

### Report Farm Land Situation Showing Big Improvement

According to the report published in the National Association News Service for February 7 and based on a survey of farm conditions in seventy-two states, the farm land situation shows a decided improvement both in acreage sold and prices paid. More farm lands were sold in 1927 than in 1926. A comparison of values in many communities shows that present prices are above the pre-war level.

The Chicago Daily News on February 2 stated that a farm in Urbana, Illinois, sold at \$170 an acre. The farmers themselves are most optimistic over the present favorable situation. The number of foreclosures during 1927 has decreased decidedly as compared with 1926.

The general trend of prices is unquestionably upward and it is interesting to note that farms are being purchased by persons either as business enterprises or as homes, which indicates stability in the future.

### Committee Will Report on Model Enabling Act July 18

Study of the model enabling act for city and regional planning prepared by a committee appointed by Herbert Hoover and sponsored by the Department of Commerce has been referred to a joint committee of the Association's city plan committee and its Home Builders and Subdividers Division. A report on the model act will be made at the coming annual convention of the Association, to meet in Louisville, Kentucky, the week of June 18.

Notable progress made in the year just passed in the building of efficient cities through city and regional planning is reported by the Association.

### City Planning Courses Urged for Universities

Establishment of courses in city planning in every university of the country is urged by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. The Association further has taken action recommending to city officials throughout America that there be appointed on every city plan or regional plan commission at least one person with practical real estate experience, a member of the real estate board of his community, preferably one with experience in the creation of subdivisions, and that, if possible, a second Realtor, one with an experienced knowledge of central business properties in the city, be added.

The Association further urges every local real estate board within its membership to concern itself with the city plan of its community through a special board committee on city planning.

### North Shore R. E. Board Announces Five Events

Robert L. Wyatt, chairman of the program committee of the North Shore Real Estate board, announces that the board's 1928 program will include five major events as follows: A Bankers' Day on March 29; Builders' Day on May 31; Reciprocity Day on September 27 when the board will entertain members of neighboring boards and officials of the state and national associations; Municipality Day on Dec. 1 and the Annual Banquet on Dec. 13.

### REALTORS AID CHEST

The Wilmette members of the North Shore Real Estate Board have been asked to use a slogan during March in their advertising calling attention to the Community Chest.



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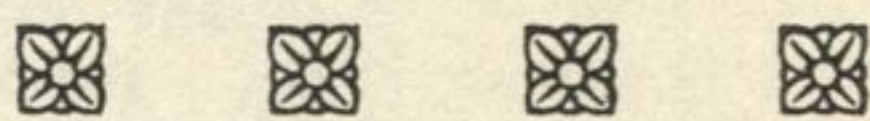
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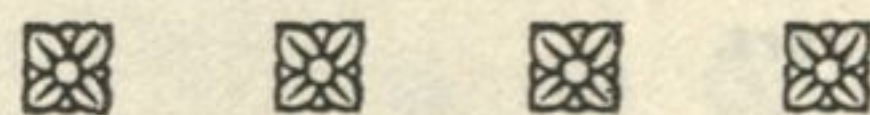
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