

## SUBURBS ARE BUILDING RAPIDLY, SURVEY SHOWS

### Construction Cost in Chicago Area Reaches \$79,000,000 in Six Months

Building construction in the Chicago suburbs within a forty-mile limit of the city amounted to approximately \$79,000,000 for the first six months of this year.

This check on suburban building for the first half of the year was just completed by the building survey department of S. W. Straus & Co. The tremendous amount of construction that has taken place in the smaller cities and towns of the metropolitan district is indicated in this survey. While the volume is less than the volume for the first six months of last year it is substantially large and indicates the general prosperity of the suburban district.

The figures were compiled on the basis of complete records of thirty-one principal suburbs which for the first six months of 1928 had an indicated construction volume according to permits issued of \$55,215,764, as against \$63,248,412 for the first six months of 1927. The volume of thirty-six suburbs for June totaled \$9,029,703 as against \$12,884,231 in June, 1927. The volume for these thirty-six suburbs was, for May 1928, \$12,040,344.

The largest gain made in June this year was Harvey with an increase of 254%. West Chicago had a June gain of 245%; Mt. Prospect, a gain of 230% and Wilmette a gain of 148%.

For the first six months the thirty-one suburbs on which complete figures were obtained showed spotty gains. On the six months comparison, Kenilworth made an increase of 207% with a volume for the first six months of this year of \$933,608 as against \$303,550 for the first six months of last year. Hammond had a gain of 69% in the six months comparison with a volume for the first six months of \$4,621,630 as against \$2,719,650 for the first six months of last year. Other important six month increases were Aurora, 7%; Chicago Heights, 50%; Elgin, 38%; Elmwood Park, 34%; Glen Ellyn, 25%; Harvey, 24%; Highland Park, 33%; Joliet, 23%; La Grange, 84%; Maywood, 31%; Oak Park, 26%; Wilmette, 75%; Winnetka, 14% and Whiting, 8%.

Comparative figures for the first six months for which complete records were obtained were as follows:

	1st 6 mo. 1928	1st 6 mo. 1927
Aurora	\$1,647,869	\$1,538,708
Berwyn	3,904,000	4,224,200
Blue Island	625,871	747,860
Chicago Heights	645,471	429,648
Cicero	1,544,067	2,794,276
Des Plaines	450,066	623,944
Elgin	1,340,967	971,253
Elmwood Park	5,991,505	4,449,127
Evanston	5,332,725	10,715,895
Glencoe	873,457	1,171,111
Glen Ellyn	1,046,347	831,850
Harvey	754,602	607,233
Highland Park	1,442,430	1,076,526
Joliet	1,651,673	1,332,614
Kenilworth	933,608	303,550
La Grange	802,050	435,275
Lake Forest	694,507	891,993
Lombard	593,544	812,171
Maywood	1,561,135	1,191,545
Niles Center	1,511,220	1,660,445
Oak Park	5,098,884	4,019,576
Park Ridge	1,673,991	2,049,565
Waukegan	1,769,711	4,187,284
West Chicago	72,040	118,529
Wheaton	420,000	584,600
Wilmette	1,631,201	928,896
Winnetka	1,334,575	1,161,200
East Chicago	1,278,242	1,832,580
Gary	3,661,230	8,553,497

Hammond	4,621,630	2,719,650
Whiting	307,146	283,811

\$55,215,764 \$63,248,412

While the problem of suburban growth is complicated with the tantamount problems of more adequate traffic lanes in and out of the city and the question of adequate railway transportation, the survey notes, attention is directed to the fact that pronounced suburban development is in progress and will continue at a more or less accelerated pace for some years to come.

### BETROTHED

The engagement is announced of Miss Anne Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of 1071 Ash street, Winnetka, to Edward Greenwald, Jr., of Highland Park. The wedding is to take place in the early fall.



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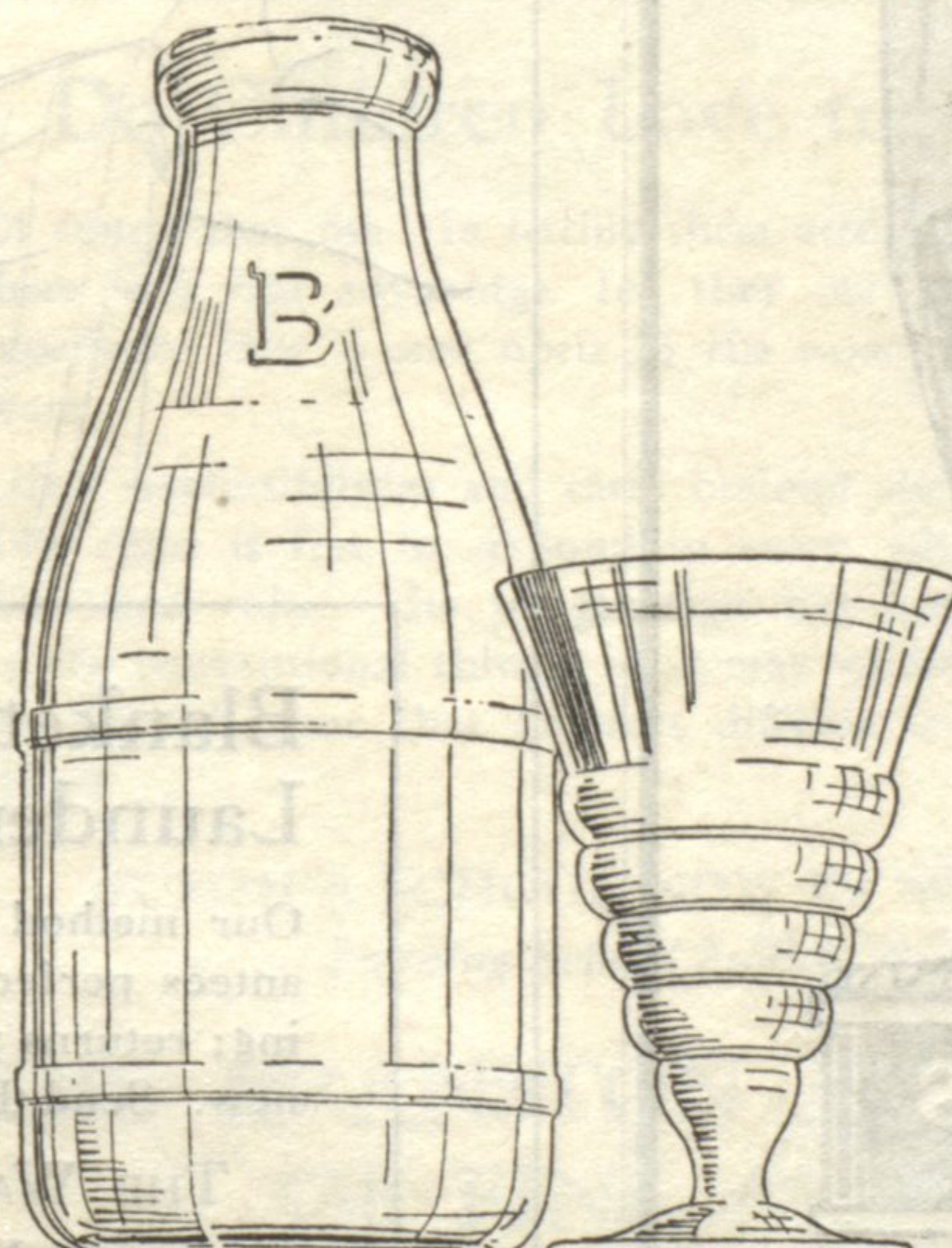
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