

WILMETTE LIFE

A Weekly News-Magazine for Wilmette and Kenilworth

VOL. XV, NO. 50

WILMETTE, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR BIG WEST IMPROVEMENT

Sewer and Water System for Former Gross Point Area to Be Under Construction Soon

The Wilmette board of local improvements Tuesday evening awarded contracts for the installation of water and sewer systems in that portion of Wilmette lying west of Ridge avenue and formerly known as the Village of Gross Point.

The successful and lowest bidder for the work of installing the water mains and hydrants was Charles M. Porter, of Maywood, Ill., whose bid was \$153,476.

The successful and lowest bidder for the sewer contract was the Roy S. Spaulding company, of Chicago, which was awarded the contract on its bid of \$177,158.

Eight Bid on Water Job

The eight competing firms for the water system contract and the bid submitted by each, follow:

E. A. Yahr, whose bid was approximately \$160,000; E. R. Harding, \$189,390; Earl Knight, \$169,202.50; T. H. Igleheart, \$166,494; Roy S. Spaulding, \$155,222.50; Charles M. Porter, \$153,476; T. J. Prendergast, \$164,920.25; Cannel Conrad, \$177,557.

Charles M. Porter and company, the successful bidder, in the above list, is an old established, reliable firm, which has, in years gone by, done considerable work of this nature for the village of Wilmette. The company is one especially equipped for work of this nature.

There were only two bidders for the sewer contract. E. R. Harding, whose bid was \$179,169 and that of Roy S. Spaulding, \$177,158.

Veteran at Work

Spaulding was in charge of sewer extension work for the City of Chicago for several years, and his firm is thoroughly conversant with this class of construction.

The scarcity of bidders for the sewer contract is said to be due to the fact that it is generally known that this is what is termed a "wet job," that is, it is a district underlaid with vast quantities of shifting sand, which every firm engaged in this sort of work is not equipped to handle.

The bids, on which the contracts were awarded, represent a big saving to the Village. The estimate on the sewer project, after deducting the attorney's and engineer's fees, was \$182,620, and that on the water main and hydrant contract, after similar deductions, was \$191,891.50.

Work Begins Soon

Work on these dual projects, it is said, will be begun early this fall, and it is confidently expected they will have been completed early in 1927. The contractors will not be hindered by anything except sub-zero weather, being prepared to push the work through ordinary winter temperature.

The installation of water and sewer systems in the former Gross Point area represents the initial step in the reclamation of a territory which has never enjoyed these improvements. This area is the first of the territory annexed in recent years, comprising

(Continued on Page 6)

Request Bids for New Gymnasium at the High School

The Board of Education of New Trier High school is seeking bids on the construction of the new gymnasium unit which is being planned, and announcement is made that all bids are to be filed by September 21, and that contracts will be let soon after that date. The architect is John Archibald Armstrong, of Glencoe, representing F. S. Warner and W. R. McKannel of Cleveland. The consulting engineers are Noler and Rich, of Chicago.

It is expected that the excavation for the structure will be completed and the foundations laid by the first of the year. The location of the large new gym which has been planned is between the new power plant and the girls' gym, facing Essex road. The building will be 1,000,000 cubic feet content, and is to be 200x270 feet in dimensions.

According to R. L. F. Biesemeier, superintendent of buildings and grounds, the new power plant is now practically completed, and is ready to be put into operation. Another big construction job which was completed this summer is the new gridiron for the stage.

Paving Alleys in Spring Saving to Property Owners

Contracts for the paving of twenty-five or thirty alley blocks in Wilmette, will be awarded next spring, according to the present plans of the Village board, President Orner stated this week.

The awarding of contracts in the spring and the grouping of the separate alley improvements combine to bring a remarkable saving to the assessed property owners, President Orner explained. Contractors' bids, he pointed out, are always more moderate in the spring when the bulk of the season's work is planned than is the case in the autumn months when all are rushing to complete their jobs before unfavorable winter weather sets in. Spring contracts, therefore, result in a direct saving to the property owner.

Filing of alley paving petitions with the Village board in the late summer or early autumn provides sufficient time during the winter season for all the preliminary legal proceedings to be completed so that actual construction work can begin promptly when the weather breaks in the spring.

It is estimated that the property owner realizes a saving of approximately 25 per cent by this program of spring alley paving.

Baptist Church Begins Devotional Study Series

Wednesday evening, September 15, will mark the inauguration of a week of devotional study at the Wilmette Baptist church on the general theme of "The Life of Paul." Discussions will be held at the hour of the regular mid-week service, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

DEMAND PROSECUTION

Violators of Awning Ordinance to Be Hailed Into Court by Order of Board of Trustees

The time limit granted Wilmette business places in the matter of having awnings on commercial buildings suspended not lower than six feet, six inches above the sidewalk level, as required by ordinance, expired September 1, the Village board was reminded Tuesday evening by Trustee Clarence Drayer. Prompt prosecution of all property owners who have failed to comply with the ordinance in this regard was forthwith ordered by the board and the matter placed in the hands of Village Attorney Charles H. Jackson.

That the ordinance referring to height of awnings was not being complied with was brought to the attention of the trustees at their first meeting in August, when the board members were told that a request for such compliance, made about a year ago, had been quite generally ignored. It was stated at that meeting that the superintendent of public works had measured the overhead clearance of all awnings and made oral request one or more times to have the low ones raised; also that a similar appeal was made through a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and that the police had given special warning to the violators of the ordinance.

"No appreciable number of awnings have been raised, nor has other effort been made to establish clearance," read a committee report presented to the board at the August meeting. "Thus, it appears that all measures of patience have been used and exhausted, and it now appears that other steps must be taken to insure the rights of the public."

Board Awards Contract for Alley Improvement

The Village board of local improvements Tuesday evening awarded the contract for paving the first alley west of Main street and extending from Wilmette avenue north to Lake avenue to W. H. Goelitz, the contract figure being \$10,800. This is \$1,208 less than the original estimate of the village engineer, which was \$11,288, the actual cost after the attorney and engineering fees were deducted. This improvement will be made this fall and will, as President Earl E. Orner says, virtually complete the task of "pulling the central business district of the village out of the mud."

ELECT BOWLING OFFICERS

The Wilmette Ladies Bowling league last Thursday evening elected Mrs. B. B. Udell president at its annual election of officers. Other officers chosen at the meeting were Mrs. Jack Schaefer, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Gaither, secretary, and Mrs. Matt Conrad, treasurer.

DEATH TAKES MOTHER

J. C. Gapen of 919 Elmwood avenue was called to his home in Monroe, Wis. by the death of his mother, Mrs. M. T. Gapen, Saturday, September 4.

1575 CHILDREN WILL GO TO SCHOOL MONDAY

Nine New Teachers Added to Staffs of Public Schools; Davis Directs Athletics

The Wilmette schools will open Monday, September 13, for the fall session, when it is expected that approximately 1,575 students will be registered, and about nine teachers will be added to the staff. The construction work on the addition to the Howard school is well under way, and it is hoped that the section will be ready for use early in January, according to word from Superintendent J. R. Harper's office.

Miss Henriette Blackwell, first grade teacher at the Laurel school has resigned to study music in New York, and Miss Lulu Johannsen has also resigned for the purpose of spending a year abroad. The instructors to be added this year are Alice F. Stevens, Mrs. C. B. Julien, Helen Hardick, Ruth C. Slown, Marie Fox, Trenna Lucille Scott, and Lucy Reeser.

Have School Librarian

For the first time there will be a librarian in the schools. Alice F. Stevens, from the State Normal college at Oshkosh, will take up this position. She received her A. B. degree at the University of Indiana and B. S. at Simon's college. At the present time, every room has its collection of books, and it will be Miss Stevens' task to catalogue the volumes and put them in one place where they can be easily found. She is to organize libraries in all the public schools this fall.

Two of the new comers, Miss Phillips and Mrs. Julien, will teach in the Central school in the sixth grades, while Miss Hardick, Miss Slown, Miss Fox and Miss Scott will probably teach the lower grades, third, fourth and fifth, it is announced. A school nurse will be added, and a physical training teacher, Lucy Reeser, who will work in all of the schools.

Daniel M. Davis, recently appointed Recreation director, who has been organizing a program of play for the entire community this summer will be in charge of the athletic program for the schools. Plans are being made to organize a football league of the grammar schools in Wilmette, and if the proposal meets with the approval of the board of education, the teams promise some interesting competition this fall.

"Highlanders" Demand "Avenue," and Get It

After all these years, while the proud home-owners have been calling their attractive thoroughfare, "Highland avenue," it develops that the correct designation was Highland street.

The painters who applied the new street labels on the corner lamp posts have named it street—following faithfully the wording of the village plat—but it won't be that way for long, for the Village board Tuesday evening, in response to a petition from the "Highlanders," made it Highland avenue forever and evermore.

ST IONAL ANK

Hide and Seek

When you keep valuables at home, or in the office, you play "hide and seek" with thieves. They know all the tricks of the game, all of the hiding places. All the odds are against you, so why play? Isn't it better to invest a few cents in real protection for your treasures? A safe deposit box in our vault will guard your valuables not only from theft but from fire and carelessness as well.

First National Bank
of Wilmette



A
Wholesome
Nutritious
Bread

WISE people who are bent on getting all the possible good out of life are very particular about the bread they eat. The wise folks of this community buy bread from us. There's a reason.

"Most nourishing food"

W.M. Bakery

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR BIG WEST IMPROVEMENT

(Continued from Page 1)

approximately 700 acres, and may be roughly described as extending from Wilmette and Ridge avenue westerly to Reinwald avenue and northwesterly and northerly to the south line of the Indian Hill Golf course, and east to Ridge avenue. Embraced therein is a vast area in which numerous projects looking to high grade development have, for a long time, been awaiting only the coming of these necessary underground improvements.

Make Record Time

Unusual speed and alacrity have marked the effort of the Village in the preliminary work of obtaining them. The hearing in the special assessment proceedings in the courts began Wednesday, August 11, and the confirmation of the assessment followed on Thursday, August 19, all objections to the assessment having been speedily dismissed, although the objections represented approximately \$65,000 of the total assessment. The alacrity with which the confirmation was secured, is attributed to the energy of Village Attorney Charles H. Jackson, village officials declare.

Although Chicago had no electric service in 1880, it has today a company with the largest output of steam-generated electricity in the world—an annual output of more than 3 billion kilowatt-hours.



Adventure

The Fascinating Novels
of Edgar Rice Burroughs
the creator of Tarzan
in the Grosset & Dunlap
75 cent Edition

- The Bandit of Hell's Bend (Just out)
- The Cave Girl (Just out)
- Tarzan and the Ant Men
- Tarzan and the Golden Lion
- Tarzan the Terrible
- Tarzan the Untamed
- Jungle Tales of Tarzan
- Land that Time Forgot
- At the Earth's Core
- Pellucidar
- The Mucker
- The Chessmen of Mars
- The Gods of Mars
- The Princess of Mars
- Thuvia, Maid of Mars

75c each

Motor Club Gives Pointers on How To Drive at Night

Night driving requires a special technique, according to a bulletin issued by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club. In some states the law requires drivers to dim their lights, but in many other states, after the authorities have made sure that a lens does not glare in the eyes of oncoming motorists, the driver is free to travel at night with his bright lights turned on. Despite the precautions of the motor vehicle departments," says the bulletin, "lights that have been approved often get out of focus and emit glare. The motorist who has learned his night driving primer, will never look into the lights of oncoming cars; the motorist who keeps his eyes on the strip of roadway his own lights illuminate seldom will be troubled by glare.

"Another cause of glare arises from the particles of dust that accumulate on the windshield. A clean windshield is essential for safe night driving. The motorist who realizes that dust reflects the rays of oncoming lights, will make sure that his windshield is entirely free from dust. The driver who wears glasses will find himself in difficulties unless he is careful to keep his glasses clean.

"Scratches on the windshield also result in glare. Scratches may be caused by carelessness in cleaning the windshield or by allowing a windshield wiper to operate when the glass is dry and dusty.

"Rain makes even the most accurately adjusted light difficult to meet at night. The wise driver will accommodate his speed to the lower range of visibility. Extreme caution is needed when driving at night in a downpour of rain. Dash lights and dome lights in the car tend to lower visibility in country night driving."

Artificial chicken-hatching was discovered and made possible on a commercial basis in Quincy by George H. Stahl.



If you're going to sell or dwell,
Paint the house—protect it well.

"PAINT the town." It is a slogan that should be taken up by every business man and every home owner in the community. Paint is the great preservative of all surfaces.

Wilmette Window Shade
& Paint Works

ALFRED EVERS, Proprietor

William Kerr, Jr. Weds Jackson Girl at Garden Service

The formal garden at the home of Mrs. Watson R. Smith of Jackson, Mich., provided the colorful setting Saturday, September 4, for the wedding of Miss Josslyn Smith and William Kerr, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Kerr of 707 North Avenue. Dr. Frederick Spence of First Methodist Episcopal church, Jackson, read the service at 4 o'clock in the presence of one hundred guests. The ceremony was performed on a slightly raised platform in the center of the garden.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was charmingly gowned in a dress of ivory, fashioned with long waist and scalloped skirt of ankle length. Ring of the same material as the gown and clusters of orange blossoms, the trimming. Her veil was of white held to the head with a coronet of orange blossoms. A shower bouquet of cream colored roses formed a graceful bouquet.

Miss Bernice Hill of Aurora, Ill., maid of honor, was attired in a cream colored chiffon. Miss Elizabeth Kerr of Wilmette, Miss Maxine Ker of Muskegon, Mich., Miss Bertha Berger and Mrs. Russell Bennett Jackson, as bridesmaids, wore gowns of prevailing color note. The gowns were all fashioned alike, long waists and tiered skirts. The bridesmaids wore hats of orange adorned the frocks, and hats were of velvet to match the dresses, trimmed with orange ribbons. The maid of honor carried an elaborate bouquet of Ophelia roses, and fashioned bouquets of roses, and bachelor buttons completed the bridesmaids' costumes.

Kenneth Kerr, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Edward Hartwick of Detroit, Harlow Lounsbury of Duluth, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, who left on a honeymoon trip to Grand Beach, arrived in Wilmette Wednesday for a short visit at the Kerr home.

October 1, they will be at home in the Aldwood apartments, Jackson, Mich. Mr. Kerr is a graduate of the University of Michigan in the class of 1925, and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity. His bride was graduated from the University of Michigan in the class of 1925, and is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta.

Miss Edith and Miss Harriet M. Kerr, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kerr, 533 Eighth street, left for Dubuque, Iowa, this week for Mount Airy academy. Dubuque, Iowa, where she is entering her third year. Harriet goes as a freshman.

**School
Books & Supplies**
New and Second-hand
Books
**5%
Discount**
if purchased today
tomorrow.

COPY COURTESY OF
WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM
609 RIDGE ROAD
WILMETTE, IL 60091
(847) 853-7666
WWW.WILMETTEHISTORY.ORG

WILMETTE HISTORICAL MUSEUM