

# RUSH \$3,500,000 PARK IMPROVEMENTS

## JOLIET'S FINEST TAKING PART IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

### High School Band Has 3 U. S. Titles.

The deadline for entry of Cook county vocalists in the festival contest is tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. All entrants must have their entry blanks in the festival office, room 1418 in Tribune Tower, at that time.

Reserved seats for the festival concert at 50 cents and \$1 each are now on sale by mail. Make check or money order payable to Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., and send to Festival Ticket Manager, room 530 Tribune Tower.

BY WILLIAM THOMPSON.

A world premiere awaits those who will attend the ninth Chicagoand Music Festival in Soldiers' field on Saturday night, Aug. 20. For the nationally known Joliet Township High school band, directed by the equally famous A. R. McAllister of Joliet, will play for the first time *Perce Grofe's* band arrangement of George Gershwin's immortal *Rhapsody in Blue*. This will be the second of two numbers the 90 piece band will play.

Mr. McAllister, founder of the band and its director for the last 25 years, also is president of the National High School Band association and a member of the board of directors of the Music Educators National conference. He has asked his students to cancel summer vacation trips in order that they may attend every rehearsal for their Soldiers' field appearance.

Three National Titles.

The Joliet band is the pride of its home town. It has permanent possession of the National School Band association's grand trophy by virtue of three consecutive victories and was the toast of New York two years ago when it played for a week in Radio City. The east thrilled to Joliet's musicians as early as 1920, when, carrying the banner of Illinois' Rotarians, it attended their international meeting at Atlantic City. On that occasion the band was dressed on parade by a front rank of six foot trombonists and a strutting drum major.

Mr. McAllister's section leaders—those who occupy first chair in each of the ensemble's sections—are confident that "Rhapsody in Blue" will be presented in a manner comparable to Paul Whiteman's renditions of the work. The trombone and bass sections, headed by George Wiswell and Truman Lindemann, see an opportunity to blast forth in the climax when the familiar theme, which is Whiteman's signature on the radio, calls for double forte.

Robert Zarley, first trumpet, is perfecting the sweeter passages for brass, and Arthur Hill, clarinetist, is taking daily workouts on the cadenzas featuring his instrument. George Van Sledright, who plays flute and piccolo as well as any high school youth in the country, is ready to give a good account of himself. Robert Moore is all set on the oboe, George Lehr on the bassoon, and Robert Clark, as head of the percussion section, will preside over the tympani.

Sells Pig—Buys Cornet.

Mr. McAllister was born on a farm near Joliet. When he was in his early teens he marketed a prize pig for enough money to buy a cornet, and practiced between chores and the pursuit of his favorite hobby—carpentering. His proficiency with a hammer, saw and plane won him a job as instructor in manual training at Joliet high school. While "Mac" taught his subject with his pupils, and soon he found it convenient to leave his cornet at school.

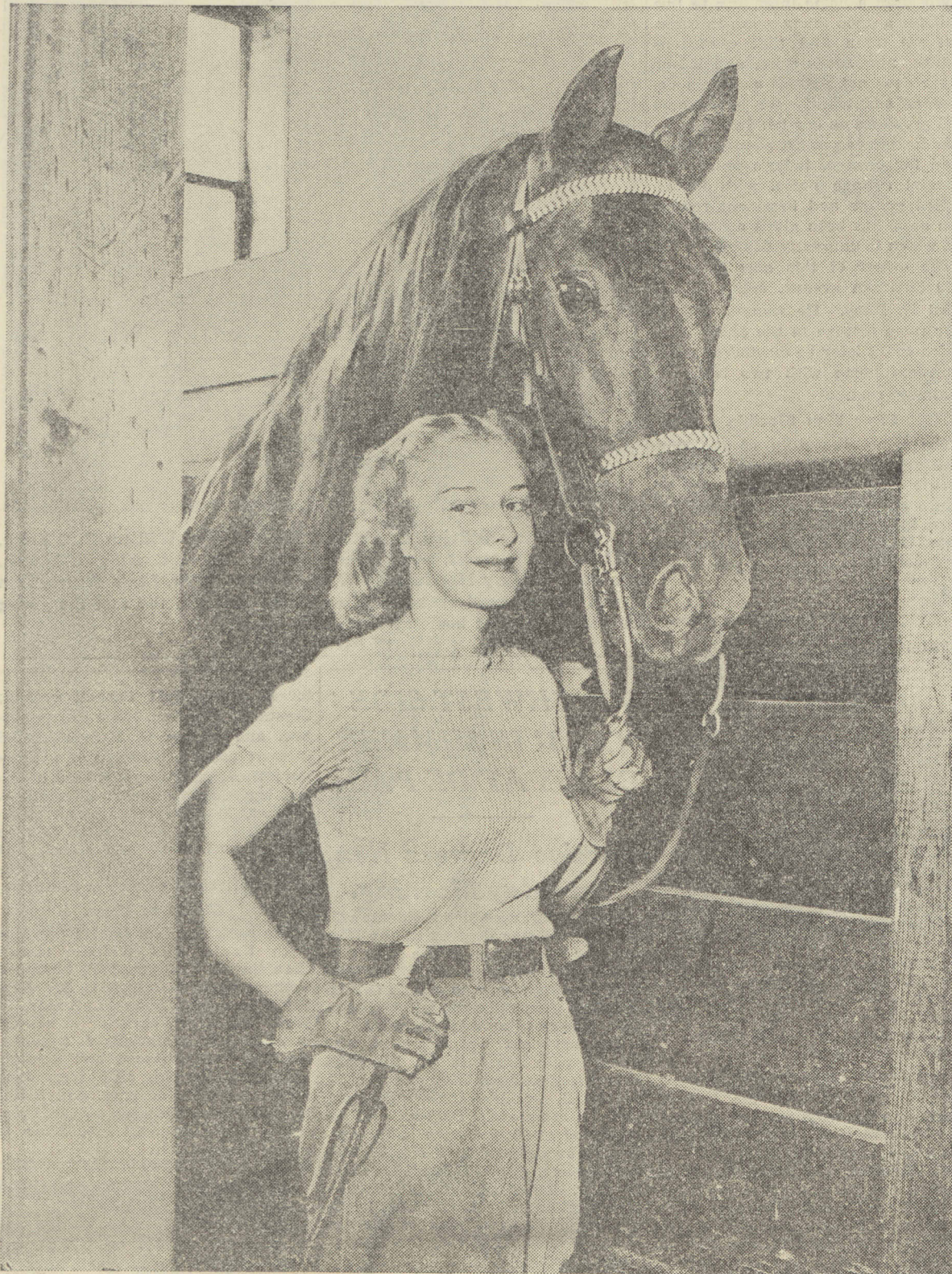
In 1912, when McAllister was in his early twenties, there appeared in Joliet an all girl brass band. "Mac," in his spare time, had organized the group at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. In 1913, when the Joliet grade school board voted an appropriation for the purchase of 25 instruments to equip a grammar school band, McAllister was not to be outdone. Realizing that the grade school project was carefully planned by Joliet's veteran supervisor of music, J. M. Thompson, Mac decided a high school band could survive on graduates from the younger organization alone. His immediate job, therefore, was to form a nucleus and keep it alive until experienced recruits advanced from the grade schools.

Trains First Band.

The fact that Prof. Thompson picked his first school band from sixth graders, so that he could keep its members at least two years, made McAllister's outlook a gloomy one. But within a few months he had trained a small "pep" band so thor-

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## Out to Win Blue Ribbons



BARBARA BLANCHFLOWER.

Gone are the days when a blue ribbon meant only a hair bow to them. Today the young maids of Lincolnshire know it for a mark of distinction and they will be out to collect as many as they can on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 7, at the second annual horse show to be held by the Lincolnshire Country club. Forty south and southwest side residents will vie for equestrian prizes in the

sixteen events scheduled to take place. Miss Barbara Blanchflower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blanchflower, 6916 Clyde avenue, and Miss Barbara Reece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade W. Reece, 6726 Celeby avenue, are putting in extra time around the stables these days getting their favorites ready for the show.

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## BREAK GROUND SUNDAY FOR A \$30,000 SHRINE OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Climaxing a three years drive for funds to replace the original frame building of St. Christopher's shrine, which was damaged by fire in 1935, ground will be broken for a new \$30,000 church next Sunday at the annual summer festival, to be held on the parish grounds, 147th street and Crawford avenue, Midlothian.

The festival will open today with a blessing of automobiles, and activities will be held each evening this week. A beer garden, where a five piece German band will entertain, has been built for the festival, and the outdoor dining room has been enlarged to accommodate 200 diners at a sitting. Eight dinners will be served, beginning this evening with a chicken dinner and concluding next Sunday with a baked ham supper.

Parking space has been rearranged and new driveways added, allowing room for 3,000 cars. One thousand cars an hour will be accommodated at the blessings, which will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until 7 o'clock this evening.

The Rev. Gratian Gehrig, pastor of the shrine, will be in charge of the festival, assisted by Kevin McCann, general chairman; Paul F. Schwaighart, finance chairman; M. J. O'Leary, feature chairman; Urban E. Widman, amusements; Bruno Lee, grounds; and Mrs. Harry Hartman, dinners.

## Furniture Warehousemen's Association Selects Officers

The following officers and directors of the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's association were named recently for one year terms: Joseph A. Hollander, president; Joseph L. Corcoran, vice president; William S. Conklin, treasurer; M. D. Snedcor, secretary; J. W. Meyer, George A. Julin, J. J. Joyce, and Walter P. Theibault, directors. The association, in existence more than thirty years, was organized to help improve warehouse methods.

## OFFER PASTORS CHANCE TO HEAR THEIR OWN TALKS

### Feature of Presbyterian Parley This Week.

BY THE REV. JOHN EVANS. Preachers who wish to hear their voices as congregations hear them will be afforded this opportunity at the ninth annual conference for ministers which opens tomorrow at the Presbyterian Theological seminary, 2330 North Halsted street. This was announced by Dr. Norman E. Richardson, conference director, who said that in order to make it possible for members of the conference "to hear themselves as others hear them" a recorder had been installed in the department of speech.

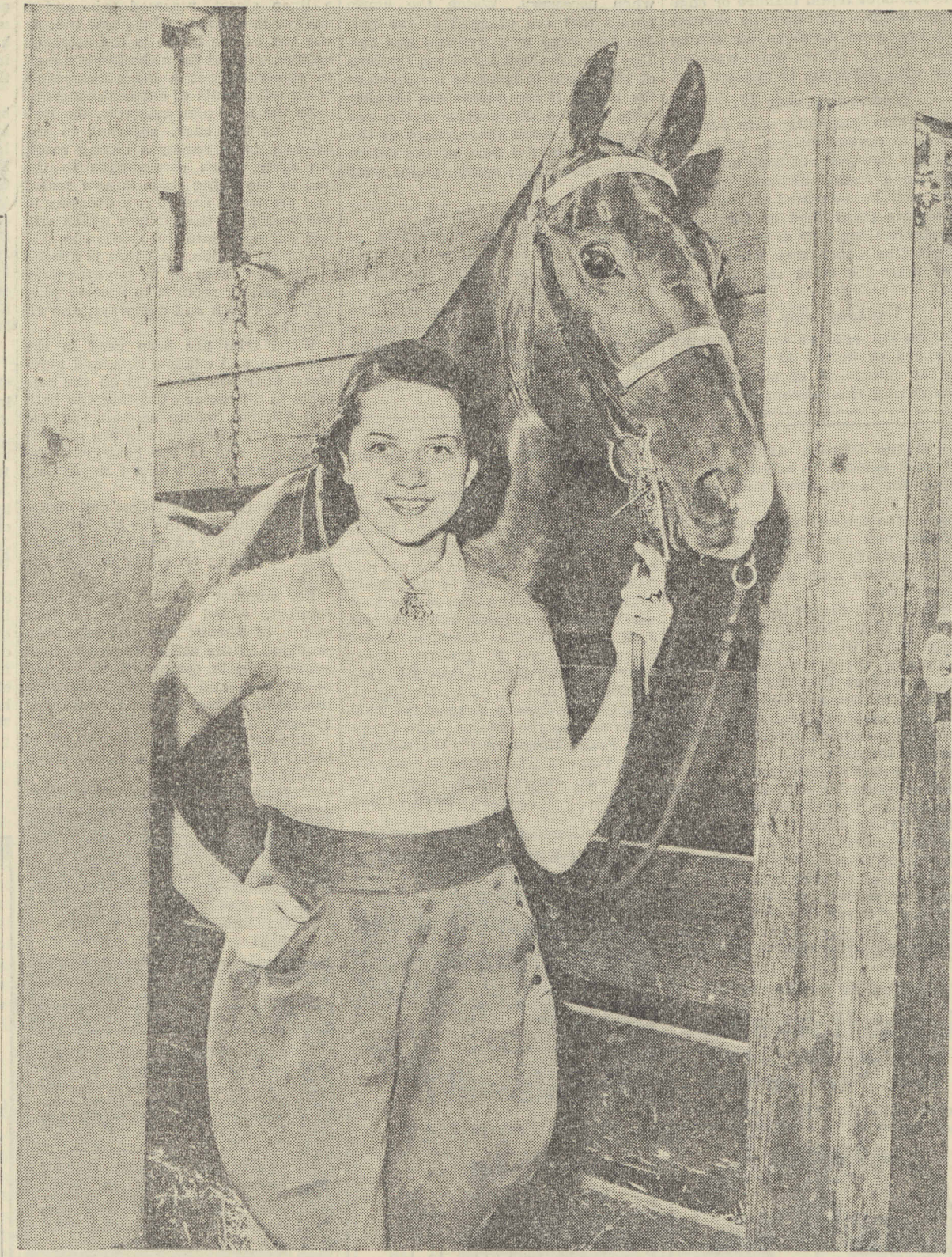
The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Welch of Louisville, Ky., newly elected moderator of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., will be guest at the conference. Dr. Welch was formerly a member of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE staff. While he is not scheduled to deliver any course of lectures, he will address the conference in his official capacity on the subject of the Presbyterian church at large.

New York Pastor to Talk.

The Rev. John S. Bonnell, minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, will give six devotional addresses at the daily evening service in the chapel. These services follow immediately after the evening meal at the commons. Dr. Bonnell's topic tomorrow night will be "Watching for the Dawn," and the John Timothy Stone, president of the seminary, will preside.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons Dr. Howard Y. McClusky, head of the school of education at the University of Michigan, will conduct conferences of special interest to ministers located in the seven counties in Michigan which are cooperating with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. These conferences will be continued throughout the week, as the group itself directs, with leaders selected from the group.

Other lecture courses and seminars will be given in the four major divisions of theological education—the



BARBARA REECE.

## ESTABLISH RED CROSS STATION IN FIRE HOUSE

Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross has opened a highway emergency first aid station in the Blue Island fire department headquarters, 2450 131st street, Blue Island, according to an announcement by James T. Nicholson, manager of the chapter.

Volunteer emergency treatment will be available to victims of accidents which may occur in the vicinity.

Tours in Afternoon.

The afternoons will be devoted to recreation and visits to the principal educational and scientific institutions in the city. That to the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago will be on Wednesday afternoon, July 27, in charge of Dr. O. A. Rogers Sellers, professor of Old Testament languages.

## OLD SETTLERS AWAITING THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC

### Oldest Will Compete for Medal Prizes.

BY RITA FITZPATRICK.

Only the very old and the very young really know how to play. For the last 64 years Chicago's oldest residents have had a day set aside for them to prove this ability. It is known as the Old Settlers' picnic and will be held this year on Monday, Aug. 1, in Harms park, Western and Berteau avenues.

A Chicago that is recognized generally now only by the relics in the city historical society but which is never old to the men and women who built it, will be recreated again that day in the stories that will be told and the dances that will be revived by the pioneers.

As in former years gold medals will be awarded to many settlers as permanent and valuable souvenirs by the Chicago Turn Gemeinde, sponsor of the picnic.

Qualifications for Medals.

Winners of the gold medals will be the man and woman settlers present who have continuously resided in Chicago and Cook county for the greatest number of years, the man and woman, foreign born other than German, who have continuously resided in the territory for the greatest number of years; the man and woman born in Germany who are the longest residents of the city and county; the old settler who has been longest in the employ of the same business concern in Chicago and who is still employed there at the present time, and the old settler, man or woman, who has continuously resided in the same residence for the longest period of time.

There will be the married couple of old settlers whose combined ages give the greatest number of years, the head of a family with the largest number of children and grandchildren living, and if possible at the park, and the oldest pensioned em-

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## OUR TOWN

### Paragraphs About Some Folks You Know.

RETURNING from the recent eight day encampment at Gettysburg, Seymour J. Ward, 95 years old, a civil war veteran from Los Angeles, recently visited his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rose Ward, and his grand-children at 8111 Avalon avenue. Mr. Ward was formerly a resident of Michigan City, Ind., and the women's auxiliary of the G. A. R. there held a reception for him while he was en route to Gettysburg. The Ward family residence in Michigan City now serves as a lodge hall and club-rooms for G. A. R. activities.



Seymour J. Ward.

Milford H. Henkel last week was re-elected president of the South Side Lawyers' association for the seventh consecutive time. He is a former president of the Grand Crossing-Chatham Chamber of Commerce and is president of the South Shore Improvement association. Other officers named include Thomas J. Downs, first vice president; Samuel Getz, second vice president; John F. O'Brien, secretary; Norman Lutz, treasurer; and Arthur Abraham, Saul A. Epton, Mr. Henkel, Mr. O'Brien and George Quilici, governors.

OUR TOWN offers triple congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hartley, 5203 Carpenter street, who recently became parents of a boy and two girls at the Chicago Lying in hospital. They have one other child, Jerry Jr., who is 10 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. August Keschull, 4313 South Talman avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Meyer, 7132 Sangamon street, recently observed golden wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have lived at their present address since 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Keschull, both of whom were born in Germany, came to Chicago during the Columbian Exposition in 1893 and have lived in their present home since 1899.

## NEW PLAY FIELD SCHEDULED FOR BURNHAM AREA

ELMER CSEREP, 10450 Vincennes avenue, is only 11 years old, but he is already known throughout the state as a crack trapshooter. He won a gold watch when he was 8 and another gold watch a year later. Recently he was high in his division of the Wild Life Conservation shoot at the Lincoln Park Gun club. He also is holder of the Illinois junior state championship, won about two weeks ago at Staunton, Ill.



Elmer Cserrep.

Mrs. Rose Mitchell, for twenty years head matron of the McKinley park fieldhouse, retired last week.

Nineteen south and southwest side Boy Scouts have been elected to membership in the Miqua chapter of the Order of the Arrow, national honorary scouting fraternity, according to George A. Mozealous, assistant chief camping director for the Chicago council's Owasippe camps in Michigan.

Leonard Burnham, 1017 East 47th street, of troop 562, was elected to the Order of the Arrow, first honor rank, at Camp Pioneer.

The following were installed as Ordeal members at Camp West: Albert Jones, 6341 Ingleside avenue, troop 501; Lewis Kinne, 8035 Vernon avenue, 555; Robert Northshield, 8116 Ingleside avenue, 575; Edward Clark, 7236 Maryland avenue, 573; William Mason, 6142 Ingleside avenue, 558; William P. J. Murphy, 7151 Paxton avenue, 504; John Hicks, 7551 South Shore drive, 524; and Walter Wickman, 7112 Coles avenue, 594.

Others at Camp West were Jack Neff, 5008 Blackstone avenue, 506; John Reinhardt, 11939 Yale avenue, 710; George Baile, 6815 Calumet avenue, 576; Saul Seltzer, 656 East 43d street, 599; Charles Pitt, 7211 Constance avenue, 1500; Charles Vibrans, 5739 Maryland avenue, 515; and Philip Reinerton, 6940 Harper avenue, 537.

At Camp Stuart the following were named: William Postweiler, 244 Cochran street; Jack Canklin, 789 Burr Oak street, and Willis Johnson, 2433 Greenwald avenue, all of Blue Island.

Our Towner George H. Kartzke, 514 West 117th street, left recently for a two weeks' visit with friends in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also expects to visit in Idaho.

THE Summit Volunteer fire department broke even recently when one member resigned and a new one joined. John Perrins, who had served for twenty years and was once seriously injured while fighting a blaze, retired. Michael Profit applied for membership in the department and was accepted.

Mrs. Louise Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Russell, 7334 Jeffery avenue, has been chosen a member of the executive council at Camp Joyzelle, Monte Ne, Ark.

Mrs. Selma Siekman, 12320 Western avenue, recently observed her 91st birthday with a party attended by her six children and their families.

## MORENO COUNCIL OF K. OF C. HOLDS INDUCTION RITE

Two hundred Knights of Columbus, representatives of Chicago, Blue Island, Chicago Heights, and Riverdale chapters, were present at recent installation ceremonies of the Garcia Moreno council of Harvey in the Democratic club, Chicago Heights.

The ceremonies were conducted by the district deputies, Henry Hilgenford of Harvey and Edward Martens of Blue Island.

Officers inducted were Romeo Begnoche, grand knight; James Mann, deputy grand knight; Joseph Dehnert, warden; John Meach, chancellor; Lawson Robertson, treasurer; Hubert Coston, recording secretary; William Powers III, inside guard; Jack White, outside guard; Simon Ryan, trustee; and Charles Moran, advocate. Delegates to the state convention will be Mr. Begnoche and Al St. Aubin, and those to the Chicago chapter, James Munro and Andrew Kalczynski.

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New Overpass at 67th.

To improve access to this area the 59th street bridge is being rehabilitated, a passerbelle is being built at 67th street and the Outer drive, and sidewalks and bicycle paths are being improved. Recently completed features include the concert platform near the new parking circle, a quarter-mile running track, and sixteen tennis courts.

## DR. RALPH D. SULLIVAN STARTS INTERNSHIP IN ROCKFORD HOSPITAL

Recently graduated from Loyola university medical school, Dr. Ralph D. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Sullivan, 1420 West 72d place, began his six months' internship in St. Anthony's hospital in Rockford the first of this month and will enter Cook County hospital for a further internship of sixteen months. Before entering Loyola Dr. Sullivan attended Lewis Institute and St. Ignace High school. He is specializing in surgery.



Dr. R. D. Sullivan.

## Plan Amphitheater at Jackson.

BY HAROLD SMITH.

Numerous improvements for three large south side parks are to be made available to users before the end of summer, it was promised last week as expansion projects in Burnham and Jackson parks got underway and plans were rushed for similar work in Calumet park. The combined programs will cost more than \$3,500,000, most of which will be provided by the Works Progress administration.

Both Ralph H. Burke, chief engineer for the Chicago Park district which is sponsor for the projects, and H. K. Smith, Chicago WPA director, said that the new or improved facilities to be added under the present program are to be placed in service as rapidly as they are completed. Some of these facilities in Burnham and Jackson parks are already nearing completion, they said.

Labor Budget Highest.

Most of the cost of the three projects will go for labor. Present plans call for the employment of 4,248 certified WPA laborers, and it is considered probable that more will be added later. The work will be spread over the next twelve months.

The projects in Jackson and Burnham parks, which will be well under way this week, call for a total of \$1,544,001 in federal funds. Of this, Burnham park will get \$954,497 and Jackson park \$589,504.

Some of the projects in these two parks were started previously, but most of them are completely new undertakings, those in charge said.

Burnham park's improvements under the newly approved program will benefit the area between 39th and 55th streets, and will give jobs to 1,100 men.

One of the more impressive features of a proposed recreational field 550 feet wide and 1,000 feet long, extending from 48th to 49th street. This will contain a cricket field, a football gridiron and softball diamonds, as well as 3,600 square yards of sodded tennis courts.

Playfield for Children.

Only a short distance north of this large playfield will be a children's playground at 45th street. This area, oval in shape, will be 300 by 500 feet, and will contain a wading pool, sandboxes, play apparatus, and other features dear to children's hearts.

To make these areas more easily available, there will be 23,000 square yards of new parking space in the vicinity of 47th street, and there will be improvements in the service of the street car and bus lines, for the benefit of those who do not own automobiles. There is to be a pedestrian pass at 47th street.

Much grading and filling must be done in Burnham park before the present program can progress to any great extent, it was pointed out.

Plan 35,000 Shrubs.

There will be 30,000 cubic yards of excavation, back fill and rough grading, and 60,000 cubic yards of new fill. Some 30,000 square yards of the area will be finished, graded and rolled, and 150,000 cubic yards of black earth will be spread before workmen begin the task of seeding 225,000 square yards to lawn, and setting out 2,571 trees and 35,296 shrubs. Necessary sidewalks and drain sewers are also included in the program.

Jackson park's improvements will include rehabilitation of the old baseball diamond at 63d street, building of six softball diamonds along Stony Island between 60th and 63d streets, and alteration of the old nine hole golf course near the lake.

A large amphitheater is to be constructed near 60th street and Stony Island avenue. There will be a perennial garden about 300 feet in diameter nearby.

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Grading, excavating and landscaping is now in progress. There will be 200,000 square yards of rough grading, 34,479 cubic yards of excavation and fill, and 435,000 square yards of fine grading and fertilizing.

The Jackson park program also calls for the removal of 400 dying and otherwise dangerous trees, the placing of 500 healthy ones, the laying of 6,500 square yards of sod, and the planting of some 50,000 shrubs. New sidewalks and parking space are being added.

New work in Calumet park, which was announced in these columns last week, is to be pushed as rapidly as possible, park district officials said. Some of these improvements were started some months ago under an older project, and require only a few more days of work.

## Talks on Spain.

Attorney George Quilici, president of the Chicago chapter of the National Lawyers' guild and a member of the executive board of the Chicago Civil Liberties league, will speak at the Tuesday luncheon at the Hyde Park Lions club on "Spain, the Land of Conflict."