

Cook County Jail Building for Courts to Open by Nov. 1

The Cook county criminal courts building and county jail, together with the administration building, will be completed and turned over for occupancy by the judges of the courts, and the cell houses for the transfer of prisoners, on November 1 according to county architect, Eric E. Hall, in a communication to President A. J. Cermak of the Cook county board Monday.

County Architect Hall, who has worked on the creation of this magnificent institution since it was first proposed under the administration of Peter Reinberg, has made a complete survey of the conditions existing in connection with the erection of this \$7,500,000 penal edifice which is located at West Twenty-Sixth street and California avenue.

When November 1 arrives the contractors will have consumed 365 working days in connection with the fulfillment of their contract, weather conditions, labor conditions, and other contract specifications being deducted from the program of progress which has been laid down by the architect.

"When this building is turned over to Cook county for occupancy on November 1, it will be a model institution for the entire world," declared

County Architect Hall in discussing the finishing of this building. "It was approximately 12 years ago that I began work on the plans for a new county jail and criminal courts building for Cook county on the site of the present county jail and criminal courts. The matter was put before the public in the form of a referendum on a bond issue several times and was defeated. Each time this matter was proposed, as county architect, and without charge to the county, I drafted complete sketches and estimates so that the public might be informed on the expenditures they would be called upon to make in their objective. Four times the plan for a new institution of this kind failed and it was not until A. J. Cermak became president of the County board that the matter was again revived and successfully placed before the citizens of Cook county. Before the final sketches were approved by the Citizens' committee and the County board, 53 preliminary sketches had been made of this building after a thorough study of jail and penitentiary buildings of the United States. The contract and estimates on this building were passed upon by a committee of prominent business men and even the

bids for this structure opened and tabulated and awarded by them, subject, of course, to the approval of the County board of commissioners. The Citizens' committee and the County board awarded this contract to the Great Lakes Construction company and this company, up to the present time, have had none of the extra expenditures which are usually found in the construction of any large project."

Mrs. Carl Zeiss, 1194 Westmoor road, with her children, is at Camp Wipigaki at Lac du Flambeau, Wis., for the entire summer. Mrs. Zeiss' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson, and their daughter, Betty, left recently for two months of travel in Europe. They will spend most of their time in Brittany. They are sailing from Quebec on the S. S. Montnairn.

Miss Mary Louise Coyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle, 1096 Cherry street, entertained a few little friends Monday afternoon at the Mid-summer frolic given by the summer students of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college Monday at the home of Mrs. Andrew MacLeish in Glencoe.

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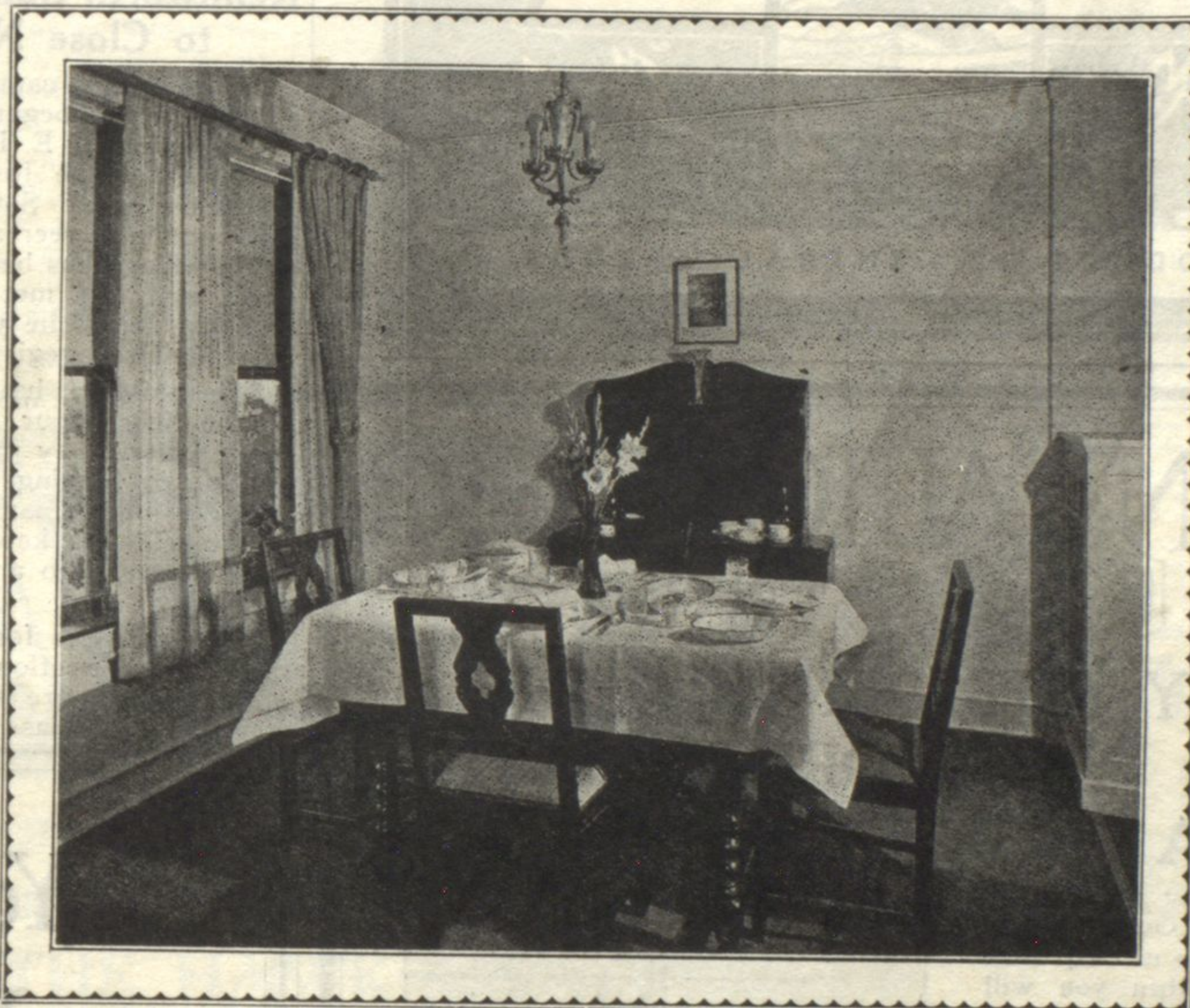
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