

## MERGE OUILMETTE CLUB WITH EVANSTON GROUP

Site of Club House on Wilmette Shore to Be Improved With \$700,000 Club

The Ouilmette Country club on Michigan avenue in Wilmette, for many years the center of Wilmette's social life, is losing its identity and historic name in the announced merger of the Country club with the Century club of Evanston. The name of the newly merged club has not been definitely determined, it having been learned that a title tentatively selected conflicts with the name of another club organization operating under a charter in Illinois. Plans to erect a pretentious \$700,000 clubhouse on the site within the next year, were announced following a joint meeting of the boards of directors of the two clubs held last Friday.

The property at Michigan and Lake avenues constitutes one of the outstanding club sites on the north shore and the building which will replace the clubhouse now there is to be a distinctive structure, a credit to its location, according to the club's officers. Plans are being drawn by B. H. Burnham and company, Chicago architects.

Thwarted by the Evanston zoning laws, in their desire to erect a clubhouse on a shore site in Evanston, the directors of the Century club found that the Ouilmette Country club was planning a program of expansion. The proposition of consolidation was broached and met with mutual approval resulting in the action taken last week. Both clubs exist for practically identical purposes and it was felt that the interests of each could best be served by one big club.

The membership in the new club is to be restricted to 1,250 persons, 250 of them life members and 1,000 annual dues paying members. The new clubhouse will be equipped with a swim-

ming pool, the roof of which can be rolled back in mild weather, tennis courts, a ballroom equal to the present, other features to interest the younger generation of members and the children of members, whose needs figure largely in the consolidation plans. Card rooms, bowling alleys and squash, and handball courts are among the items planned for.

The officers of the Ouilmette Country club are: A. N. Page, president; R. E. Rickson, vice president; H. L. Fogg, secretary. The members of the board are: C. M. McDonald, M. J. Hammers, M. L. Redfield, J. A. Ronan, C. P. Dubbs, J. J. Johnson and A. J. De Berard.

Dr. C. H. Searle is president of the Century club and W. I. Osborne is secretary. The board of governors consists of Lewis G. Blessing, Eugene H. Garnett, W. I. Osborne Jr., C. H. Searle, Elmer Bersbach, Charles M. Ballard, Walter G. Deemer, Richard T. White, John C. Slade, James B. Westcott, John B. Utley and Hubert Burnham.

The officers and board of governors of the new club are to be elected at a joint meeting of the board of directors this week.

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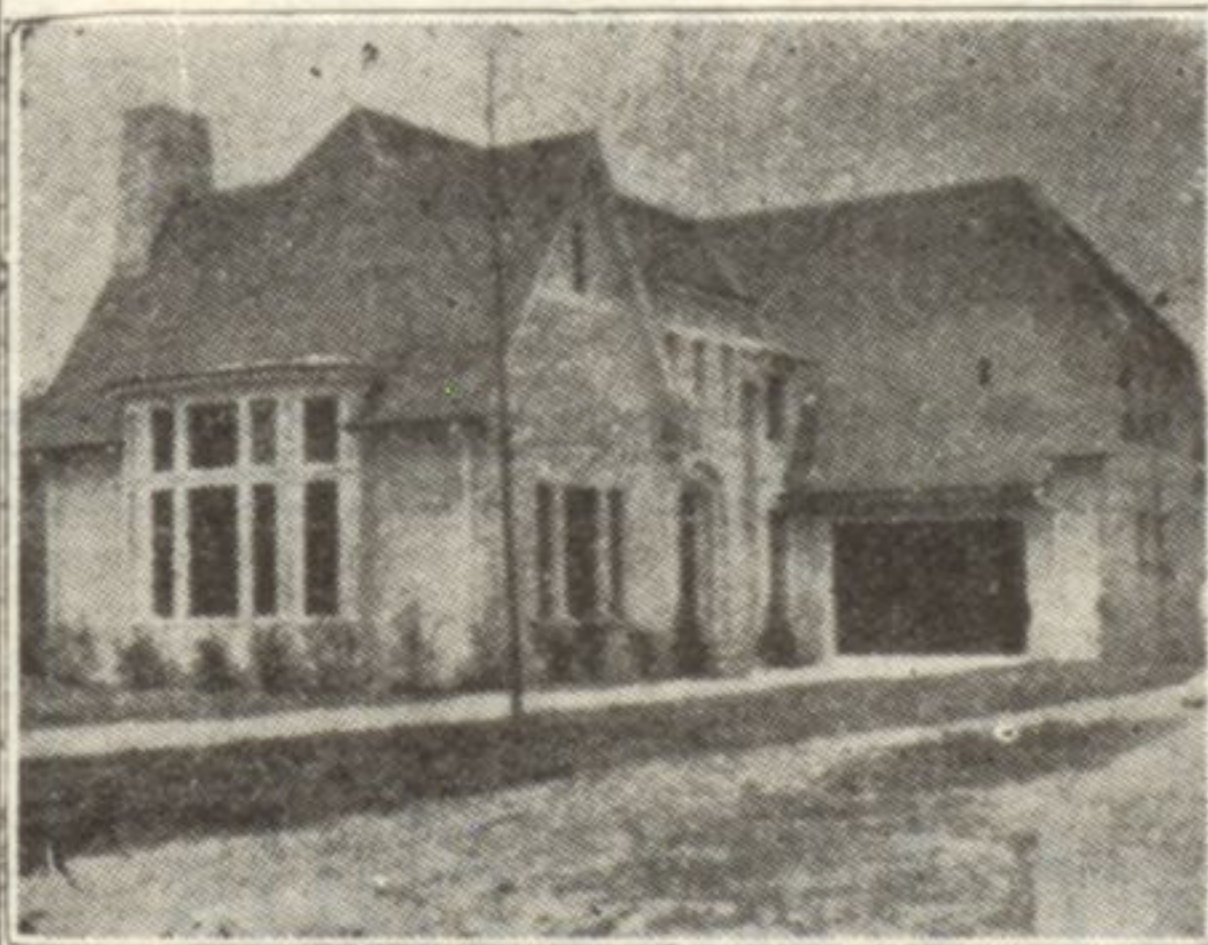
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