

Suburban District Shows Fine Gains in Building Field

Chicago suburbs closed the eleventh month of 1928 in a blaze of glory, making a 28 percent gain in November over November a year ago. The November gain this year was 44 percent ahead of the volume of the suburban area for October.

These comparative figures as compiled by S. W. Straus and company, are based on permits filed in forty-two suburbs.

Building conditions in many of the suburbs are particularly propitious. Evanston, with a November volume of \$3,409,750, made a gain of 291 percent against November of last year. Highland Park, with a volume of \$609,356, made a November gain of 302 percent. Joliet, with a November volume of \$220,600, made a gain of 105 percent. Elgin, with a volume of \$247,735 in November, made a gain of 184 percent.

While the volumes were somewhat smaller in a number of suburbs several made very unusual November gains as follows: Arlington Heights 1261 percent, Batavia 2238 percent, Niles Center 1396 percent and East Chicago, Indiana, 1003 percent.

Other suburbs showing gains in November were as follows: Aurora 14 percent, Berwyn 60 percent, Calumet City 151 percent, La Grange 179 percent, Baywood 11 Chicago Heights 49 percent, Des Plaines 152 percent, Elmhurst 23 percent, Harvey 13 percent, Homewood 368 percent, Kenilworth 106 percent, La Grange 179 percent, Maywood 11 percent, North Chicago 40 percent, Oak Park 12 percent, River Forest 482 percent, and Wheaton 115 percent.

It is significant that out of forty-two suburbs twenty-three made gains in November.

The suburbs and their gains as shown in November against October this year included: Arlington Heights 50 percent, Aurora 23 percent, Batavia 300 percent, Calumet City 32 percent, Des Plaines 49 percent, Elgin 47 percent, Elmhurst 82 percent, Elmwood Park 83 percent, Evanston 451 percent, Highland Park 325 percent, Homewood 478 percent, Joliet 7 percent, Lombard 14 percent, Maywood 20 percent, Mount Prospect 43 percent, Niles Center 26 percent, North Chicago 187 percent, Oak Park 117 percent, Wheaton 150 percent and East Chicago, Indiana 103 percent. Wilmette, Winnetka, and Glencoe showed decrease from November of a year ago.

The gains shown in November will materially add to the volume in the metropolitan area for the year and will give this district the honor of having the second largest metropolitan growth in the country.

This immense volume which is fortunately closing, with the exception of December, the year 1928 has been handled with probably a greater efficiency because of improvement in working conditions than ever before in the history of the city. It has also been handled with a minimum of misunderstanding between labor and contractors, according to the survey.

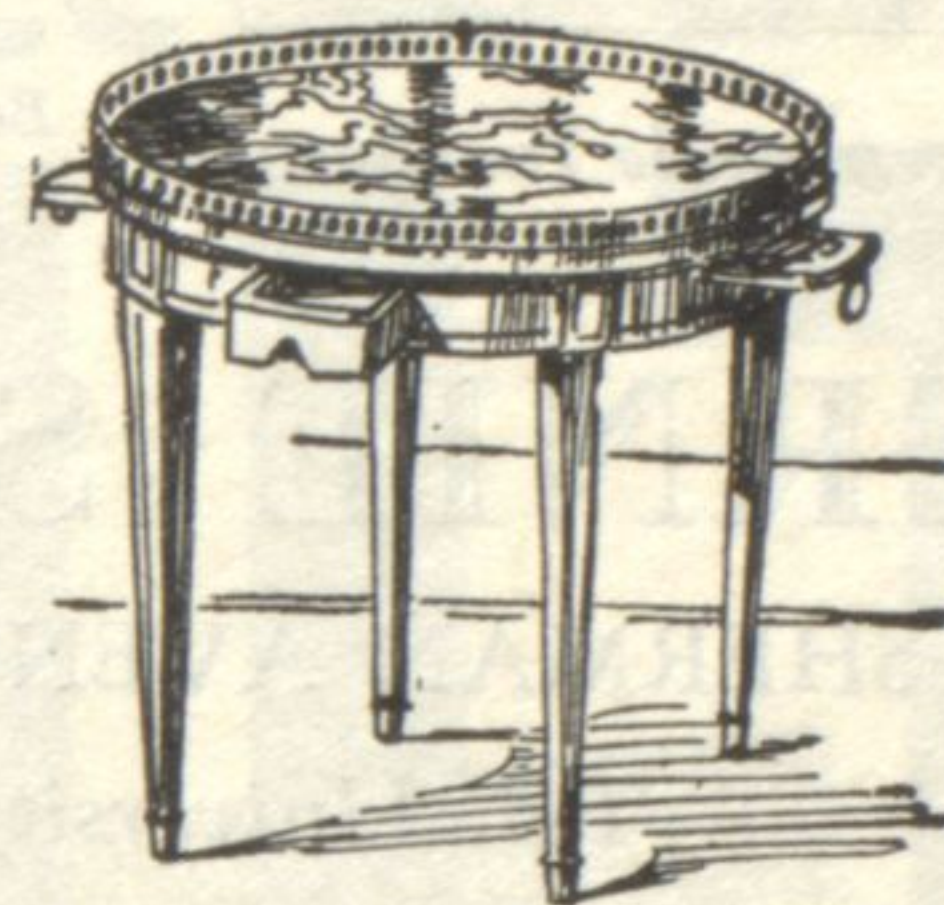
TO BE HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mrs. William Steel of England arrived last Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Roland D. Whitman of 640 Hill road. Mrs. Whitman's daughter, Joyce, will return home next Friday from Wellesley for the holidays and on the same day another sister of Mrs. Whitman, Miss Violet Coen, who is the assistant principal of the Manhattan Trade School for Girls, will arrive to be the Whitman's houseguest.

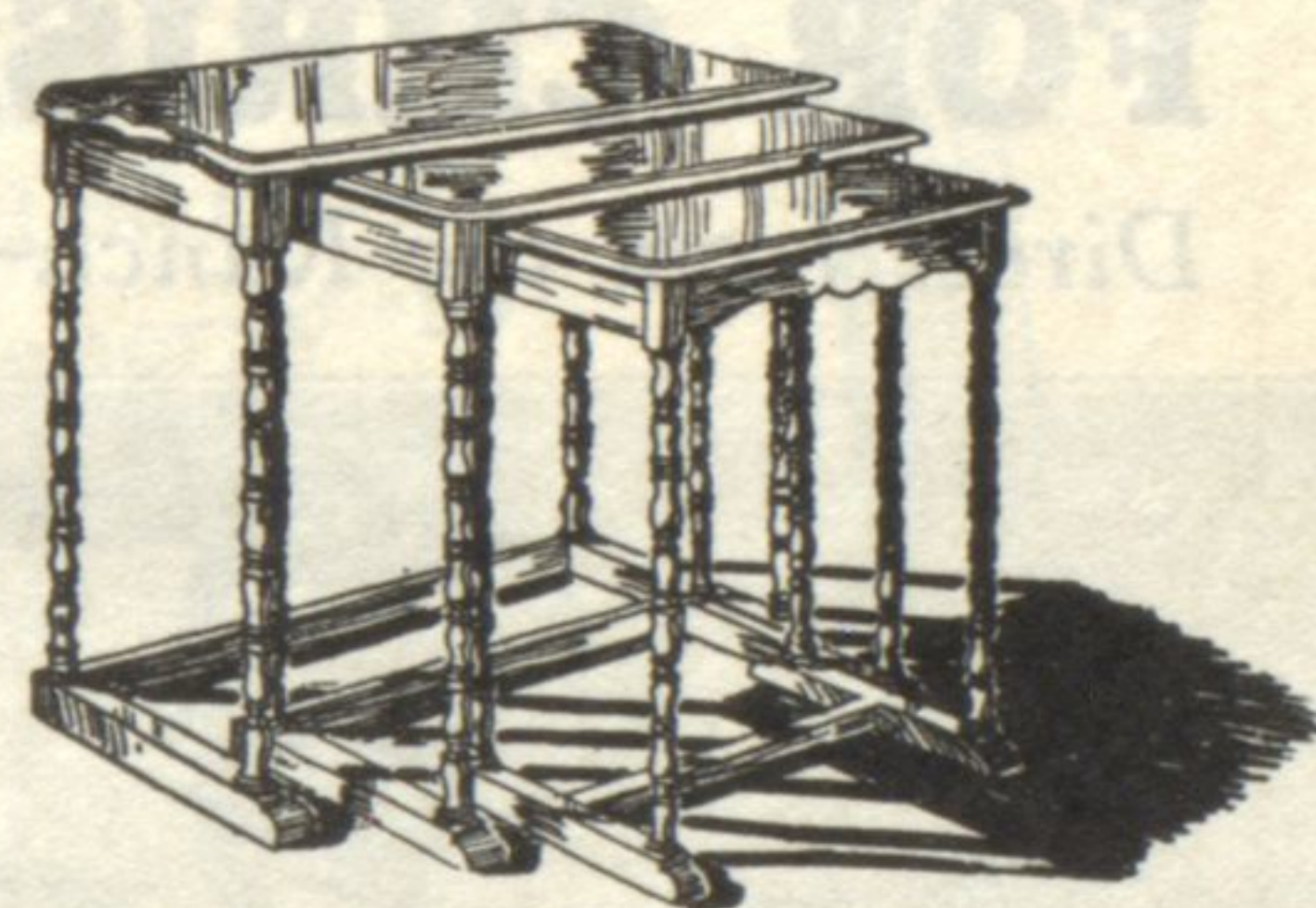
Benjamin Crawford will arrive Friday, December 21, from Yale, to spend two weeks at his home at 623 Cherry street.

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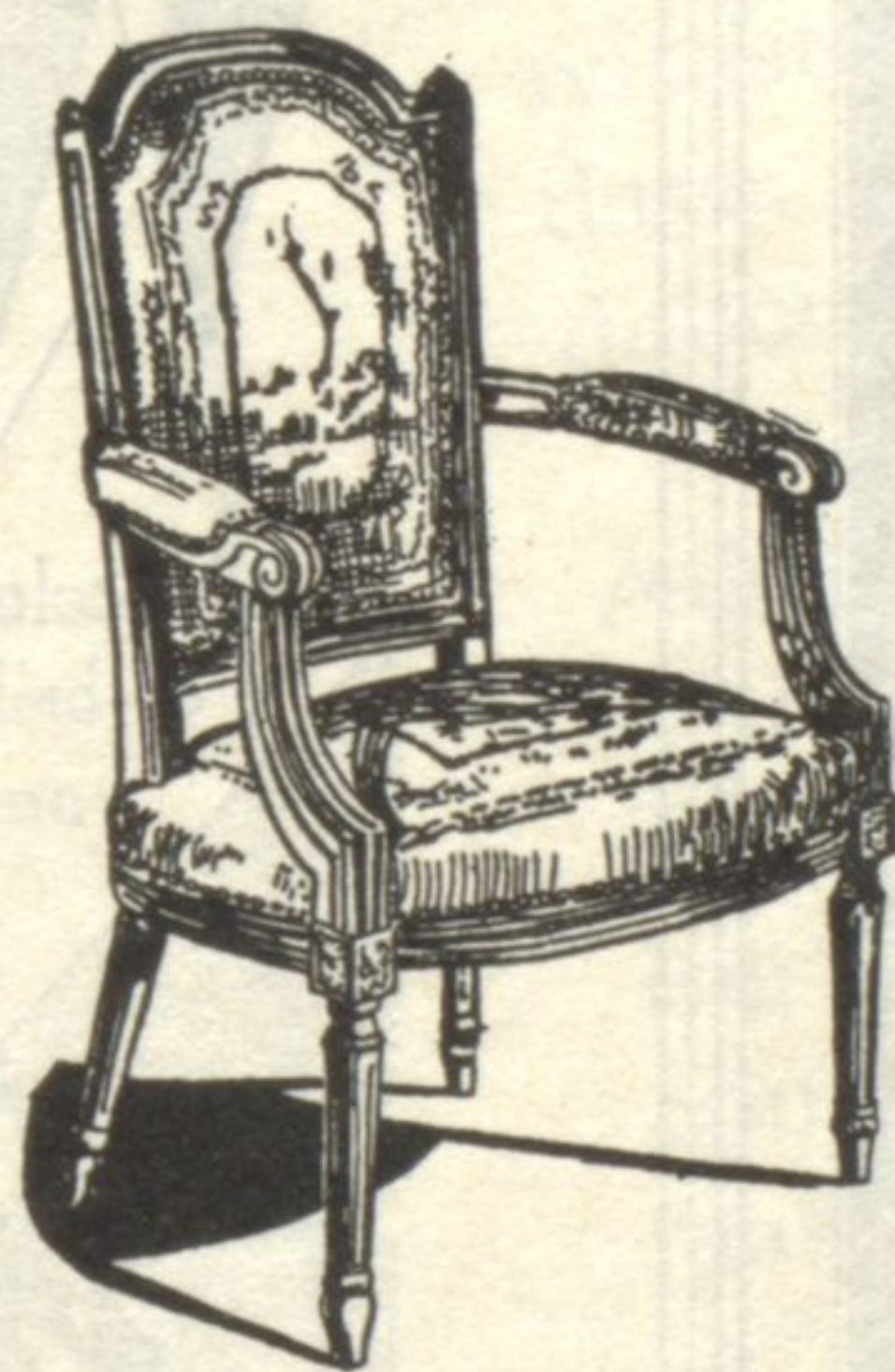
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