Do You Know-

THAT a simplified form of real estate sales contract which eliminates much of the involved phraseology understandable only to the well known Philadelphia lawyer has just been evolved by the legal ical question: form's committee of the Chicago Real Estate board together with officials of the Chicago Title and Trust company. This form is said to be easily comprehensible to both the purchaser and the seller, and at the same time it contains the necessary requirements and substance to express clearly the agreement and understanding of the parties and is sufficiently definite and certain in its terms to be enforceable legally. "The legal forms committee of the Chicago Real Estate board," Harry W. Hopp, chairman of the committee, said in discussing the contract, "has been working on this new contract for nearly two years. The committee has cut out the 'whereases' and the 'therefores." Mr. Hopp is a resident of parcel of land in what was Grosse Wilmette.

municipal limits west from the present line near the Green Bay road to identity as a village; it simply was the Des Plaines river, thus annexing swallowed up by Wilmette. And Wilsome of the finest country places in mette became what it is today, one of the district has failed.

Gurnee, voting to incorporate by a don't know their names. majority of 90 to 4, will hold a village election April 17, and the new village in Wilmette know just how large the will be charted to cover the disputed village has grown? territory a mile and a quarter in depth from north to south, from the present of the village this question and he an-Waukegan west township line west to swered: the intersection of Grand and Milwaukee avenue roads at the Des Plaines river.

Wilmette Bids for Population of 50,000

Wilmette-17,000 inhabitants!

That is the Wilmette of this day, year of 1928.

But we present a not so hypothet-

What will be the population of Wilmette in two years, five years, ten years, a score of years as those overcrowding Chicago push northward?

But that question prompts another: "How many of the 17,000 citizens of Wilmette today KNOW Wilmette, how many know to what extent the village may grow, how many realize that in five years the width and breadth of the village has stretched with the elasticity of a huge rubber band until today to the west, to the north and south there is an area approximating 2200 acres—a few square miles.

First Annexation 6 Years Ago

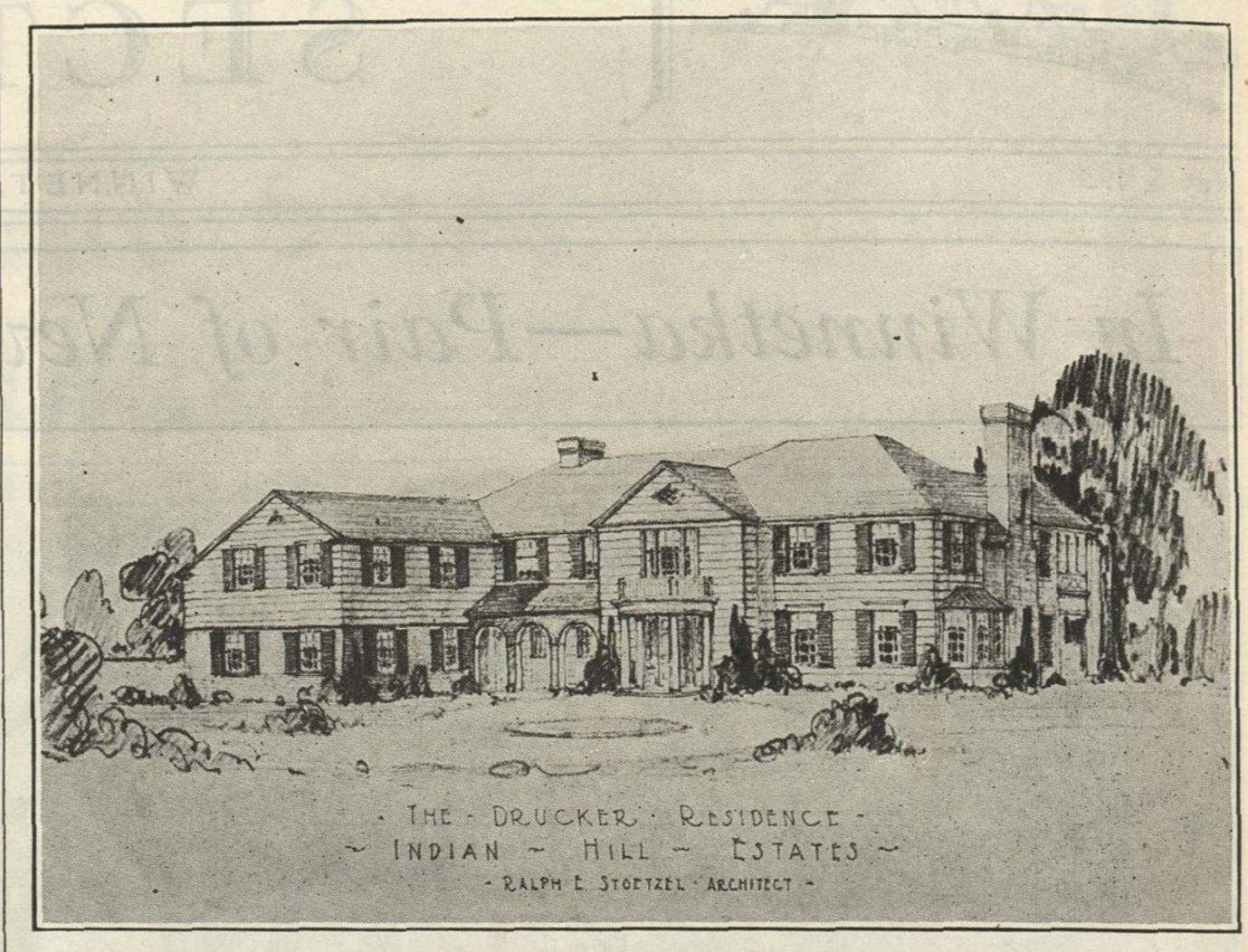
Six years ago Wilmette annexed a Point, a village which had existed for years dating back before the memory That Waukegan's plan to extend its of this writer started functioning. Two years ago there another annexation and with that action Grosse Point lost the largest suburbs in the country.

But to repeat: How many persons

The answer would be "very few." The writer asked one of the officials

"I guess three or four of us."

That would seem to answer the second question. The first will be an-



DAPID development is being registered in the northern section of western Wilmette. The residence pictured is to be built for A. W. Drucker in the Bills Realty, Inc. subdivision, Indian Hill Estates. It is a twelve room resi-Perhaps there are larger ones, but we dence designed by Ralph Stetzel. Construction is scheduled to start May 15. The house will be located on a three acre site on Mohawk road.

swered as the years roll by.

When the first process of annexa- area. It came about through the eftion was consummated five years ago forts of Real Estate men, who previ-Wilmette leaped the Ridge which had ous to the first annexation had anticibeen the village's boundary line. The pated and had purchased many acres new territory stretched principally to of land from Grosse Point farmers. the north and west. To the north it Among these were A. H. Kraus, Hoyt reached Linden avenue, the southern King, and John H. Shaffer. boundary of the Indian Hill Golf | These Real Estate men got together course; west to Locust road at the and drew up a petition calling for the northern end; south to Isabella street second annexation of Grosse Point extending west as far as the West- territory by Wilmette. There were moreland Country club, the curving enough signers and for a second time Reinwald road forming the limits line the Wilmette voters had a chance to from the north.

Better Government Sought

So much for the boundaries of the new annexation. There is an interesting story that tells of how Wilmette happened to expand. Ten years ago Grosse Point was made up of changes sinces that annexation. Wilfarmers with truck farms. But there mette now on its northern boundary was a village government, But evi- extends west on a line with Avoca dently the government was not func- road, and juts north probably 500 tioning successfully, for the citizens feet to reach a new north limit at the sought annexation to Kenilworth. The north branch of the Chicago river, a information is imparted that Kenil- stream which at this point is little worth declined to take in Grosse Point more than fifteen feet wide. The west territory. The slow development was boundary line follows the river souththe reason the Grosse Pointers sought ward as far as Lake street. From the to be annexed. There were no sew- river to the east side of the Northers, no street lights, and bad roads.

surprising that Grosse Point sought a change to better itself. The discouraged officialdom voted to disorganize before the west boundary shifts and and then for a couple of years there then the limit is straight south to Cenwas no government at all.

in Grosse Point, perhaps not many, old Wilmette at the Ridge. but enough to make a noise that could be heard. An election was held which territory until a year ago was not resulted in the hottest kind of a con- rapid. But in the past twelve months test, the issue being whether or not there has been much activity. In par-Grosse Point would ask Wilmette to ticular the section, or sub-division, "take them in," and the result was called Indian Hill Estates has shown favorable for the annexation plan by much activity. Other subdivisions a narrow margin.

That much settled the Pointers spurting along. made overtures to Wilmette. And Wilmette was found not to be opposed to the plan. Wilmette voted on ed to the lack of improvements. Work this annexation—the first of Grosse was started on sewers in some sec-Point—six years ago and it went over tions three years ago, but it failed bebig, the vote being about 8 to 1 in cause the contractor who had won the favor.

pansion.

It was three years ago that the fur- At the present time another contracther expansion took place, which gives

the Wilmette of today such a vast

decide if they desired expansion. They showed that they did at the polls, but this is too recent to make it necessary to go into detail to tell about it here.

Big Change in Map

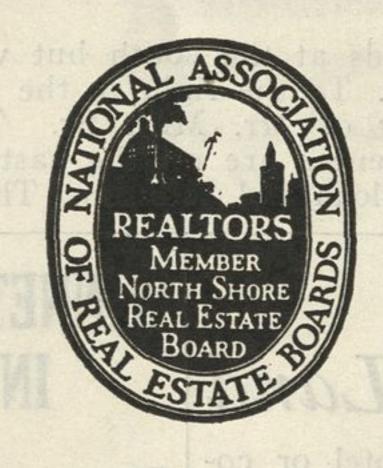
The map, however, shows some big western and North Shore electric In view of these conditions it is not tracks, Lake street is the southern boundary. There is a short break from the tracks at Wilmette avenue tral street. The southern boundary But there were progressive people remains at Central street running to

The development of the annexed closer to the Ridge also have been

Development Slow at First

The slow development was attributcontract had made too low a bid and That explains the first step in ex- could not produce. That, it is said, put the work back a year and a half.

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