed to combine in one comprehensive scheme the features of utility and beauty.

Property owners, who have invested, will make improvements. Few of them will sacrifice to preserve the beauty of the valley. They are now improving by damming and installing pumps, and contemplate building cement dikes, with electrical ejectors, which will increase the flooding of the basements in homes built too near the valley.

To discourage individual improvements, the Chamber of Commerce shows in a sketch, a practical solution of a vexing question that has troubled the minds of the residents of the north shore for twenty years.

The Chamber of Commerce has as its first interest the beautification of the valley and the preservation of the health of the community, which can only be accomplished by drainage so planned by scientific engineering. The plan calls for a stream of clear water, of sufficient depth at all seasons, to permit a boat to ply on its surface. Gates will automatically open in times of flood. The sanitary sewer on the east of the boulevard and west of the bridal path, indicated in the accompanying design, will be taken care of by the Sanitary district. The stream will be flanked by a broad concrete boulevard and a bridal path, and the bank improved with trees and shrubs, the entire improvement costing no more than the planting of a first-class subdivision. The cost can be taken care of by the land benefited and the improvement will be only a fraction of the enhanced value of the land favored by this unique solution of the Skokie valley improvement.

The Civic committee of the Chamber of Commerce can conceive of no more feasible improvement that affords such an opportunity for utility, combined with natural advantages, where art and engineering will not clash.

The improvement as sketched, indicates a cultural scheme the like of which is nowhere to be seen, in this vicinity or elsewhere. The opportunity to accomplish this project invites the combined efforts of all north shore citizens, as well as the north shore Chambers of Commerce.

At Woman's Society

Following the regular sewing session from 10 to 11 o'clock, and the reading of very interesting letters from Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds in China, and Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wolsted in India, the devotions conducted by Mrs. Mortimer Parker, and the luncheon at 12:15, Miss Lulu D. Ervin of the American Missions to Lepers addressed members of the Woman's society of the Congregational church on "Leprosy."

Some of the startling statements Miss Ervin made concerning the work among the lepers in this country and abroad, made her talk more optimistic in nature than might be expected. She told of the workers who are devoting their life to the cause of leprosy, and, to the surprise of the listeners, said that they had not lost a single worker because of leprosy. Additional knowledge, scientific prevention and care of little scratches on the workers' hands, have resulted in the proving that the disease is only contagious under certain conditions. Another remark of importance Miss Erwin made was that the actual bacillus only lives from fifteen minutes to three hours, another evidence of the research work being carried on continually by scientists and doctors. The state of incubation is from one to twenty years of age, they have also discovered.

Miss Erwin spoke most enthusiastically about the work Sam Higginbotham is doing. The society has often sewed for the colonies he is interested in, and were especially pleased to hear about his work. An interesting little anecdote she told about Mr. Higginbotham delighted the audience. When asked if he played golf he replied, "Some men play golf, but I play leprosy."

The leper colonies in the United States are also doing splendid work. It was startling to know that two cases were discovered in Chicago within the last six months, and that there are more than five-hundred cases in the United States at the present time. That there is plenty to do to help the sufferers from this disease can readily be appreciated when Miss Erwin stated that there are 2,000,000 cases in the world.

The great good being accomplished by the use of the Chaulmoogra oil, which is taken from certain trees in Burma, Siam and India, is expected to and has already accomplished many cures. The Ethyl Esters, a product from the oil, has been discovered, which results in arresting the disease.

Miss Erwin said that $25 to $40 would support a leper for a year, and more generous contributions were also welcome as there was need for more room in working with the lepers in foreign countries.

Gerald C. Roche, of Chicago Buys North Shore Pharmacy

The Snider-Cazel Drug Co. has sold its drug store, known as the North Shore Pharmacy, at 940 Linden avenue, Hubbard Woods, to Gerald C. Roche, who took possession a few weeks ago. Mr. Roche has been in the drug business several years, having been associated with the Roche Brothers Pharmacy at 4181 Clarendon avenue, Chicago. Deliveries and high class service in every particular will feature the business of the North Shore Pharmacy, Mr. Roche announces. He will also sell newspapers and magazines. Mr. Roche has not only come to Hubbard Woods to engage in business, but will also make this his home, and will move his family here in a month or so.

Local Voyageurs Return to Work With Coat of Tan

Thomas J. Lynch, village forester of Winnetka and well known tree surgeon of the north shore, is home from a most delightful month spent in Florida. Mr. Lynch not only enjoyed the splendid climate of the southland where he took on a fine coat of tan and several additional pounds of avoirdupois, but he also enjoyed the deep sea fishing and also some good fishing that wasn't so deep. He enjoyed the fine tours throughout the state and all in all, says he is very much impressed with the future outlook in Florida. At present, he found business dull, he said, as a result of the set-back which Florida received some months ago by the storm. But at that, he says Florida is coming back with a slower but more permanent development.

Mr. Lynch motored down, and was accompanied by Mrs. Lynch and their little son. Thomas, Jr., also brought back a beautiful coat of tan and a blistered back as a result of his long and frequent visits to the beach. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ilg, Sr., the florists on Pine street, parents of Mrs. Lynch, also comprised the party.

On the downward trip they were compelled to go via Missouri and Arkansas, on account of the floods at that time prevailing on the nearer eastern route, but the detoured route which they traveled proved so bad that at times they were inclined to retrace their steps homeward.

Returning, they had a much more delightful trip up through Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, stopping briefly at Atlanta, Chattanooga, Nashville and Chickamauga, at which latter place they visited the old battle fields.