

### ADD LARGE PLAY SPACE TO HORACE MANN SCHOOL

Board of Education Purchases Kate Dwyer Residence for New Playgrounds

The Winnetka board of education recently acquired the northwest corner of the Horace Mann school block. This corner, on which the home of Miss Kate Dwyer is situated, will become a part of the Horace Mann playground. Plans for grading the newly acquired property are under way and may be briefly described as follows:

The part of the Horace Mann playground immediately around the Horace Mann school will be put in lawn, with shrubs from the Dwyer property transplanted around the schoolhouse to beautify it.

The apparatus now in the part of the playground immediately west of the school building will be moved further north into the grove of trees with the other apparatus and this west central section of the playground will be graded to make an attractive play space, rectangular, level, and away from the classroom windows.

#### Excellent Play Space

Miss Dwyer's house at present occupies a sort of low plateau. After the removal of the house this plateau will be somewhat leveled down, a few of the best trees around the edges being saved. There will be, therefore, a good sized, level, rectangular play space for the older children on the northwest corner of the school block, running well back into what is now Miss Dwyer's back yard.

The westernmost part of Miss Dwyer's back yard will be preserved as a play space for little children, the present apple trees being retained for climbing purposes. This play space and the play space for larger children on the site of Miss Dwyer's present house will be from three to five feet higher than the main Horace Mann grounds. The two levels will be separated by a rubble wall, except at the extreme south end.

At the south end of Miss Dwyer's present property there will be constructed a long incline from the Hor-

ace Mann school up to the playground for little children at the south end of the Dwyer property. This incline will be used as an approach in ordinary weather and as a hill for coasting when there is snow on the ground.

#### Sell Home at Auction

The complete Horace Mann playground will therefore consist of some play space in the front part of the present Horace Mann yard, immediately south of Elm street but not approaching the school building itself; an apparatus corner in the grove on Elm street where the present Junglegym is; two rectangular play spaces for older children, one immediately south of the grove and one where Miss Dwyer's house is; and one playground for little children approached by the long incline and situated at the south end of Miss Dwyer's back yard.

The Dwyer house itself will be sold at public auction Saturday afternoon, November 3, at 2:30. The house, while old, is said to be in excellent repair, substantially built, and well worth moving and using on some other property. The money realized from the sale of the house is to be used toward the grading of the ground and the establishing of satisfactory play facilities at Horace Mann.

Mrs. Isaac Paul of Boston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry K. Urion, of 989 Cherry street, until she goes to her winter home in Florida.

November 5 is the date set for the Junior Red Cross assembly at Skokie school.

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