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# Merchants to study drainage problem at Prospect Heights

The first step towards a solution of the serious drainage problem confronting the community of Prospect Heights was taken last week when the Prospect Heights Merchants Association decided to hire, at its own expense, an engineering firm which will examine the drainage situation.

A committee was appointed at last Wednesday's meeting to handle the details of engaging the engineering firm which will study the details of the problem, find out what is to be done to remedy it and what will happen if nothing is done. The findings of the engineering firm will be published, and the Merchants Association will present to the community a complete picture of what is wrong.

The committee headed by Carl-son Smith, assisted by Rex Dalstrom and Harold Lamb, will make suggestions to residents which will rectify the present trouble and insure against further repetition.

McDonald creek is the problem.

McDonald creek is believed to be the immediate cause of the community's drainage problem. A series of storm sewers, placed about fifty to seventy five feet apart, drain into the Des Plaines River. There is a twenty seven foot drop which is more than sufficient to take care of all the water overflow if the tiles and McDonald Creek are kept open.

Nine years ago, when this community was still farm land, the WPA made a definite drainage creek of McDonald Creek by dynamiting and dredging it. For six years this took care of the drainage problem very well.

But there was no maintenance of the creek, and it began to be filled up with cat tails, willows, undergrowth, and sediment. The creek began backing up from the Des Plaines River over the surrounding farms along the creek.

Three years ago Prospect Heights was first a village and basements were flooded. The situation has grown worse each year with more homes becoming affected because of the retarded flow of water.

As the creek has backed up, the drainage tiles in Prospect Heights have been unable to function. Now, even during dry weather, these tiles are full of water. The ground is becoming saturated, and if conditions are not rectified, they will eventually be so no flow through the tiles at all.

The growth of the community is not directly responsible for the situation. If McDonald Creek drained properly, normal saturation would take care of the homes here according to the survey made by the state here last summer.

The state survey showed the entire drainage problem and made a map showing all the tile in Prospect Heights with the sizes and location. A photostatic map of this tile is in the hands of the merchants' committee.

What be solved.

This is the first problem which has affected this community as a whole. If the problem is not solved, every home in Prospect Heights will eventually be affected, even on high locations.

If the community's tiles do not drain as they should, the ground will be completely saturated; the soil will become water-logged; the rot and eventually the sewage system will not function.

An example of how rapidly improper drainage and becomes unsalable is shown in the twelve acre tract extending from Elmwood to back to Willow rd. which Smith and Dawson set aside for the community park. Seven years ago this was a good corn field. Today it is a swamp place for mosquitoes. Prospects drainage for the community as a whole would prevent this land from becoming a swamp, so that it could be worked into a park.

Not only is the community interested in the findings of the engineering firm which will soon make the survey, but the farmers whose land fronts on McDonald Creek are, too. They have said that they will cooperate in the drainage program.

**Navv ship stalls at water track**

## Ration dates to remember

Jan. 15—Final date to register for War Ration Book No. 1 without which it will be impossible to obtain Book No. 2.

Jan. 16—Final date for first inspection of ration tickets.

Jan. 21—Last day for using No. 3 coupon in "A" gasoline ration books. No. 4 is valid starting Jan. 22.

Jan. 22—Expiration date for Period 2 fuel-oil coupons.

Jan. 31—Final date for first inspection of passenger-car tires.

Jan. 31—Final date on which No. 10 sugar coupon is valid.

Jan. 31—Last day temporary coupons will be issued directly by rationing boards.

Feb. 8—Final date on which No. 18 coffee coupon is valid.

Feb. 29—Expiration date for Period 3 fuel-oil coupons which became valid Dec. 23.

## More selectees will leave for army next week

Prospect Heights Line Club will be host to departing selectees at an early morning breakfast January 21.

Arlington Heights draft board has released the following list of men to report to Uncle Sam next week. The list is divided into A and B men.

Volunteers in group A are:

- James F. Dudley, Prospect Heights
- Anton B. Cipri, Jr., Palatine
- David J. Buttner, Mt. Prospect
- Elwin A. Kruse, Wheeling
- Robert W. Haines, Santa Monica, California
- Henry E. Laseke, Arlington Heights
- Leon E. Grube, Jr., Arlington Heights
- Charles C. Miller, Barrington
- Clyde R. Hennock, Palatine
- Orville W. Wensley, Arlington Heights
- William F. Skoglund, Barrington
- Daniel C. Oskelain, Arlington Heights
- Robert J. Gardner, Barrington
- Jack Franklin, Campbell, E. Plaines
- Raymond E. Groat, Arlington Heights
- John D. Bartlett, Hatch, Arlington Heights

Others in group A:

- Conrad M. Luncyck, Barrington
- Curt M. Behrens, Jr., Arlington Heights
- Joseph Rizzo, Arlington Heights
- Ernest F. Clark, Arlington Heights
- Paul F. Stanek, East Chicago, Indiana
- Joseph Brechenmacher, Chicago
- David E. Caspell, Barrington
- Robert J. Froehle, Arlington Heights
- John F. Niek, Mt. Prospect
- Robert W. Wittenberg, Mt. Prospect
- William R. Grabenkort, Barrington
- Hugo P. Phillips, Palatine
- William R. Milligan, Arlington Heights
- William E. Corbett, Palatine
- Glen R. Schmidt, Wheeling
- Donald E. Rime, Chertville
- Raymond Duerrier, Palatine
- Charles G. Perry, Palatine
- Earl I. Pahlke, Barrington
- Edward L. Navro, Palatine
- Robert D. Heinemann, Arlington Heights
- Robert A. Evert, Elgin
- Harold I. Shiley, Barrington
- Arthur A. Fasnaber, Jr., Wheeling
- Edward L. O'Hara, Des Plaines
- Warren J. Jonken, Arlington Heights
- Reinh. Stiploek, Arlington Heights
- Glen G. McElroy, Palatine
- Boyd W. Mullins, Barrington

John Wisgund of group B is volunteered. The nine members of group B are:

- John J. Wisgund, Jr., Chicago
- Virgil J. Montgomery, Omaha, Nebraska
- Norman H. Thompson, Des Plaines
- Harold J. Dobbin, Arlington Heights
- Raymond F. Meyer, Arlington Heights
- John Rommerly, Arlington Heights
- Guy O. Lipper, Barrington
- LaVerne G. Calhoun, Algonquin
- Arvin E. Johnson, Chicago

## Salesmen to get more gas for business

William Daves, Jr., chairman of the Elk Grove War Price and Ration Board 8-1 announces that the ration board have been granted authority, effective January 1, 1943, to allow a limited amount of preferred mileage for necessary travel to salesmen who are engaged in the sale of certain commodities, material or equipment which is essential to the war effort.

Persons engaged in selling necessary material or equipment for the maintenance of naval, military or hospital establishments or facilities, common carriers, public utilities, industrial, extractive or agricultural establishments essential to the war effort, can qualify for this preferred mileage.

Also persons engaged in selling foods, building material, clothing, furs and medical supplies, which are essential to the health or safety of the community, with the exception of those selling directly to the consumer for personal family or household use.

Salesmen are not qualified if they are engaged in the selling of non-essential commodities such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, candy, toys, flowers, tobacco products, fur, phonographs, luxury items, etc.

In order to be eligible salesmen must have been principally engaged in an eligible sales activity for three months prior to application or be filling a position in which the predecessor was so engaged and must furnish to the ration board the following statement in writing:

- Name and address of applicant.
- Name and address of registered owner of vehicle.
- Types of products sold, giving (1) length of time he was engaged in selling each type; (2) percentage of time used in selling each type; (3) Kind of establishment in which each type of product is sold.
- Miles driven during 1942 for the purpose of selling eligible commodities giving the number of months in which this driving was done together with the average monthly mileage for each type of product.

The above statement is to become part of the original application for supplemental mileage which was previously filed by applicant.

Salesmen who can qualify for more than "B" books will be issued a "C" windshield sticker and "C" coupons to a maximum mileage of 115 miles per month.

This is the first revised regulation announced by the O.P.A. affecting gasoline and it is the intention of the Ration Board of Elk Grove township to keep the public informed of any changes of regulations affecting rationing.

## Petition OPA to change in ration board locale

Mr. L. A. Minge of 212 Emerson st., Mt. Prospect, was to notify the residents of Wheeling, living within the village of Mt. Prospect, that the petition they signed requesting that they be allowed to register for rationing in the village of Mt. Prospect instead of at the school Prospect Heights has reached the O.P.A. director, Mr. Minsky, and is under consideration.

# Drainage, drain tiles 1943

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