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WINNETKA TALK

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North Shore Scores Big Advance in Building Activity

WINNETKA PERMIT LIST LEAPS TO HIGH FIGURE

Great Building Activity Record Is Set in October, Total Being \$416,150

Winnetka, with its 31 October building permits, authorizing work approaching very nearly the one-half million dollar mark, has established a great record for fall activities in this line, which will carry it well through the winter and afford cause for a general Thanksgiving, even though there should come a lull in November building.

Nine of the permits last month were for new residences, the total cost of which is \$157,000. The grand total includes \$212,000 for the new Skokie school gymnasium, now well under-way; the new garage being built by B. W. Blow, on Center street, at a cost of \$25,000; fifteen private garages, costing \$7,700 and five remodeling jobs, \$14,450, a grand total for the month of \$416,150.

G. Lindahl is building two, two-story, eight room brick veneer residences on Laurel avenue, one at No. 1151 and the other at No. 1161, each costing \$20,000; a permit was issued to C. E. Carlson for a two-story, brick veneer, at 901 Hill road, costing \$30,000; to Robert Doepel, for a two-story, 8-room brick veneer, at 1367 Asbury avenue, costing \$12,000; to A. W. Paulson, for a two-story, 7-room residence, of stone and timber, at 1479 Tower road, costing \$16,000.

Other permits were issued to Ernest Benkerk, for a two-story, stone veneer, 8 rooms, at 1336 Scott avenue, costing \$14,000; to Thomas Brooks, for a two-story brick veneer, 7 rooms, attached garage, at 429 Walnut avenue, costing \$20,000; to C. E. Olewine, for a two-story brick veneer, 7 rooms, attached garage, at 1417 Scott avenue, costing \$14,000 and to Roy Browning, for a two-story frame of 7 rooms, at 1239 Cherry street costing \$11,000.

B. J. Kavanaugh Buys Home on Ashland Av., Hill-Stone Report

Three sales are reported by Hill and Stone of Linden avenue, Wilmette as follows:

B. J. Kavanaugh has purchased the residence at the northwest corner of Eighth street and Ashland avenue from John E. Cawkwell. Decorators have about finished their work and Mr. Kavanaugh is ready to move into his new home.

Stanley C. Coumbe has sold the modern Dutch Colonial at 119 Sixth street to Albert B. Stall of Chicago.

Horace V. Pearson has sold the residence at 605 Sixth street to B. Mendum. This home is a white Colonial and is located at the northwest corner of Greenleaf avenue and Sixth.

L. N. Place was the broker in all three transactions.

NEW REAL ESTATE VOLUME

"Closing Real Estate Sales," is the title of a 250 page volume by A. John Berge, which has just been issued

Story of Main Street in Two Pictures



As It Was



And Now

WILMETTE will shortly have reason to celebrate for a new North-South artery is soon to be completed and opened to traffic. Long the bugaboo of traffic, and grief to motorists, Main Street has come "out of the rough," transformed into a fine thoroughfare of reinforced concrete 52 feet wide. It is a civic improvement that will give Wilmette pride. (Lehle Photos)

WILMETTE CONTINUES HIGH SPEED BUSINESS

Twenty-four Permits Issued for \$297,280—One New Residence to Cost \$80,000

There's no stopping Wilmette!

When this north shore village stepped out in September and displayed building activity a bit unusual for this time of the year and thereby made it certain that the year 1928 would go down in history as a record breaker, it was not anticipated that last month would produce figures even big enough to attract the eye. But what happened in October?

Read the figures—\$297,280—and be startled. They surely are startling in view of the high totals recorded in all the other months of the year with the exception of one—August ran less than \$100,000.

Enthusiasm Aroused

C. C. Schultz, Superintendent of Public Works, whose task it is to keep track of the building activity in Wilmette, is displaying enthusiasm that is contagious. In other offices of the village hall they are talking about the "big year," which isn't a bit surprising.

The basis of comparison, year to year, is interesting but there is no need of going back farther than last year because it has been in the last two years that Wilmette has been establishing records in building activity. Incidentally the figures for October of 1927 are bigger than for the same month of the present year. They are bigger by exactly \$30,397, which in the building racket isn't enough to produce a wheeze.

And furthermore last month couldn't match up with the previous month of September when the permits issued called for the surprising expenditure of \$381,899. But this big figure isn't hard to account for in view of the fact that a single permit that month was for \$300,000. This permit was taken out for the construction of the new Wilmette Methodist church at Lake and Wilmette avenues.

Twenty-four Permits Issued

The number of permits issued in October of last year was 34, while for this year the number totaled 24.

In explanation of how it happened that Wilmette kept up its record pace last month it is necessary to go into detail. The new Howard school gymnasium permit accounted for \$80,000. The builders are constructing a new north wing which will match up with the south wing of the building.

That business is moving ahead is indicated by the issuance of permits for a new filling station, a new store and a new shop. The new filling station is to be located on Wilmette avenue, at the southeast corner of Ridge road, and the owner is L. McLean. A new brick store is to be constructed at 725-27 Main street for Frank Meier. The new shop to handle flowers will be built at 235 Ridge road and owned by H. Hlavacek.

Perhaps of greater importance than anything else aside from the "big" (Continued on page 64)