

**LAKE CLAIMS VICTIM**

**Marian Haxton Loses Life at Cherry Street Beach When Undertow Frustrates Valiant Efforts of Rescuers**

A "rough sea" followed by a sudden outswEEP of a strong undertow was responsible for the tragic death Sunday, of Miss Marian Haxton, age 17, of 7034 Overhill avenue, Edison Park, while bathing in lake Michigan at the foot of Cherry street, Winnetka.

Miss Haxton's brother, L. H. Haxton, of 1706 Elmwood avenue, Wilmette, Harry Madsen, of 882 Elm street, Winnetka, an employee of the village, in the power and light department, and Officer J. H. Luensman, of the Winnetka Police department made heroic efforts to save the girl.

Madsen, an expert swimmer, was in the vicinity of the drowning, and heard the girl's brother call for help. Throwing off his coat, Madsen plunged into the water as Miss Haxton was going down the second time. He fought valiantly to bring her out, in which effort, however, he was frustrated when Miss Haxton grabbed him about the neck and almost submerged him. He was forced to extricate himself from this strangle hold to save his own life, and was, himself exhausted when he finally emerged from the water.

Officer Luensmann, after spending fully ten minutes in his effort to save the girl was barely able to reach shore, which he did in a completely exhausted condition.

Beach Guards James W. Allen and John Dewar Jr., Sergeant Harry Enault, Motorcycle Officer Frank Rayburn, Fire Chief G. M. Houren, and scores of residents in the vicinity where the drowning occurred aided in

the recovery of the body and the futile efforts of resuscitation. Capt. Brady of the Wilmette Fire department took the pulmotor to the scene of the drowning, but the girl was dead when taken from the water.

The body was removed to the Lewis undertaking parlors, 1124 Central avenue, Wilmette, where a coroner's inquest was conducted.

The drowning occurred four blocks north of the Elder lane beach, from whence the life guards were summoned.

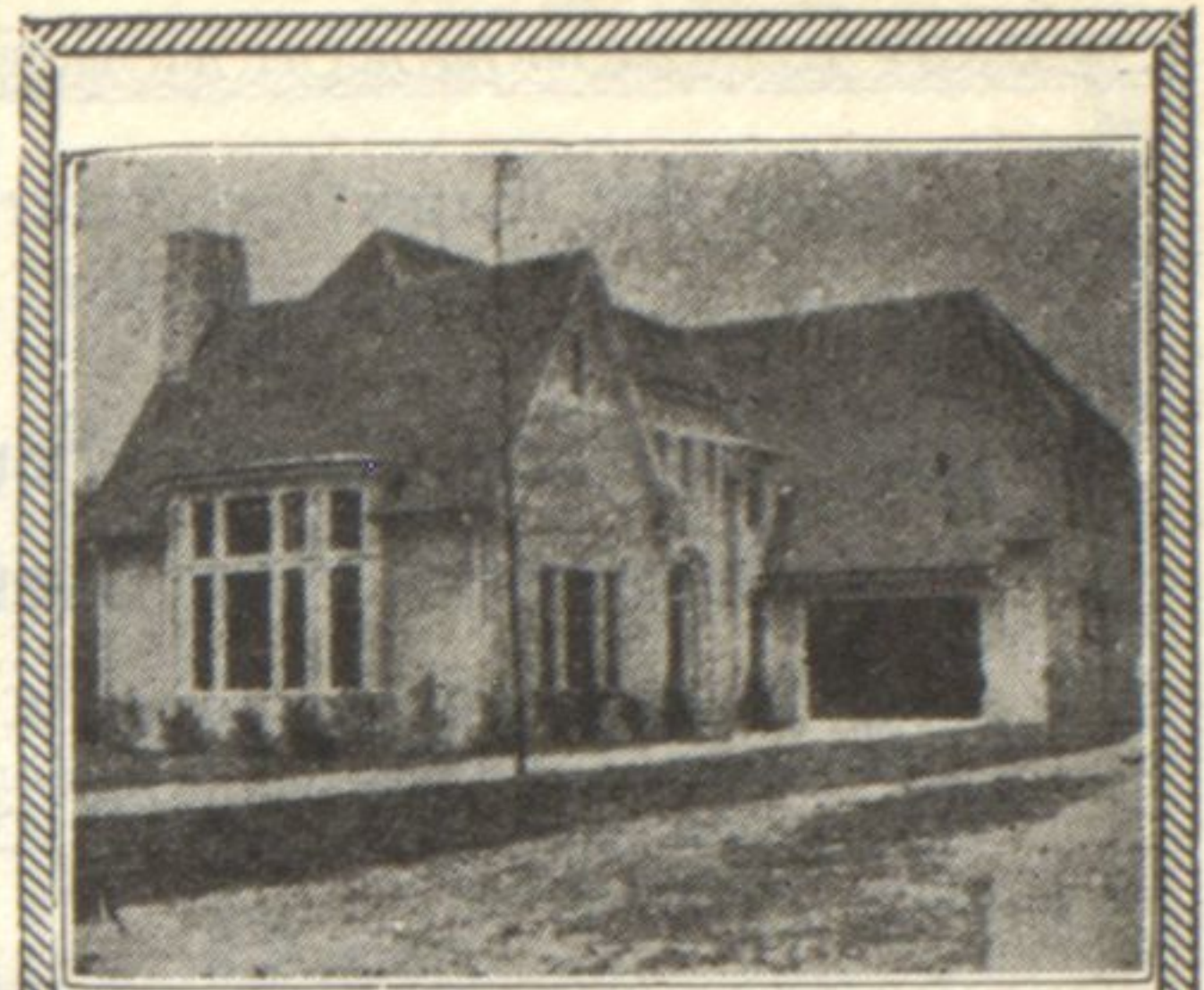
The Cherry street beach is not a public bathing beach. There are no life guards stationed there and appropriate warning signs are posted by the village.

The coroner's jury recommended that signs be posted prohibiting bathing on beaches where there are no life guards, a precaution, which had, however, previously been taken by Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Wagner, Jr., and their daughter, Louise, of 384 Hawthorne lane returned Wednesday from a week's motor trip to Washington Island, Wis.

Mrs. Godfrey H. Atkin and her daughters, Margot and Adelaide, are expected in New York today. They have spent the summer abroad and will return to Winnetka in a few days, after visiting Mrs. A. D. Edwards, formerly of Winnetka, at Summit, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dixon, who have occupied the Atkin house in the Indian Hill club grounds, will leave for the city September 15.

Miss Kathryn Flinn, secretary to Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, of the Winnetka Congregational church, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. She will return September 15.



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