

SINGS AT CLUB

Hazel Bell Risk was heard in some delightful songs Monday evening, April 16, before the annual meeting of the South Shore Music club, Chicago. Mrs. Risk's name on the program has become synonymous with a most enjoyable evening as she has been heard on these programs for the last ten years, with possibly one exception.

She will sing on Saturday after-

noon at the reception following the wedding of Miss Virginia Smetanka and Edward J. Prebis at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smetanka, of Chicago.

Mrs. Arthur F. Sterrett, 488 Ash street, left a week ago for Florida so that she might drive back north with Mr. Sterrett. They are expected to return sometime next week.

Mrs. John VanderVries to Preside at Chicago Rotary

Mrs. John N. VanderVries of Winnetka is to have the novel experience of presiding at the luncheon next Tuesday at the Chicago Rotary club, of which Mr. VanderVries is president. The occasion has been designated as "Feminists' day" and the program, which will be given at the Hotel Sherman, will be exclusively presented to women.

Wives of members are invited to be guests with their husbands, for the privilege of being a guest only, is all that is to be accorded the members of the so-called stronger sex on Tuesday.

Dr. Herbert Willett to Give Lecture Series

At the request of friends in the Kenilworth Union church and in the community, Dr. Herbert Willett is to deliver five lecture studies on five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning April 18. The subject of these lecture studies is "Ancient Prophets and Modern Problems." On April 18 Dr. Willett will speak on "Samuel: The Making of a Nation"; on April 25, "Elijah: Popular Rights."

\$400,000 BUILDING IS PLANNED IN WILMETTE

McGuire and Orr Negotiate for St. Augustine's Church Property for Business Block

A building project which rates the most pretentious attempted in Wilmette in many years—the construction of a \$400,000 store and apartment building—is to be carried out within the next few months if the plans of McGuire and Orr, north shore realtors are realized. The new building is planned for the site on Wilmette avenue just north of the Postoffice which is owned and occupied by St. Augustine's Episcopal church.

Reports that the deal for the sale of the land by the church to McGuire and Orr had been closed are incorrect according to those in a position to know. While those most interested in the project have been busy working out plans and moving forward with assurance, it can be stated that at this time the negotiations for the property have progressed no farther than thirty days ago when McGuire and Orr, who plan to erect the new building, secured an option on the ground. Until this option is exercised—it does not expire until June 12—the big project cannot get under way.

Confident Deal Will Go Through

McGuire and Orr and also those in authority at St. Augustine's church feel assured that the deal will go through before the period of the option runs out, but until the papers have actually been signed conveying the property to the real estate men nothing definite can be announced.

"We believe that the deal will go through," said Dr. Hubert Carleton, pastor of St. Augustine's church. "We granted a double option to McGuire and Orr when they sought to purchase our property, meaning a minimum and a maximum option period. The minimum of thirty days has expired and the deal has not been closed but there still remain about sixty days as provided by the maximum option and we believe that before June 12, the conveyance will be recorded. It may happen any day."

It is not known whether McGuire and Orr are acting for themselves or for another buyer. But one thing can be stated and that is that if the deal is closed the erection of the new building will provide a colossal development in the business section of the village.

New Site for St. Augustine's

Also it will mean the completion of another big deal which will result in a change of location of St. Augustine's church. The church, having assurance that the property it now occupies will be sold, obtained an option on a tract of land at the corner of Wilmette and Lake avenues. This property is owned by Mrs. Frank Tolman and it will be purchased by the church just as soon as McGuire and Orr exercise their option on the present church property.

Plans which already have been drawn for the new business block by Architect William T. Braun, show a structure of the Tudor style. It will be two stories in height and will contain twelve stores, twelve offices on the second floor and eighteen apartments of two, three and four rooms each. The apartments, it is stated, will have all modern improvements.

The exterior walls of the building will be of the same material on all sides. Recreation facilities for the residents will be located in the rear of the structure and will consist of tennis courts and a playground.

The building will front 233 feet on the west side of Wilmette avenue.

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