ATHLETIC ARCHITECTS

The architects of Chicago are athletically inclined. The young men at the drafting boards in the city's leading architectural firms have organized the Chicago Architects Athletic association and will develop an interest in cups and medals. W. T. Williams, an associate in the office of Joe W. Mc-Carthy, is one of the prime movers in the organization of the association. As a starter, teams representing various offices are playing indoor baseball. Preparations are being made for tennis and golf matches and for a bowling league in the winter.

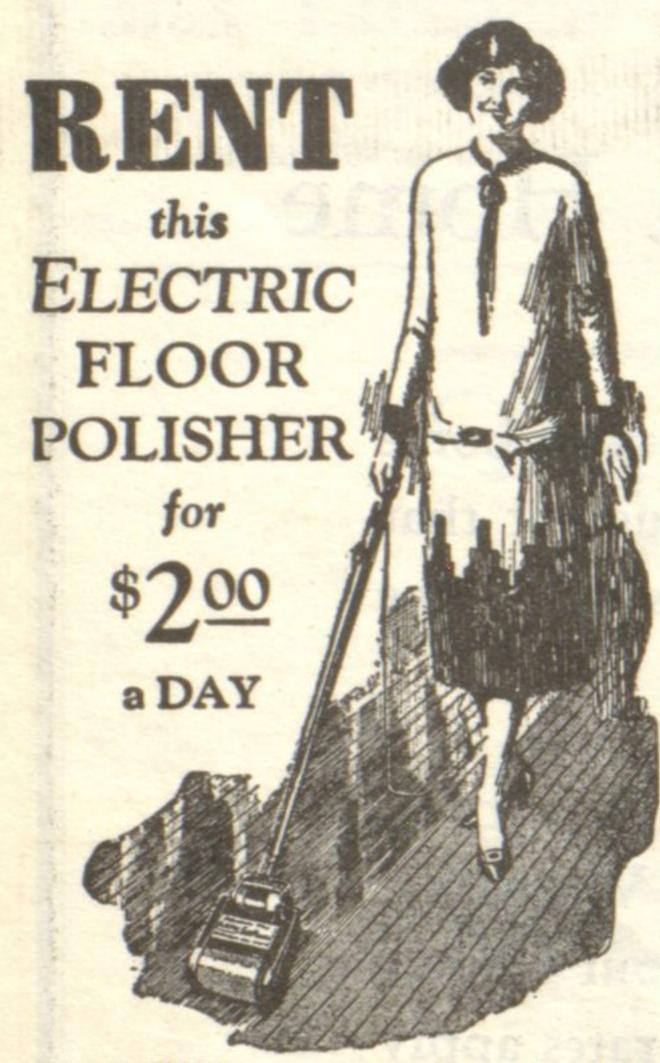
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Chicago and Suburban Realty Value Is Set at \$3,438,750,000

The seventeenth edition of Olcott's Land Values Blue Book, which estimates the value of real estate in various parts of Chicago and the suburbs has just been issued by George C. Olcott and company.

The value of the city and suburbs is placed at \$3,438,750,000, a gain of five per cent since last year. The publishers report that since the issuance of their 1926 volume real estate activity has quieted down somewhat. However, prices remain firm at previous quotations, no recession in holders' demands being noticeable.

It is stated that asking prices in some localities have been advanced in the face of the slowing up of sales.

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Sun Porch Essential Woman Writer Says

A sunroom today is almost an essential in every home, in the opinion of Hazel H. Adler, home decoration editor of Needlecraft magazine.

Mrs. Adler says, "It is the connecting link between indoors and outdoors, providing a comfortable outdoor living-room in warm weather, a delightful indoor living room for all year round, and in addition a suitable place for the children to play.

"Practically all newly built homes have a sunroom provided for, while in homes where a sunroom is lacking a little ingenuity will provide a substitute offering practically all of the many desirable qualities of an especially built room. An open porch may be inclosed with glass or a room on the southern or western side of the house may be converted into a sunroom by the addition of windows.'

Mrs. Adler's article gives many valuable hints for decorating a sunroom.

Among other things, she says: "Composition floors in tile effect are the ideal selection for a sunroom. The same effect, however, may be obtained in rubber tiling or block-pattern linoleums. One may select a pattern in black and green, black and terra cotta, solid green, brick tones or startling black and white. The color of the floor should, of course, be repeated in some of the other furnishing items of the room. Sunroom walls may be finished with rough plaster tinted pleasant color, painted or papered. Matting, grass or fiber rugs are most appropriate. The furnishings should be preferably of porch character to preserve an informal out-of-door atmosphere."

MacChesney Writes 891 Page Treatise on Real Estate Law

"The Principles of Real Estate Law" is an 891 page treatise on the subject by Nathan William MacChesney which has just been published by the Macmillan campany of New York.

Mr. MacChesney is a graduate of the class of 1902 of Northwestern university and is a member of the law firm of MacChesney, Evans & Robinson. He prepared the volume at the request of the joint commission on real estate education, representing the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities, the Y. M. C. A. schools and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, for which he is legal counsel.

Dr. Richard T. Ely of Northwestern university in a preface points out that the book deals with that which is bed rock in real estate and land economics.

Rough Plaster Makes Rooms Look Smaller

Rough plaster makes a small room appear smaller. In a large room, however, the uneven surface of the plaster has an interesting texture, each little crevice casting its own shadow, giving a constant play of light and shade.

The surface can be painted, giving

the wall any desired tone.

A rough wall fits in well with English oak chairs and tables, worsted tapestries and East Indian and Navajo rugs. A plain-surfaced wall is more consistent with mahogany and walnut furniture, and the lighter furnishings which are appropriate for the less spacious type of rooms.

Good Equipment Gives Many Homes Quick Sale

A building operation on one side of the street will fairly sprout "sold" signs overnight. . . . Across the way houses which seem to the casual observer like peas out of the same pod stand empty.

How does it happen? How can it happen? Is it all just luck? They may have used the same brick and stone and lumber; the same type roof and size of lot, and even a similar floor plan.

But they differ on one all-important point—the loser made a mistake in the equipment he bought. His houses are built of "just as good" materials.

WILMETTE BUILDING PERMITS

Eleven building permits totalling \$138,265 were issued in Wilmette during the month of August. Four of these were for new residences costing \$36,-000; two were for commercial purposes and totaled \$91,000; eleven were for remodelling jobs amounting to \$6,550 and fourteen were for garages costing \$4,715.

USE WOOD FOR INTERIORS

Wood, now more in vogue than the ornate marble of a decade or two ago for the interiors of elaborate offices and fine homes, has been used for interior finish for centuries. The early Romans almost entirely neglected the exteriors of their palaces, lavishing attention upon the interiors. Painted plasters, marble veneer and wood paneling were the principal materials used for beautifying the inside walls.

That the Rockford Real Estate board has just completed an unusual educational program. In March they organized a class to study the course in real estate practice conducted by the American Real Estate Institute of the National Association. Lectures were by Jay W. Miller.

Are Your Brakes Safe?

Safety Week Sept. 4th to 10th

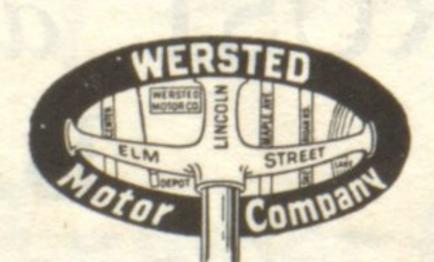
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