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A Graphic and Pictorial History of Oak Lawn and Its People

Early Oak Lawn History

The earliest known name for the area which became the community of Oak Lawn was Black Oak Grove, later abbreviated to Black Oak or Black Oaks. A German Methodist Society of Blue Island, Sand Ridge and Black Oak was founded in 1854, suggesting that the name was in use at that time, but no confirmed residents of the area have yet been shown to be members of the church. First official mention appears in the Worth Township records of 1856. Franklin Chamberlain, former Township Supervisor, was paid the handsome fee of one dollar in July, 1859, for work on a bridge in "Black Oak Grove." Chamberlain's home was located near the corner of 95th Street and Raymond Avenue. The bridge in question spanned 95th Street near 54th Avenue, allowing travellers to cross the north branch of Stony Creek as they moved from east and west. In fact, for many years the Worth Township section of 95th Street was known as Black Oak Grove Road.

It is fitting that Stony Creek should figure in the early recorded history of the locale. Its waters made possible the large stand of oak trees, stretching diagonally to the southwest from 94th Street to 98th Street along the banks of the creek (see illustration) which became the outstanding geographic feature of the area.

One of the unresolved questions about the name concerns the change from the informally accepted Black Oak to Oak Lawn. The story is closely associated with the coming of the railroad, a major event in the community's history. Colonel Ralph Plumb, supervisor of a downstate coal mining venture and a founder of Streator, Illinois, entered into a special agreement with several Black

Oak citizens in 1879. The Chicago & Strawn Railroad, a "captive" corporation of the large Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific line, was organized that same year to provide the parent system with a rail connection with Chicago. Plumb's relationship with the Chicago & Strawn

is not precisely known by the author. However, he is known to have been active in several railroad ventures, often in the capacity of a major shareholder. In any event, he was in a position to promise special considerations to the small settlement. He arranged to have the route of the Chicago & Strawn pass through portions of Worth Township sections 4 and 9 and to have a depot, offering passenger, express and telegraph service, built there. In return, the local residents, principally John Simpson, Franklin Chamberlain and

their respective family members, promised Plumb selected lots within the area's first proposed land subdivision to be composed of a portion of their collec-



Trinity Lutheran Church, c. 1925

tive farm properties. It was assumed that with the location of a depot here, nearby land would grow in value, benefitting all parties to the agreement. This first subdivision, not named in the agreement, was to be dubbed "Oak Lawn"; its plat and

description were entered into Cook County records July 6, 1882.

Uncertainty surrounds the source of its first use of the name. Based on existing evidence, however, the above mentioned local residents have the strongest claim to its origin, at some point between

their concluding the agreement with Plumb and late 1880.

According to available court records, the community was generally known as Black Oak at the time of the agreement signing in November, 1879. With the establishment of the postal station at the depot in the late 1880 the first recorded attempt at formal adoption of a community name is made. Stationmaster and postmaster Henry Crouch was able to successfully submit the name "Agnes" (in memory of his wife) as the designation for the train stop, although there is no evidence to suggest that her name was ever associated with the settlement itself. The designation survived until January 17, 1882, at which time the post

office and depot became known as Oak Lawn. As this date precedes by several months the registration of the subdivision in the County records, it initially appears as if the railroad, through its close association with the mail service, might legitimately claim to be the originator of the name. However, the logic of the situation and an additional piece of evidence lead to another conclusion.

The railroad had no stake in determining a name for the community beyond Henry Crouch's wishes. Although no name for the projected subdivision was mentioned in the 1879 agreement, it would seem unusual that the local settlers would accept a name other than one of their own creation. The answer seems to be that the designation "Oak Lawn" was generally promoted by the local subdividers as one suitable not only for their own area but for the entire community which was expected to flourish as a result of the railroad's presence. Their successful lobbying presumably led to a change in the designation of the post office and train depot. Evidence for this interpretation is on the tombstone of John Simpson, who passed away in December of 1880, a year after signing the agreement. The inscription lists his place of residence as "Oak Lawn", predating the postal designation by over a year. It is assumed his family was expressing the wishes of Simpson in putting the newly-coined name over his grave. At the very least the name was under serious consideration by certain residents, if not the entire community, at that time.

The community's name was the center of still more attention in later years. At the appointment of the Village's fifth postmaster, Henry Krueger, in 1895, the official post office listing changed from Oak Lawn to Oaklawn for reasons unknown.

Over the next half century both spellings were used. Although the single word spelling was retained by postal authorities until 1962, the village incorporated in 1909 with the traditional two words as its official name. Apparently, the railroad always retained the two word spelling. After 1909, the original version gained favor quickly, but until local postmaster Otis Dunn successfully petitioned

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Washington for a change at the behest of several Oak Lawn citizens, the alteration of 1895 was still causing confusion.

The First Government

Oak Lawn's adventure in local self-government began just over seventy years ago, when the century was young and the management of public affairs was simple and direct. During the interim our world has changed in many ways. As a result of these changes, we have demanded that our local government assume new responsibilities for a larger number of people. The sophisticated organization which is today the Village of Oak Lawn would scarcely be recognized by the pioneering public officials of our community.

Unfortunately, documentary evidence of public or private discussions relating to the incorporation of Oak Lawn has not been discovered. In spite of this deficiency, however, it is still possible to describe some of the prevailing social forces which would have figured in the debate. Contemporary accounts of the period reveal that the burgeoning metropolitan area was much concerned with the relative merits of creating new governmental units.

The explosive growth of Chicago, particularly along its southwest boundary, was one of the main reasons for the eventual incorporation of Oak Lawn. ON one day—June 29, 1889—120 square miles of unincorporated land populated by 308,000 people was annexed by the city. This area included within it the town of Lake and the settlements of Morgan Park and Beverly Hills. Nearby Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn were forced to consider their options.

To be sure, annexation had its advantages. The inhabitants of the recently absorbed areas recognized that Chicago offered police and fire protection as well as the prospect of reliable water and sewer systems which no other communities could match on their own. On the other hand, the mass relinquishment of sovereignty to the city was not universally viewed as beneficial. Long and bitter public arguments preceded most of the period's annexation referendum votes. Chicago was already a large city with its share of vices. The thought of becoming a part of all this must have inspired terrible images in the minds of rural folk who watched helplessly as their former way of life was eclipsed by the hustling, bustling urban society that was Chicago at the turn of the century.

Although the anxious outlying areas had no way of knowing it at the time, the 1880's and 1890's were the climax of the city's geographic growth. To the southwest (with the exception of Mount Greenwood in 1927) Chicago's boundaries would extend no further. Growth of the public transportation system had been responsible for much of the earlier activity; efficient horse-drawn, cable or electric trolleys branched out like tentacles from the city's center, attracting with them housing construction and new residents. For the most part, the latter were oriented toward Chicago. They depended upon cheap, fast transportation to get to work "downtown", allowing them to live in less expensive quarters outside the city. When the issue of annexation was raised in the neighboring unincorporated areas served by the transit systems, the new residents (who quickly outnumbered the old-line settlers) had no compelling reason not to formally become a part of the city. Most consid-

ered themselves Chicagoans already.

In contrast to the annexed areas, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn did not have streetcar service (or even much in the way of streets!) at the time the issue of annexation would have been raised. Train service to Chicago was enjoyed by both communities, but it did not attract residents to other areas the way in which streetcars did. Perhaps the people of that time and most importantly the traction companies did not consider the region likely to grow because of its distance from existing trolley lines and the center of the city. And the panic of 1893 and the depression which followed it may have put a damper on the march of Chicago into unincorporated areas.

Moreover, it appears that by the 1890's continuing into the early twentieth century, the growth of small and medium sized local industry would have kept much of the existing population from looking to Chicago for employment. Although individuals did commute from Oak Lawn to Chicago during this period, many other opportunities were available. In addition to retail stores and taverns, Evergreen Park boasted factories producing uniforms, boxes, matches and other items. Chicago Ridge was also developing into a manufacturing center. The availability of local industrial employment, as well as the continued viability of farming, were factors contributing to the independent attitude of the area.

Certain problems still had to be addressed. One of the most persistent difficulties suffered by unorganized communities was a lack of fire and police protection. Like neighboring villages, many of Oak Lawn's early dramatic moments center around its fires. Informal ad hoc bucket brigades were normally no match for anything but a minor blaze. William Brandt (1893) and August Behrend (1912), two turn of the century residents, could do nothing but look on in agony as their homes and business establishments were destroyed by flames.

There was also the need for police protection. Chicago's outlying areas became havens for those engaged in all manner of illegal activities. They could operate with little fear of interference or apprehension in the relatively "wide-open" unincorporated communities. On a less serious note, but still annoying, the popularity of the picnic groves in Oak Lawn and nearby settlements drew large crowds which sometimes proved unruly, particularly in their activities included the drinking of alcohol. The immediate call for badges by the Village Marshall and Trustees after the incorporation of Oak Lawn in 1909 illustrates the need to demonstrate the presence of a legal authority with powers of arrest and punishment.

Perhaps of greater importance was the desire to establish service with public utilities in the community and to make certain Oak Lawn obtained other public improvements; this could only be done through a local government body operating as agent for its citizens. Although Oak Lawn may not have been interested in becoming as "wordly" as Chicago, it was not inclined to deprive itself of advances in modern technology which could make life a little easier.

In fact, it was the desire for one such improvement which may have proved the deciding factor in Oak Lawn's decision to incorporate. Northwestern Gas, Light and Coke Company (now Illinois Gas Company) had made arrangements with the Village of Evergreen Park to

Voices of the Past

Wooden sidewalks, the one-room schoolhouse, blacksmith shops, wagon shops and the general store were all a part of life for early Oak Lawn residents.

Dust storms were a common occurrence on 95th Street, created in the hot, dry summer by horse-drawn wagons and carriages. During rainy periods or after heavy snowfalls these same vehicles often had to be manually pushed or pulled from the muddy, unpaved street.

Oak Lawn was known as a German settlement near the turn of the century. Then farms were settled primarily by people of German origin. Having no gas or electricity, people had to carry a lantern if they went out after dark.

Still, some of the old-timers would rather have the town as it was in the "good old days." They speak with nostalgia of the time when there were friendly social gatherings and plenty of good wholesome fun for all.

The community was quiet, with little noise or confusion. Fruit trees and gardens were everywhere. A night's fun could be had for 50 cents. Skating parties, with 50 to 75 people on the lake, took place in the winter; afterwards the group would go to someone's home to eat and dance.

Barn dances, which included a big dinner, were held on the farms. There were also hay rides, sleigh rides, quilting parties and socials. Unlike today, young people were never found in the few taverns in the community.

Various kinds of wild game such as deer, ducks, prairie chickens, wolves, and rabbits abounded. In 1858, the nearest food supply station and postal service was at Blue Island, a distance of 10 miles.

Recollections of some Oak Lawn pioneers of life in early Oak Lawn have been recorded on tape and are a part of the Local History of the Oak Lawn Library. Historical documents in the collection have also been used to provide additional data about the lives of Oak Lawn families during this period.

Ella Aulwurm

Ella Aulwurm was three-and-a-half years old when her parents moved to Oak Lawn in 1893. She was one of 287 residents when the village was officially incorporated in 1909. Ella's recognitions of her school days in Oak Lawn follow:

"The elementary public school I attended was located at 95th Street and Cicero Avenue; we called it 48th Street. It was a large frame building with wide aisles, a one room school, and one teacher taught all the grades. There were 30 and later 45 pupils. There was a nice yard to play in, surrounded by trees. There was also a well with a pump, and we drank water with our lunch. There were no thermos bottles in those days. I don't think they were even invented then.

I remember very well my first day at school. I had turned six in April, and in September I started school. There was no kindergarten or pre-school, and I could not read or write, but I finished eighth grade at 13 and so did my three brothers.

The youngest of my brothers started at five and finished at 12. No reading problems then. School opened at 9 o'clock every morning except Saturday and Sunday and some holidays. The school was located about three fourths of a mile from my home, and we walked in the morning and in the afternoon. We left at 8:30 a.m. and school lasted until 3:30 p.m. with two recesses of 15 minutes each, one in the afternoon and one in the forenoon with an hour for lunch.

We either sang songs or the teacher would read to us. I remember one of the books was an adventure story,

"Around The World in 80 Days." Sometimes we played ring-toss in the morning before going to our studies. If school was not open for any days for some reason like a teacher's meeting, that day was made up at the end of the term.

School was held on Washington's and Lincoln's birthday, and on those days, we sang patriotic songs, waved our little flags and had recitations about our country. One year, teacher thought we did so well while rehearsing, he told us to invite our parents.

There were no cement sidewalks then; the boys walked in the street, a gravel road, and the girls on a path on the north side of the street. There were wide ditches on both sides of the street, and in the spring, they were filled with water. In the winter, the boys could not resist the temptation of throwing a few snowballs at the girls. The girls did not let this pass and told the teacher next morning who did it. The poor had to stay after dismissal and walk home with the teacher for a few days.

Our heat in the winter was a large stove in the center of room near the entrances, and sometimes we sat around the stove until the temperature in the farthest corner of the room showed 68 degrees. The teacher got there earlier and started the fire. I think he also took care of the ashes and swept the floor and received \$75 a month. There were no strikes in those days.

Many of the fathers of the children and other taxpayers were fortunate to earn \$15 a week every week of the year, and some did not. So, they were not always able to pay the rent or food and fuel bills. But most of them managed to get a home and pay their bills, and I sometimes wonder how they did it. I think the mothers did a lot of economizing and home cooking, baking and canning.

We were very happy when we got our first bookcase. We called it our library, and we took turns at being librarian. Before that, there were the children's desks, the teacher's desk, the stove, the blackboards, a few chairs and a long bench in the rear of the room in case we has visitors. And also a table with sand, etc. for the smaller children to mold little lakes, etc. We used to paste rings of colored paper that we strung up near the ceiling of the room. Red, white and blue in the Winter; pink and green for Spring, and brown and yellow in the Fall.

Time sure has changed in the last 80 years; that is the time I started school. We had no high school here, no junior college, no library, but somehow we managed to earn a living and get a job somewhere, and everyone seemed happy and contented if not more so than today."

Ella remembers the trains carrying people to the race track at 11th Street and Ridgeland Avenue passing by the church on Sundays, and "the pastor would comment about all those fools spending their money at the races." "They used to exercise the horses up and down 11th Street, so they gave passes to the track to all the people who lived along there since the horses were going along their front yards. My grandmother had a pass and used to pass it around. My father used it one day to take me and mother to the track. It was the first and last time I was ever at a horse race." Ella said she was about 14 years old on this occasion.

Ethel Piper Tucker

Ethel Piper Tucker moved to Oak Lawn with her husband, James Tucker, in 1915. Her family had farmed in Worth, where she was born, before 1890. Her grandmother owned the land

that is now Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The whole farm ran from 111th Street to 115th Street and from Ridgeland Avenue to Central Avenue. About 1901, Mrs. Tucker's grandmother leased the property to a group of men who used the area as a race track.

Mrs. Tucker has fond memories of the farm. She said her pony was buried at Holy Sepulchre before it became a cemetery and a lot of her family's horses and pigs. Mrs. Tucker also recalls the following memories: "We had a pond out there for the cows and that's where my husband and I did our courting. Before we were married, he'd come out by train and we'd go to church, and then he would come over to the farm. He always brought me a box of candy. We'd sit there and talk and eat chocolates. We didn't have show to go to. You had to go into Chicago if you wanted to go to a show. A medicine man would come to Worth, and that was a big time. We had a lot more fun than kids do today. Real, good honest fun. And because there wasn't much to do, I think we appreciated it more."

Grace Jelley O'Brien

Longtime resident Grace Jelley O'Brien recalls "When we were going to school, they still had the wooden sidewalks. We used to take the sticks and put gum on them and reach under there. They'd drop their change, you know. We'd get some change from underneath the boards. I can remember that distinctly."

Mrs. O'Brien also remembers attending St. Gerald's Church at 95th Street and Minnick Avenue. "People by the name of Hall had it in their house. That's where we all had our catechism." Hilgendorf's Ice House, behind the Hilgendorf home, was near the Jelley home at 9530 South 53rd Street. The

Hilgendorfs delivered the ice all through the town, Mrs. O'Brien recalls.

Pauline Prange Schultz

Pauline Prange Schultz was four years old when her parents brought her to Oak Lawn to make their home. Their house originally was an abandoned building that stood in the block where the trailer park is now located just west of the Village Hall. About 1900 Mrs. Schultz's father bought the house and moved it to Raymond Avenue and Dumke Drive where the Oak Lawn Library is now located.

In the taped interview, Mrs. Schultz states: "We were all farmers. The property on the south side of 95th Street from Cook Avenue to Cicero Avenue was all farms." In response to the question, "Who farmed this area?," Mrs. Schultz replied: "Henry Lang and on the other side of Cicero was Charles Beebe. Then Jorn's were across the street, and the area from the school to the tracks also belonged to the Langs. They had a little wheat growing in there and sometimes some oats during the summer to keep the weeds down.

We used to have to walk from where the library is now to the school at 95th Street and Cicero Avenue, and in the wintertime, it was cold. The snow we used to have. On 95th Street, there were big, deep ditches on both sides and they would level with snow. We kids would throw ourselves in there and make our images and come so wet that you didn't know whether it was safe to go in or not.

Mrs. Schultz's father, Joachim Prange, farmed 40 acres of land just west of where Christ Hospital stands today. The 40 acres that the hospital is on belonged to Mrs. Schultz's aunt, a member of the Jorn family. Mrs. Schultz's mother's maiden name was Jorn.

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Oak Lawn

ray gas lines for residential cooking and lighting in 1909. Apparently, the company promised to do the same for the Oak Lawn area if the community was incorporated by that time. Certainly the offer would have given impetus to public discussion of the opportunity. At any rate, the Village of Oak Lawn was in existence and prepared to approve a right-of-way for the line in August of that year, when the matter appears in the Village minutes.

Incorporation of Oak Lawn

All of these factors came to a head in 1909. Residents of Oak Lawn petitioned the Cook County Court. They needed to demonstrate that there were at least 300 people in the area bounded by Cicero Avenue, 95th Street, Central Avenue and 87th Street, and submit a document signed by 30 legal voters to establish the first step in incorporating the village. The petition also called for a referendum to decide the issue. After the petition was approved by the county court, the referendum was held on February 4, 1909 in Larsen's Hall on 95th Street. The vote was supervised by Worth Township. County Court Judge Lewis Rinaker and Township Justices of the Peace Joseph Arns and Jonas Madsen certified the results of the election, which showed 59 in favor of incorporation, with four opposed. At the same time, Judge Rinaker declared that an election of officers was to be set for March 9, again at Larsen's Hall, and to be conducted between 8 o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the evening. Notices to that effect were to be printed and posted in public places at least twenty days prior to the election.

Local residents Harry Hilgendorf, Archie Utt and Frank O'Brien were appointed by the Court to serve as judges of the election; Curt Plumb, Harry Phillips and Alfred Singleton were to serve as election clerks. The nominations for office, filed with County Clerk Joseph Haas, resulted in a ballot which listed James Montgomery as the sole candidate for Village President and William Aulwurm as the lone candidate for Village Clerk. Frank Harnew, Johnson Wilson, William Krueger, Carl Benck, A.W. Armstrong and Alfred Singleton were candidates for Village Trustee. With all of the positions uncontested, very little of note occurred prior to the vote. The election results did show that H.C. Marr received five write-in votes for Trustee and that William B. Gaddis received four

for Clerk, but both men were greatly outdistanced by the declared candidates.

Almost as soon as the results of the first election were finalized, it was time to begin preparations for the next. According to State Law, the initial election of village officials was valid only until the third Tuesday in April of the next odd numbered year at which time the village organization was required to hold another election. Thus, as the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Lawn met for the first time, March 15, 1909 (at Larsen's Hall) a bit less than five weeks remained before the next call to the polls. Therefore, among the first items of business was the appointment of new election judges and clerks and authorization for the printing and public display of election notices.

In the midst of preparations for the second vote, "founding fathers" did have an opportunity to discuss a few issues, which shed some light on possible motives for incorporation. Both Fred Schultz and William Brandt, who operated saloons within the incorporated limits, were required to purchase liquor licenses, originally at a fee of \$500 per quarter, in advance! It was also decided that no tavern be located within 200 feet of a church or school, that they close by midnight and no dance hall be directly connected by a tavern. On the subject of picnic groves, the Village Board was no less severe: a \$50 fee would be charged any non-Oak Lawn group which wished to use the groves and serve spirits. However, no charge would be levied on school or church affairs. Another form of entertainment controlled dancing from an early date. Every facility used as a dance hall was charged three dollars per event. Other items up for consideration early were dog taxes and control of public decorum at Oak Lawn Lake. The trustees directed that all bathers be clad in a suit covering the body from the shoulders to the knees.

Public improvement other than the introduction of gas to the Village also figured in early agendas. Sidewalks, either of concrete or cinders, were a high priority, as was the bringing of electricity to Oak Lawn from Evergreen Park (1910).

In retrospect, a number of factors spurred the residents of Oak Lawn to incorporate into a Village. The threat of an ever growing Chicago, which gobbled up huge tracts on unincorporated residential communities, and the need for organized local government to establish modern services and improvements provided the need to create the Village of Oak Lawn in 1909.

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A Legend In The Community

The Old Barn Restaurant was opened in 1921 by a man named Andy Kluck. It was originally located in a wooden structure north of 79th street on State Road.

During Prohibition, the Old Barn flourished serving moonshine to their guests, one of whom was the infamous Al Capone.

Much of the Old Barn's early history concerns the early days of aviation. Ashburn Airport was located just east of Cicero Avenue at 83rd Street. The airport was financially backed by "Pop" Dickinson, owner of Dickinson Feed Company, who flew until he was 90. Other names in early aviation history included "Pop" Keller, Lee Partridge and Matty Laird. There was another young man who use to hang around the old airport in order to learn more about flying. His name was Charles Lindberg, Jr.

All this rough and ready crew used the Old Barn as a hangout and headquarter. It wasn't until 1926 that the land for Midway Airport was acquired by the city of Chicago from Stickney Township.

In 1930 Andy Kluck moved the Old Barn to its present location, 81st and Central. In 1932 the wooden structure burned. Andy didn't let this stop him. He erected a tent to serve his patrons while he rebuilt the building...this time in brick. He re-

opened the new building in 1933. The lobby is part of the original building. Over the 78 years many additions have been built. The smaller banquet rooms were opened in 1964. These rooms were originally Andy Kluck's home till being renovated into dining areas. A cocktail lounge was added in 1969. The large 400 seat banquet hall for weddings was added in 1990. Then in 1998 a beer garden for outside dining and cocktails opened.

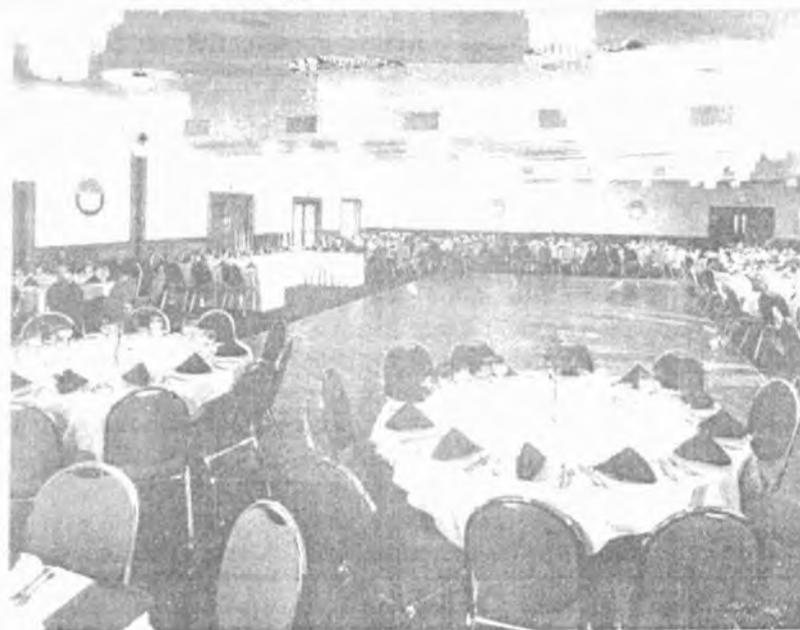
Not much remains from the days of prohibition except the buzzer on the door, the old Waterford crystal and some original photos of the Old Barn from the 20's and 30's.

Back in the early 1930's the late W.C. Fields was a frequent customer as were other show people when they were "playing Chicago." Some more recent notables would be Ronald Reagan and his wife Jane Wyman. Sporting figures such as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicholas would dine when the tour brought them through Chicago.

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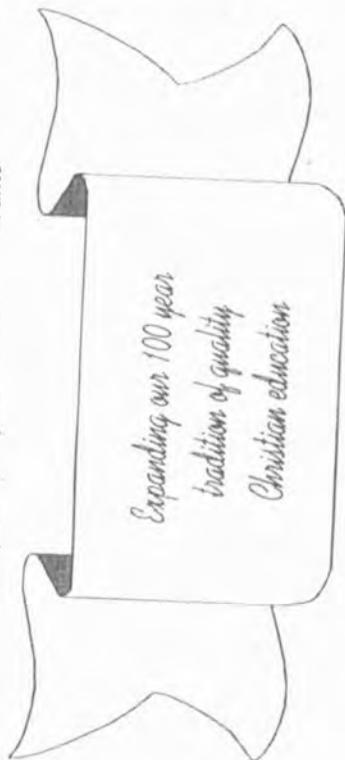
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Oak Lawn Round Up

1949-1958

Oak Lawn, like many other southwest suburban Chicago communities, was experiencing a tremendous surge in growth after World War II. Large-scale housing developments were altering the landscape. Competition for prospective home builders and home buyers was intense; many villages and cities were doing friendly battle with one another for the attentions of young families moving from Chicago. One of the competition's manifestations was a proliferation of special festivals to promote a town's assets. Oak Lawn's contribution to this phenomenon was "Round-Up Days", a celebration which came to be one of the largest annual events in the state.

Round-Up Days began as a National Safety Week parade. Clarence Watson, a local resident and head of the Oak Lawn Safety Council, approached Charles McKary, the president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, for some assistance in organization and publicity. The Chamber agreed to participate and decided to encourage all local businesses to hold a special sale (Dollar Day) to coincide with the parade. A publicity committee was formed; as a result of their discussions a more ambitious plan for the event began to take shape. Lynn Storey, a prominent Oak Lawn contractor, and James Sweeney, proprietor of the Oak Lawn News Agency, were two of the most influential voices in the early planning process. Largely through their persuasion, a unifying historical theme was chosen.

During Chicago's pioneer era, bands of robbers on horseback would use selected locations west of the old Vincennes Trail and Western Avenue as hideouts, from which they would conduct raids upon hapless travellers who made use of these two routes. Consequently, several areas on Chicago's southwest side became known as "Horse Thief Hollow". At the time that the committee was considering alternatives, local folklore had it that the highwaymen made use of the oak groves here for just such a purpose. Although more recent investigation has not confirmed that outlaws ever did gather in Oak Lawn, the excitement and romance implicit in the story may have overridden any questions of historical accuracy, if any were raised. Ready availability of horses at several nearby riding stables made a Wild West theme practical as well. The Village was on its way toward developing a major event.

October 14 and 15, 1949 were slated as the days for the parade and other activities. For this first Round-Up the Chamber found itself having to make all arrangements in a three week period. Their first efforts were rewarded; approximately 25,000 people witnessed the parade and related events. Although the Oak Lawn Independent of September 17, 1953 described the first parade as nothing more than a few cars, bicycles and six merchants on horseback (which we presume to be an understatement) the enthusiastic response convinced the Chamber of Commerce was prepared to hold the Round Up as annual affair.

Naturally, the Chamber had ideas of making the following year's Round-Up "bigger and better." Increasing numbers of hours were devoted to planning. In 1950 the Chamber rented a vacant store along 95th Street to serve as Round-Up headquarters, where committee members met daily to map out strategy for the event.

Although it is not clear to what extent other local organizations participated in the original celebration, by 1950 sev-

eral groups were sponsoring booths and other amusements. The Lynwood Womens Club and the Oak Lawn Fire Department Auxiliary each sold "ten-gallon hats," at opposite ends of the village. The Oak Lawn Homeowners Association peddled western novelties; in the center of the village the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post and the Green Oak Post of the American Legion joined forces to manage a carnival. Refreshments for adults were dispensed by the Oak Lawn Athletic Association, while the younger set was served at "Kiddie Bars" run by the Lions Club. An open-air barbecue was operated by the Oak Lawn Fire Department. Other organizations, like the Oak Lawn Sportsman's Club, St. Gerald Men's Club and even the Oak Lawn Swimming Pool Fund also participated.

Square dancing was a principal element of the festivities from the beginning. Areas were set aside for both competitive and noncompetitive use. Square dance sets from Oak Lawn and the entire region would compete against one another for awards and prizes, accompanied by well-known bands and callers.

One of the highlights of the Round-Up was a mock villainous event, such as an incident of horse thievery or a stagecoach holdup, followed by a chase, capture of the desperadoes, and administration of justice, frontier-style.

The major focus continued to be on the parade, however. The Chamber encouraged all participating businesses and civic organizations to develop western themes, and most did. Horse-and-buggies, Conestoga wagons, antique hand-pumped firefighting equipment, horse-drawn hayracks, nearly 100 floats and a total of over 400 horses and riders all were part of the 1950 parade. Worth, Palos Heights, Palos Park and the unincorporated areas of Grandview Park and Columbus Manor placed entries in the event. Blue Island High School, Stickney Township High School, Warren Weaver's Accordion Band, the Gasparato School of Music and two American Legion posts provided music for the crowds. Store owners did their best to decorate the parade route with appropriate window displays. Posts were installed at various locations along 95th Street.

A Major Event

The project seemed to gather momentum each year. Even as early as 1950, reports of attendance in excess of 100,000 for the three day period were circulating. Along with success, however, came special logistical problems. By 1952 Oak Lawn police were assisted by law officers from several surrounding towns, military police and uniformed ushers. The 1950 Chamber was already making use of radio-equipped vehicles to help coordinate the parade.

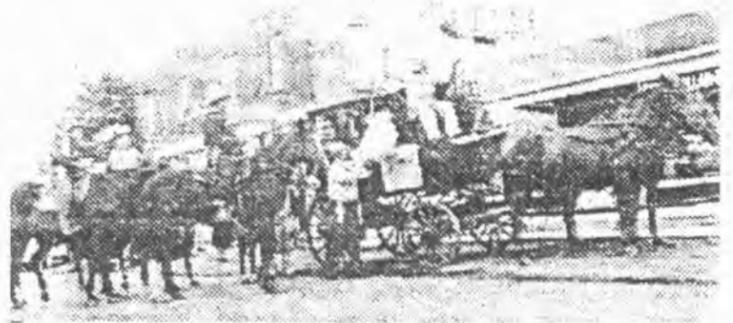
In fact, the entire program became so large by its fourth presentation in 1952, the Chamber had come to realize they could no longer manage everything themselves. After interviewing representatives from several promotion companies, Frank Cole, and Oak Lawn resident with appropriate experience, was hired to coordinate activities. Robert Revolt, and other local citizen, provided advice and other assistance in arranging the concessions. Mr. Cole, and later, his wife, Peggy, were involved in managing the Round Up until its demise.

Once the continued success of the Round-Up seemed assured, the attitude of the Chamber and other organizations toward the event underwent a change.

Originally, the principal purpose behind staging the Round-Up was to promote Oak Lawn as an inviting community in which to settle and raise a family.

According to available accounts, little effort was made to utilize Round-Up activities for fundraising. However, in 1951 Chamber of Commerce president Elmer Buell advanced the idea that all local associations should take advantage of the publicity and crowds and attempt to make the Round-Up their single money-making effort each year. For their part, the Chamber continued to donate any net profits to causes in the village which the organization deemed worthy. In 1952 the \$6,000 profit went to Oak Lawn Community High School for its athletic field and related facilities.

A key to the success of the Round-Up was the widespread publicity which the Chamber and others were able to generate. After appearing on WGN's Newsreel four times as a result of the initial celebration, the community realized the importance of appearing before the public to "plug" the Round-Up. In 1952 the Chamber's Publicity Committee appeared on at least eight radio and television programs. Similar efforts were carried on by local performing groups and organizations. Their cumulative efforts three years later led to full page coverage in every major newspaper in the Chicagoland area, in addition to television and radio spots.



Village merchants, as bandits and posse, pose on horseback with stagecoach in front of Oak Lawn Trust & Savings Bank (1950)

As the publicity reached larger proportions, as did the entire Round-Up; several other special attractions were added. One of the most popular was Oak Lawn's version of "prospecting." Several locations were designated as "mines," with such rustic names as "Bonanza No. 4" and "Cripple Creek." In actuality, they were large piles of sand with generous quantity of capsules buried under the surface. Each capsule contained coupons redeemable for prizes from local merchants, which in some cases were substantial. Each shovelful of sand sold for a quarter. Some lucky "prospectors" came away from their labors very happy.

A "mystery rider" also became a fixture of the Round-Up festivities. Normally a prominent local resident decked out in western regalia, he remained masked throughout the week, riding through town promoting the Round-Up. Contests were held to guess his identity; prizes were awarded for the most cleverly worded correct guesses. In addition the "mystery rider" distributed coupons for a village-wide "lucky shopper" promotion, which one year resulted in a new car going to some fortunate patron of local businesses.

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Cupid Candies is still a family owned and operated business and even today, although retired at 99, Mr. Stefanos occasionally visits the store to make sure that everything runs smoothly and products are just as they were 46 years ago. Cupid still manufactures it's own candies daily, using only the finest ingredients, "Real" chocolate, cream, butter and prime nut meats, along with it's own 16% ice cream.

Along with the Oak Lawn store, Cupid Candies still operates two other stores, an ice cream and candy shop in Orland Park, and in Chicago, a manufacturing facility and candy shop. Although the retail business is still a major concern of Cupid Candies, their business has been expanded on the wholesale level to include a complete line of "Sugar Free" candies distributed nationally under the private label of Golden Farm Candies, as well as private label products for companies such as Crate & Barrel, Figi's, Great Expectation Confections and others. Also, the primary goal of Cupid Candies this year has been to expand it's market to manufacture "Chicago's Favorite" French Mint. This includes new packaging and the addition of two new flavors, French Coffee and French Run. These products are currently sold at O'hare Airport through Midwest Gourmet Shops, downtown in stores such as Treasure Island Foods and Market Place, and northwest in the northwest suburbs at Schaffer's and Sunset Foods. Product brochures and price lists for the upcoming holidays are available at all Cupid stores - quantity discounts are available.

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History of Oak Lawn Fire Department

Another exciting event in early Oak Lawn was the disastrous fire in January, 1912, that destroyed August Behrend's home and store at the corner of Wabash and Cook Avenues. In August of the same year, Behrend built a new house and hardware store at 95th Street and Raymond Avenue where the house still stands.

Those were the "good old days," as some early residents refer to that period, when everyone depended on their neighbors and rushed to help each other when disaster struck.

When the fire alarm sounded, Art Eichler would put the water pump on his back and speed to the scene on his motorcycle. Later, Johnny Schultz would arrive with his sprinkling wagon. Other neighbors would rush to the fire with buckets of water carried on horseback, in buggies or in cars and help fight the fire. Crude two-wheeled carts were also used.

In 1923, the first Oak Lawn Volunteer Fire Department was organized by five Oak Lawn men. They were Paul Bruggeman, Charles Hall, Nick Schmalen, Al Schultz and John Steinfatt. Nick Schmalen was then a trustee and chairman of the fire and water committee. Oak Lawn's population had increased to 2,400.

Not long after, ten other men joined the fledgling department. To raise funds to purchase gear and equipment, a masquerade ball was held in February, 1924. A Reo fire truck and 1,000 feet of hose were ordered at an approximate cost of \$5,000. The truck was equipped with a 200-gallon-per minute pump and two, 35-gallon soda and acid tanks. It was housed in the old police station built by contractor Harry Phillips for \$350.

The fire alarm system was quite different from that in operation today. When a telephone operator received a fire call, she would call a volunteer fireman who would rush to the firehouse, move the truck outside and blow the fire siren to summon the other firemen to the firehouse.

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On the way back from the fire, the truck radiator ran out of water and boiled over. By the time they arrived back at the firehouse, the truck motor was steaming and red hot. The Mayor was pacing up and down the street. The firemen asked the Mayor what the trouble was. The Mayor inquired if all the firemen were all right and whether any of them had been hurt. When he was told that everyone was all right, and no one had been hurt, the Mayor responded: "Thank the Lord for that. You know, I was worried to death. Nobody has a dime's worth of insurance on him (the fireman)." The insurance had lapsed. The firemen laughed at what might have been a very serious situation if any had been injured.

Gunther and Bruggeman also recalled how the volunteer firemen played Santa Claus during the depression years of the 1930's. They repaired toys and delivered the toys and food baskets to needy families in the area. The food baskets were purchased with money contributed by the individual firemen. When one family had no coal to heat their house, the firemen drove over to Brandt's Coal Yard, loaded a quantity of the coal into the back of the fire truck and delivered it to the family.

The firemen also delivered bags of candy to the Village youngsters during the Christmas season with Santa Claus waving to the children from the top of the fire truck. In the mid-30's, when the candy program began, the firemen packed about 500 bags of candy. By the mid-50's, they were distributing nearly 10,000 bags of candy and had to discontinue the program because of insufficient funds.¹

In 1937, the Village purchased a Dodge chassis and the equipment previously installed on the Reo truck was transferred to the Dodge.

In 1939, the north part of the first floor of the firehouse at Cook Avenue and James Street was constructed as a WPA (Works Project Administration) project, at a cost of \$20,000 in federal funds. The second floor of the firehouse was roughed in by the Village at a cost of \$1,500 in 1941.

A new Seagrave pumper was ordered in 1942, but because of World War II, delivery was not made until 1944. For more than two years, the War Production Board consistently denied the Oak Lawn Fire Department's request for approval to purchase a new fire truck, citing national defense priorities and shortage of materials as reasons for the denial. Dozens of pages of correspondence were exchanged between the Fire Department and Village officials, as well as a local Congressman, in an effort to convince the War Production Board of the urgent need for the pumper. After two or three young children burned to death because the fire department did not have the apparatus to respond, Oak Lawn received a priority and was granted permission to purchase the 1944 Seagrave pumper.⁴

The Oak Lawn Fire Department Club was chartered by the State of Illinois on June 24, 1942.

The Club was an organization of volunteer firemen which sponsored dances, carnivals and a variety of other fund-raising activities. The revenue from these events was used to purchase equipment, apparatus, uniforms and other necessities for the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

The Oak Lawn Fire Department Auxiliary was also organized in 1942. The first officers were Mrs. Manuel Mann, President; Mrs. Elmore Harker, Secretary; and Mrs. Robert Schroeder, Treasurer. The Auxiliary was the first organization of its kind to be incorporated. The incorporation took place in April, 1945. Members of the first board of directors were Edythe Bates, June O'Malley, Margaret Eichler, Betty Reno, Ann Bulow, Lucy Hamilton and Ann Bruggeman.

Auxiliary members also worked at the annual fire department carnivals and other fund-raising events. They helped pack Christmas candy for distribution to the children of Oak Lawn. Draperies and other furnishing at the firehouse and linens for the ambulances were also provided with funds raised by the Auxiliary.

The annual picnics, dances, installation of officers and other events held jointly by the Auxiliary and the Fire Department Club provided opportunities for the fire department personnel and their families to enjoy themselves socially as a group.¹

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Law and Order Comes To Oak Lawn

One of the gripping problems of our time is the sense that we are never free from the risk of crime. It seems to permeate our society and erodes our sense of security. This feeling demands the presence of a well trained and equipped police force that is the keystone of our protection. Oak Lawn, in a comparatively short history, has seen the need to make police enforcement one of its obligations in maintaining civil government. This was one of the first priorities in establishing village government in 1909, and remained so through varying means and ways to the present.

At the time of Oak Lawn's incorporation as a village in 1909, there was no legally constituted authority which was empowered to police the small settlement of 300 people. Certainly, there was a measure of community self-enforcement when dealing with violators of state and county law. Save for the protection of the Worth Township Marshall, and perhaps police protection from nearby Evergreen Park or Chicago, the village was on its own.

This may have been one of the reasons why the village incorporated in 1909. Among the first actions of the village trustees was the enactment of a number of ordinances which dictated the rules by which the villagers would live. One of the ordinances created the position of Police Magistrate as an elected official. The magistrate saw to the enforcement of all other ordinances, and may be likened to a Justice of the Peace in his role as judge.

Harry Hilgendorf and Lester McKee ran for the office in the second election after incorporation of Oak Lawn, with McKee winning by 30 votes on April 30, 1909. McKee would serve only a short time as magistrate, and he resigned from the position on August 10, 1909. Later magistrates included people who figured prominently in early Oak Lawn government and society. So in a way, the Police Magistrate's position was a spring board to higher office, it being the most visible of village elective office.

A resolution was passed in July of 1910 by the village elders to construct a jailhouse located next to the first village hall just north of 95th Street on Cook Avenue, the site of today's expanded fire hall. William Aulwurm constructed the cement block building for \$995.00, and it was ready for action by September of that year.

Along with the creation of the Po-

lice Magistrate and ordinances in the Village, the Board of Trustees also hired the first active keeper of the peace to protect Oak Lawn. Frank J. O'Brien was brought on as Village Marshall on June 8, 1909, at the age of 21. He was to figure off and on in law enforcement for the rest of his life, having served as Justice of the Peace from 1925 to the late 1940's. He was paid \$25.00 per year, and "fees", fines collected from violators of the law. While there are no detail concerning O'Brien's duties, we do know that he was a jack of all trades in village government, since he was also the enforcer of the dog tax, jail keeper, janitor for the Village Hall, and helped put out fires. He also was to receive \$2.00 per day when rendering "special services" a catch-all phrase which brought into being the ubiquitous "special police" who were hired on occasion to serve as part time enforcers of the law.

Early on in his career as a law enforcement agent, Village Marshall O'Brien had the grave misfortune of shooting one of Oak Lawn's leading citizens, Fred Shultz, in front of Shultz's store in October of 1909, a short six months after his appointment. The circumstances of the incident are unknown, but we do know that Shultz was paid \$300.00 for his injuries by the village board, and Anton J. Rieck soon after became Village Marshall--after posting a \$500.00 bond with the village. Rieck served only a short time and resigned as Marshall in September of 1910.

O'Brien, back in the good graces of the Village Trustees, was reappointed as Marshall on November 8 of that same year. As compensation, O'Brien was to earn \$120.00 per year, a cut back from the \$360.00 that was paid Rieck. Soon after he was re-employed, his salary was increased to \$120.00 per month. He officially resigned on November 14, 1941, and the Village Trustees decided to abolish the position of Village Marshall the following month due to a lack of funds. It was difficult for the Board to hire anyone on a Marshall for so little money. All through the early history of the Village Police, the men who worked for

the village had other sources of revenue to keep them going. The next mention of any police protection in the Village does not appear until August of 1914, well after one of the more notorious episodes in Oak Lawn history--the Brandt Tavern brawl.

Police duties during the period from O'Briens resignation until the appointment of Harry Fletcher as "special officer" were provided by special police, village people who served temporarily as the village trustees saw fit. The Police Magistrate was the only official who saw to the safeguarding of the village. Villagers had to look to their own protection, and the small farm town on the outskirts showed no evidence of being a crime capitol.

Harry Fletcher was succeeded by Art Eichler in the role of "Highway Policeman" in 1919. One of the more colorful policemen to have joined the force, Eichler was a native of Chicago who assumed his duties one year after his coming to Oak Lawn. He also was a part-time fireman who carried a water pump on his back to the scene of fires, became Village Health Officer and also looked after children whose mothers were shopping on 95th Street when times were quiet.

1925 saw the addition of John Cleveland to the village police force as a "special policeman" who patrolled the village streets at night for \$75.00 per month. On becoming a full-timer, he and Eichler became the mainstays of the force with Fred O'Brien, Frank O'Brien's son, working part-time hours. They both received higher and higher pay through the 1920's, as a result of the increased annual budget the village could afford due to its rising population and new business.

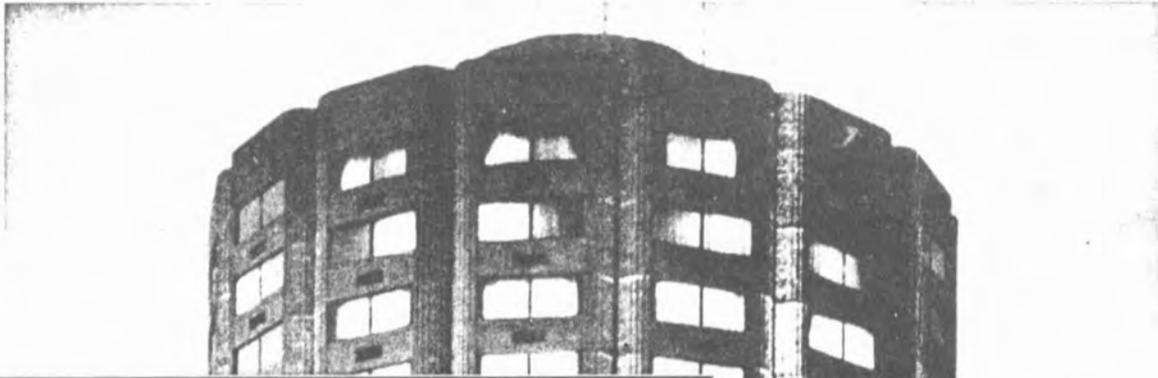
Equipping a modern police force

was a problem which was tackled in the thirties. Traditionally, each member of the police force had to provide his own equipment--his guns, uniform, motorcycle and patrol car. The village acted to ease the burden by at least paying for insurance on the vehicles, small compensation for a larger personal expense.

Primitive communications for the care were provided in 1934 when Fred O'Brien's car was equipped with a radio that picked up signals from headquarters; O'Brien would have to stop at the nearest phone to respond to the call with a message, however. The radio soon gave out on the rough village roads and was replaced. The village finally purchased a patrol car in 1936, reasoning that they would save money on the annual insurance premium on two cars and not having to increase the patrolman's salary.

Uniforms, radios, vehicles and other items certainly placed a burden on the financially insecure village, and a solution of sorts was found in the raising of funds by the Oak Lawn Police club, a service organization founded to support the police. Active throughout the 1930's, 40's and 50's the Club held annual dances to raise money for the department.

By the end of the 1930's, the Oak Lawn Police force had been transformed from a small village peacekeeping force which saw little local crime to a suburban patrol with three full-time members who made their living protecting the public. Now properly equipped and trained, they were the nucleus of the post-war expansion which followed. These changes had been brought about by the inevitable adjustment to larger and sustained growth in population in the village, increased availability of funding, the growing influence of Chicago and the changing technology of the day.



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Our third business is our *cellular and paging division*. We have been an authorized CellularOne dealer for over 12 years. We remember when a "smaller" phone was the size of an overnight bag, and sold for over \$2,000.00. Now we have phones as small as a pack of gum with prices to match. We sell Nokia, Motorola and Ericsson, the three leading manufacturers of cellular products. We also carry a full line of batteries, car cords, leather cases and hands free kits for all phones. We can even special order any accessory for your phone regardless of who your present carrier is.

Our paging service has coverage areas that extend locally from Chicago to a nationwide coverage. We offer numeric service, where just a number appears, along with alpha service where a toll free call to a live operator ends up being a typed message that appears on your pager. Of course voice mail can be added to any of our paging or cellular services.

A&G Radio and TV's business hours are Monday and Thursday 9am to 8pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 5:30pm and Saturdays 9am to 4pm. We can be reached at 708/424-6868 or faxed at 708/424-3478. We look forward to serving you and hope the next 36 years are as enjoyable as the first!

74 Years of Continuous Dental and Medical Service

Dr. Craig Kostrubala, D.D.S. continues in the family tradition of providing dental and medical services to the people of Oak Lawn and southwestern suburbs, as does his father Dr. Bart Kostrubala, D.D.S.

Dr. Joseph Kostrubala graduated from Loyola Dental School in 1926 and later went on to medical school, became a well-known plastic surgeon on the staff of several hospitals, including Christ Hospital. Dr. Joseph taught at Loyola and was head of the Oral Surgery department for many years. His son Dr. Theodore Kostrubala is a practicing psychiatrist in Northern California. And their grand-uncle Dr. Marion Kostrubala D.D.S. graduated from Northwestern in 1931, practicing many years at 51st and Damen till his retirement to Florida.

Dr. Craig's mom is a retired R.N., graduated from St. Xavier Mary Hospital School of Nursing. His aunt Paula is also a R.N. along with Dr. Paul Valasek, D.D.S. is a cousin practicing in southwest Chicago.

Keeping up with progress, Dr. Craig will have a website available in January 2000 at www.oaklawndentist.com

The Bart Kostrubala family has resided in Oak Lawn for almost 39 years. Dr. Barth's father was editor of the Polish Daily News till his death in 1958.

All of the Kostrubala children have attended St. Germaine School. Bart's sons, Gary, Craig and Mark attended Marist High. Sharon attended Mt. Asseci Academy in Lemont. All have gone on to university.

Dr. Craig and Dr. Bart organized free dental exams fro school children. Dr. Bart was a member of the Youth Commission of Oak Lawn for 17 years. Dr. Craig Kostrubala, D.D.S. was president of the last graduating class at Loyola Dental School in 1993. He and his wife Kelly reside in Oak Lawn with their infant son, Andrew.

Contact our office at (708) 346-9600 for all you dental needs!

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OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP PLANS UNDERWAY



MERRILL STENBOM is busy outlining plans for a concerted drive on membership, and present members are being contacted with an organizational chart for their participation.

Merrill said, "The Chamber is becoming more and more the voice of the business community, and every business man in the village should be an integral part of this recognition." Contacts will be made shortly, and it is hoped the newer additions to the village will respond to this drive.

Shown: Frank Boblak, Chamber president, Dottie Olsen, Executive Secretary, Ruth Baulos, member, and Merrill Stenbom, Membership Chairman.



Hats for all the men at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing July 12th, are displayed by co-chairmen Harold Miller and Bob Krause. Dottie Olsen, Chamber Executive Secretary, is showing one of the Leis to be given all the ladies.

Circus Slated Here For Holiday

Arrangements between the Oak Lawn Park District and a representative of the King

Bros. Circus, reportedly one of America's finest, have been completed to present

performances here afternoon and night on July 3, 1972, 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The all new performance will be noted for its great variety of performing horses and ponies, but also features almost every type of entertainment known to the circus world under the mammoth big top. The circus promises many imported stars and attractions which will be seen in the United States for the first time.

Acres and acres of billowing canvas tents which include the big top, side show, dining tent, and wardrobe tent will be erected on the proposed circus grounds at Simmons Park, 93rd and Crescent (6300 West).

Chamber All Set For Golf Outing



Part of the golf committee for the Oak Lawn Chamber golf outing met and tried on some of the items to be given away to all attending the "Beachcomber Party." This is the annual golf outing to be held at Palos Country Club on July 12. All sorts of prizes, gimmicks, fun and gifts - Tiki Huts - Outriggers - balloons - hats - orchids, etc.

Reservations can be made now by calling the chamber office, 636-2950. Golf \$7.50 and dinner \$10.50, make plans now to have a table and join the crowd. Part of the entertainment will be the entire cast of "South Pacific." Don't miss this.

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Municipal vehicles in Oak Lawn will carry their own billboards during Beautification Week, May 13 thru 20. Ernest Kolb, (L) village clerk and Herb Huskey, trustee, affix green and white signs to proclaim the major efforts underway throughout the village to help make Oak Lawn the most beautiful village in the United States.

NEWS MARKETER



Fly American Airlines to Hawaii



The Oak Lawn Chamber reminder of the Golf Outing Wednesday, July 12, at Palos Country Club, includes a picture of the las 'hula' dancers they had at their Hawaiian Party a couple of years ago.

If you attended that one, do you remember who they were? If you didn't attend, wouldn't you like to find out? Come to the GOLF Outing - play golf - enjoy the entertainment which includes the St. Linus South Pacific show, authentic island dancers - "South Sea Islanders" dinner and dancing.

Golf \$7.50 - dinner \$10.50 ----real Hawaiian style...beachcomber wear for comfort and ease. Call the Chamber office for reservations covering dinner tables or golf - the office will make tee off time for your golf. 636-2950. Call in reservations now and join the fun.

FREE HAWAII TRIP

to the Islands". This show will include numbers from Ford City Bank, 7601 S. Cicero, has expanded its "South Pacific" as well as quarters for the third time other song and dance routine in a little over two years. The tunes created especially for fast-growing institution is celebrating this latest addition. "We'll do our show the same way we try to do everything: give it all we've got," an open house on Sunday, June 25. Highlight of the week will be the drawing for Ford City Bank. "If it a free trip to Hawaii on hadn't been for the people American Airlines. who live on the southwest side of Chicago, we wouldn't have grown the way we have. Balloons and games So, on Sunday, June 25, we will be available for the plan to give them a show children. And Hawaiian performers they'll remember for years." During the celebration week, visitors may enter a drawing for a free trip to Hawaii aboard American Airlines. Winners will spend a week in the fabulous Ala Moana Hotel. The drawing will be held on Monday, June 26, and the winner will be notified by phone or mail immediately afterwards. You need not be present at the drawing to win. Coupons for this event may be obtained from the bank during the week of June 19. At the open house, exotic refreshments will be served, the imported Hawaiian performers You may have seen car-will appear again, and a large group of the bank's employees will stage a special revue called "Come Away With Me in Ford City Shopping Center."

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MAYER DUMKE CUTS RIBBON AT GRAND OPENING OF FIELD'S RESTAURANT



Fred M. Dumke, Village President cuts the ribbon at the grand opening ceremonies of the original Field's Restaurant, 10401 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn. Participating are (left to right) Irene Pall, Spiro Gofis (owner); Dumke, Dean Gofis (owner) and Carol Bryan.

The Gofis brothers, Chris Dean and Spiro, bring with them a combined total of 63 years experience in the restaurant business.

In a welcoming address, Mayor Dumke said, "We're proud to have the Gofis brothers and a restaurant of this caliber in Oak Lawn."

OAK LAWN CHAMBER IMPORTS DANCERS



The Chamber is having authentic island dancers at the golf outing - July 12th. Palos Country Club. The group includes people from Samoa, Tahiti and Hawaii. Entertainment will include the famous 'fire dance' as well as other offerings.



Open Len Scaduto Driving School In Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce welcomes Len Scaduto at the opening of "Len Scaduto's Oak Lawn Driving School." Len is the Varsity Basketball Coach at Oak Lawn Community high school and a resident of Oak Lawn for the past 16 years.

Shown welcoming him to the community of business people are: (left to right) Merrill Stenbom, Frank Boblak, Scaduto, Vince Barcelona, Mary Lotz, Howard Earnest, Warren Schlieske and Milt Andersen.

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Out to swing

Vince Barcelona, right above, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, shows his swinging style to Oak Lawn Mayor Fred Dumke at the annual Chamber golf outing which drew a capacity crowd Wednesday. The mayor demonstrates his own preferred swinging style below.



OAK LAWN CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

Displaying trophies for the Chamber President; Lou Mirabelli, Golf Activities; Harold Miller and Merrill Stenbom, member. Outing are Vince Barcelona, Miller and Bob Krause, Co-

Charlie Reich To Be Honored At Testimonial



Charlie Reich

A testimonial dinner dance to honor Charlie Reich, retiring director of the Oak Lawn Public Works department, will be held Friday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Palos Country club, 131st and Southwest hwy.

The gala event, entitled "Charlie Reich Nite" is sponsored jointly by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, the Oak Lawn Elks club, the workers of the village, and members of other organizations that Reich belongs to.

Reich's retirement Sept. 3 culminated a 26-year career with the village of Oak Lawn, the last 14 of which were spent as director of the public works department.

Tickets to the event are \$12.50 each and include dinner, an open bar, and dancing. For tickets or more information, contact one of the following: Dottie Olsen, 598-3687; Edward Kasper, 424-0935; Leonard Reno, 422-0877; or Ed Endzel at 423-6474.

Family Seminar

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that this will not be a lecture series although it will be structured so that there are logical points of discussion and no one will be forced to participate.

This program is being limited to 12 couples, who are encouraged to participate jointly. However, a single-parent is also encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 8 pm and will be held at the Family Service Center, 9526 Cook, OL on the following dates: Thursdays Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16 & 30 and Dec 7.

There is no charge for this program. Each couple will be encouraged to remain thruout the series of 6 meetings. Participation is limited to OL residents only. For info call 423-3361.

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Plan Seminar Here

A six week family communication seminar will be offered by the Oak Lawn Family Service beginning on Thurs., Oct. 26th and continuing for five Thursday evenings, or until Dec. 7th.

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"Communication within the Family: Can it help in coping with a Changing World?" Communication as a process of family development will be the theme.

Miss Conway said, "We will be talking about the language of behavior and the meaning of behavior at important junctures in a family life." Based on her experience with school children she is aware of the crisis points in a family and the need for a positive handling of such crises. She also stated, "By sharing our experiences we can learn from each other."

Mr. Brownstone pointed out that, "This will not be a lecture series although it will be structured so that there are logical points of discussion. No one will be forced to participate," he said, "but we think the program that will include films and recommended reading, will bring out, in a natural way, a desire to talk about the problems of modern families."

There is no charge for this program. Each couple will be encouraged to remain throughout the series of six meetings. Participation is limited to residents of the Village of Oak Lawn. For information, call 423-3361.

Chamber to present community awards

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold their Community Award Dinner on Wednesday, April 25, Banana's Steak House, 94th & Cicero. Cocktail hour will be at 7 pm and dinner will be at 7:30 pm.

These certificates are presented to individuals who have contributed to the growth and welfare of the village during the past years.

Residents are invited to submit names of persons in the village that they feel are worthy of such consideration. The chamber has a committee which screens all the candidates and selects those who will be recipients of the award for this year. Names of candidates not selected are kept on file for future consideration.

This dinner is held to honor the residents and the public is invited to join with the chamber in extending a "thank you" to these Oak Lawn workers. The price of the dinner will be nominal and reservations can be made at the chamber office - 636-2950. Any name for consideration can be sent to the chamber office, along with some background why

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O.L. CHAMBER INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce recently held installation of their new officers and directors at Golden Age Restaurant, with a crowd of over 300 in attendance. A delicious dinner was served, entertainment was provided and all the ladies were the recipients of a lovely gift compliments of the installation committee.

Fred Dumke, Village President, was the installing officer and dignitaries from Oak Lawn Worth, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Burbank all joined in the festivities.

Village congratulates new Chamber Officers:
Seated: Leroy Corradino, O.L. Chamber pres., Fred Dumke, Village pres. Frank Boblak, 1st VP Chamber of Commerce.

Standing: Merrill Stenbom, Treasurer, Bob Oldland, Village Mgr., Trustee Harold Bacon, Vince Barcelona, director, Trustee Bud Randall, Director Ernie Kolb, Trustee Herb Huskey and 2nd VP Jack Kasper.



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Dave Sloman In Concert

The Eureka College Department of Music presented a recital Monday, Feb. 26. Selections were presented by the Recorder Consort, Brass Quartet, and individual voice students.

Dave Sloman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sloman, 6754 W. 92nd St., Oak Lawn, performed with the Brass Quartet.

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Chamber Of Commerce Plans Open Forum For Residents

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Chamber Of Commerce Award Winners

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Community Award Dinner was held on Wednesday, April 25th, at Banana s Steak House.

The Dinner was held to honor individuals who have contributed to the growth and welfare of the village during the past years.

Nominees and Recipients are: Left to right: Ray Childers, accepting the award for Florence Laughlin; Alice Ihrig; Ed Kasper, Co - Chairman of the Dinner, Kay Barz; Steve Scaduto, accepting the award for his father Len Scaduto; Leroy Corradino, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Celia Dumke; Lou Novison; Warren Schlieske, Co - Chairman; Ray Becker, and George Vournazos.

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South Pacific Beachcombers



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The ladies engaged in planning decorations for the dinner and evening are: Joann Krause, Wendy Miller, Betty Stenbom, Joan Buschbach and Joyce Andersen.

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

SOUTH PACIFIC BEACHCOMBERS 6/72



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Krause and his Committee: Harold Miller, Merrill Stenbom, Jim Buschbach, and Milt Andersen.

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The OL Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with an installation banquet to be held on Jan 29, at St Nicholas Hellenic Orthodox Church. The affair will be catered by the Holiday Inn.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 and dancing.

One of the longest head tables in the Oak Lawn Chamber history is expected, with over 30 distinguished guests including village officials, and past, present, and in-coming officers of the chamber. Out-going pres is Matt Lamb of Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes, and in-coming pres is Vince Barcelona, Colonial Savings & Loan.

Entertainment will be provided by the famous Harmonicats and the Gaslight Road Show.

The Gaslight Road Show, from the famous Gaslight Clubs, is made up of 5 great jazz musicians (piano, trumpet, clarinet,

trombone and drums) who play the truest Dixieland and 4 gorgeous Gaslight girls with their wild Charleston and nostalgic tunes. Group participation is encouraged during the shows as the girls do their Charleston demonstrations and other audience participation events. Afterwards, the group can enjoy the band's dance music.

Comprised of 3 very talented men, Jerry Murad's Harmonicats blow a tune that's nothing short of exciting. The harmonica group has a number of Columbia albums available including such hits as "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White," "Forgotten Dreams," "Peg O' My Heart," and "Sentimental Serenade."

Tickets for this prominent Oak Lawn social event are \$25 each and can be obtained from the OL Chamber of Commerce office (636-2950) or any chamber member.



Shown (l to r) are the working committee of the chamber's 25th anniversary installation banquet: Jack Kasper, Greager and Kasper Florists, who is in charge of decorations; Davis Boyd, dir of

George Washington S&L, tickets; Leroy Corradino, vp and cashier, Oak Lawn T&S Bank, gen chmn; Dottie Olsen exec secy, OL Chamber; and Lyle E. Brooks, pres, Brooks Adv, Inc., publicity.

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Sheraton Motor Inn For Oak Lawn



Present for groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Oak Lawn Sheraton Motor Inn were representatives of the Boston based organization, the owners of the franchise and village officials.

Shown above Tom Trethaway, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon, Kathy Luxen, Glen Thierwechter, Mrs. Ray Luxen, Ray Luxen, Oak Lawn Mayor Fred Dumke, and Leo

Nelson, McMahon and Luxen are jointly involved in the venture.

Following the groundbreaking, Luxen and McMahon were hosts to local dignitaries at a luncheon at Banana's Steak House.

Work is expected to begin immediately on the deluxe motor inn.

Chamber To Honor Outstanding Citizens

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will honor 'community service' minded residents at a dinner to be held April 26th, 1972 at Golden Age Restaurant.

Any one who would like to submit the name of a worthy individual is invited to do so by sending name and a brief biography or history of qualifications that would entitle this person (living or deceased) to such recognition.

The Chamber of Commerce dinners will recognize citizens with the exception of elected public officials, because the officials do receive recognition in other ways. A committee will screen the names as submitted and selections will be made and announced prior to the April 26th date.

NAMES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10. Send names and information to Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Box 585, 5251 W. 95th st., Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.



FIRST MEETING NEW 1972 OFFICERS AND BOARD, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANANA'S STEAK HOUSE: (L to R) Jim Buschbach, Davis Boyd, Lou Mirabelli, Joe Gradowski, Ernie Wulff, Sr., Bob Krause, Ed Kasper, LeRoy Corradino, Vince Barcelona, Robert Nelson (new Post Office Officer in Charge), Frank Boblak, Harold Miller, R. Young (Kentucky Fried Chicken, Colonel Sanders visitor), Gene O'Reilly, Mary Lotz, Jack Kasper, Warren Schlieske, Matt Lamb III, Howard Earnest, Ron Frank.

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Beautification Award In Oak Lawn



Lucille Henthorne and Mayor Dunke congratulate Terry Ingerson, territory manager of the Shell Oil company, who received the 1972 Beautification Award in behalf of the Shell Service Station at 5111 W. 95th st. The Oak Lawn Safety Council plans to make the award annually for an outstanding contribution to the beautification of Oak Lawn.

Open House At Merrill Answering Service



Recently customers, friends and the business community shared the enjoyment of an Open House at Merrill Answering Service, 4855 W. 95th st., Oak Lawn, given by Betty and Merrill Stenbom. The occasion was the completion of remodeling and enlarging of the answering service company's offices.

Merrill Stenbom, a past president of the Telephone Answering Services of Illinois explained that telephone secretaries at Merrill Answering are on the job seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The answering service industry originally started as an emergency service for physicians, but has now expanded to provide not only telephone answering for doctors, dentists and veterinarians but the entire business community as well, including such unusual accounts as sick "call in" services for school districts and business firms.

Stenbom went on to say that telephone com-

munication now is such an everyday part of life, that no longer can the lawyer, banker, plumber, or contractor walk out the door, turn the key in the lock and expect to efficiently operate his business. Telephone Answering provides that after hours or week-ends assistance that enables him to provide round-the-clock service to his clients.

The modern day telephone secretary is no wise cracking television character, but an efficient, trained operator who is sensitive to the needs of both the caller and her business subscriber.

Pictured above are Betty and Merrill Stenbom, (left), Lee Corradino, first vice president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and telephone secretaries, Rose Thompson, Jeanine Grabowski, Laura Taylor, Mildred Ennis and Lucille O'Neill.

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PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT WELCOMES NEW RESTAURANT TO O.L.



Dean and Spiro Gofis (left) owners of the new original Field's Restaurant, 10401 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, accept a membership application from Vince Barcelona and Frank Boblak, President and Vice President of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, respectively (right). Barcelona and Boblak welcomed the Gofis brothers to Oak Lawn and invited them to join and participate in the Chamber of Commerce.



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CANNINGS WIN OAK LAWN CHAMBER MEXICO TRIP



It was Fiesta Time at the Palos Country Club as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held their annual golf outing. Mexican dancers and Jose Albas Mariachi band provided delightful entertainment, and Eric Grossenbach, the Palos Chef, set a beautiful Mexican cocktail table that was sponsored by the First National Bank of Oak Lawn.

William Shore of Mexicana Airlines drew the winning ticket for the trip to Mexico and the fortunate couple was Dot and Don Canning of Oak Lawn.

Golf Winners were: Tom Tibstra, Men's Low Gross; Mark Wagner, Men's Low Net; Joyce Hrabec, Women's Low Net; Bob Sullivan, Longest Drive and Ken Rehnquist, Closest to the Pin.

Leading the Oak Lawn Lions to an upset victory over the favored Rotary team for the Service Club Trophy were Cliff Mehling, Larry Collings, Bob Kenny and Bill Crowhurst.

Economist Oak Lawn 6/20 Chamber sets outing

Palos country club will be turned into a bit of old Mexico when the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce holds its annual golf and dinner outing Wednesday, July 11.

Highlight of the day will be the awarding of a trip for two to Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco.

The trip will be arranged by Bud Cole of Travel Unlimited, Oak Lawn, in cooperation with Mexicana Airlines and Bon Voyage travel.

Information and reservations are available through the Oak Lawn Chamber office, 636-2950.

Chamber holds first public forum

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OL Chamber sets golf day

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing and dinner at the Palos Country club in Palos Park on July 11

The day will include golf, music, entertainment and dinner in a Mexican mode, plus a grand prize of a trip for two to Mexico City.

Reservations for golf and dinner can be made by calling the Chamber office at 636-2950. Dinner tables can be arranged for any size party.

Golf tee times can also be arranged by calling 636-2950.

AT AUGUSTANA

Barbara Anderson, 5236 Oak Center dr.; Stephen C. Anderson, 4641 W. 99th st., and Scott Nielsen, 4839 Oak Center dr., all of Oak Lawn, are among 128 upperclass students named to Orientation week committees at Augustana college in Rock Island.

OL Chamber plans *Economist* candidate forum 3/25/73

A forum sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has been set for Oak Lawn residents to meet candidates for the village board, park district, school districts and Moraine Valley Community college.

The forum is planned for Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in the Colonial Savings and Loan Community Room, 4740 W. 95th st.

Each candidate will be given the opportunity to state the office he is

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing July 11

Palos Country Club will be turned into a bit of old Mexico as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce holds its annual golf outing and dinner on Wednesday, July 11.

Chmn Merrill Stenbom says that it will be difficult to match previous outings with their luaus, sky divers, fireworks and Polynesian dancers, but he thinks the charm of Mexican music and entertainment will hold its own.

Possibly the highlight of the day will be the drawing of a trip for two to Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco. Arrangements for the trip are being made by Bud Cole of Travel Unlimited in Oak Lawn, in cooperation with Mexicana Airlines and Bon Voyage Travel. Cole says the trip will be outstanding, with deluxe accommodations in all cities. Tickets for

the drawing will be sold only the day of the outing.

If you are interested in golf or an enjoyable evening and dinner call the Oak Lawn Chamber Office, 636-2950. Golf is \$7.50, Dinner \$10.50.

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OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS FOR 1973

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce incoming president LeRoy Corradino will preside over three major commerce activities in 1973 as well as special monthly programs. Other new officers are Frank Boblak, First Vice-President; Jack Kasper, Second Vice-President; Merrill Stenbom, Treasurer; and Mary Lotz, Secretary.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced a new type of monthly program concept for 1973. Although programs for some months have already been planned, others have been left open so that topics of primary interest can be provided. Monthly programs have been designated to cover subjects of prominent concern to both residents of the village as well as the business community.

Co-chairmen Vince Barcelona and Lyle Brooks will head the Legislative Committee which is responsible for the selection of meeting topics during the year.

The Legislative committee will have representatives attending all of the Oak Lawn Village Board and Planning and Development Commission meetings. Previously, the Chamber was represented at all village board sessions, but planning meetings has not been covered.

The major Chamber of Commerce activities for 1973 will begin on April 25th with the Community Service Awards Dinner at Banana's Steak House. Edwin F. Kasper and Warren Schlieske are co-chairmen for the occasion.

On July 11th, the annual Golf outing will be held with

Merrill Stenbom serving as chairman.

The final scheduled event will be the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 24th, chairman Howard Earnest will be in charge of preparations.

Four monthly meetings have already been scheduled for 1973. On February 23rd, the Chamber of Commerce will be in the Community Room of the Colonial Savings and Loan building. The subject will be cancer.

The following monthly meeting on March 28th promises to afford a great deal of local interest. Candidates for Village Board, Library Board and Park Board positions will be presented. However, the meeting will not be devoted to political discussion, but merely to introduce



New Bike Shop

Jerry and Shirley Pierce, Oak Lawn residents, have started a new business venture and held a grand opening on Saturday, March 17. They handle the 10 speed Faehnrich's Granduer bike and have facilities for repairing all makes and models. Their merchandise consists of 3-5-10 speeds, tandems, folding bikes, adult three-wheelers and accessories.

Chamber officers visited the shop, located at 5368 w 95th st, and welcomed them into the business community. Shown above are (l to r) Frank Boblak, 1st vice pres, Merrill Stenbom, treas, Jack Kasper, 2nd vice pres, Shirley Pierce, Jerry Pierce, Dottie Olsen, exec secy.

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Chamber Of Commerce Award Winners

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Community Award Dinner was held on Wednesday, April 25th, at Banana's Steak House.

The Dinner was held to honor individuals who have contributed to the growth and welfare of the village during the past years.

Nominees and Recipients are: Left to right: Ray Childers, accepting the award for Florence Laughlin; Alice Ihrig; Ed Kasper, Co - Chairman of the Dinner, Kay Barz; Steve Scaduto, accepting the award for his father Len Scaduto; Leroy Corradino, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Celia Dumke; Lou Novison; Warren Schlieske, Co - Chairman; Ray Becker, and George Vournazos.

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with some background covering reasons why they should be considered. Mail to Chamber of Commerce, 5251 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, 60453, prior to April 15.

Oak Lawn Chamber Adopts 1973 Program



The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce adopted a New Program Concept for 1973, at their luncheon meeting held in the Holiday Inn recently. The program adopted will serve residents as well as the business community and covered subjects of interest to all concerned.

Coming events are: Meet Your Candidates March 28; Oak Lawn Beautification Program; and Oak Lawn Park District Programs. These, and future events, are to be coordinated and presented through the Legislative Committee with Vince Barcelona and Lyle Brooks, co-chairmen. Topics of general interest will be selected during the year when program suggestions will be forthcoming.

The Legislative committee will have members attending all the village board and Planning and Development Commission meetings. On the committee, left to right: Jack Kasper, Dottie Olsen, Leroy Corradino, Frank Boblak, and Merrill Stenbom.

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OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has started its drive to achieve 100 new members. All businessmen in Oak Lawn are eagerly invited to join the Chamber of Commerce. Membership is a great way to help the community and your business . . . and aid in the many activities and worthwhile functions undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce. Join now and make the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's goal of 100 new members a positive success.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is in the midst of a membership drive during the months of March and April. The village has been divided into sections, with a section chairman and section 'ambassadors' who are presently members and will be inviting other business people to join. The Chamber decal denoting membership is displayed by some of the working membership committee as supplies were distributed. Left to right: Milt Andersen, area chairman, Frank Boblak, general chairman, Dottie Olsen, executive secretary and Lou Mirabelli, area chairman. Other area chairmen are Jack Kasper, Frank Caravette and Matt Lamb III.

Pictured left to right are: Frank Boblak, Boblak Realtors, 9632 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, Chairman of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce; Dick Senese, Senese's Restaurant & Lounge, 4642 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, Sponsor for new members; John McGonigle, Owner of the Chateau Bel-Aire, 10312 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, Sponsor for new members; and Matt Lamb, Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, District Chairman.

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Boosting Chamber membership

The working membership committee of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce displays the Chamber's membership decal for the membership drive during March and April. The village has been divided into sections with a chairman and ambassadors who are recruiting new businesses to join. From left: Milt Anderson, area chairman; Frank Boblak, general chairman; Dottie Olsen, executive secretary; and Lou Mirabelli, area chairman. Jack Kasper, Frank Caravette and Matt Lamb III, not pictured, are other area chairmen.

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Oak Lawn Chamber plans public forums

Vince Barcelona, foreground left, and Lyle Brooks, foreground right, co-chairmen of the Legislative committee of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, look over the Chamber's schedule of coming events. Looking on in the background are Chamber officers,

from the left: Jack Kasper, second vice president; Dotty Olsen, publicity director; LeRoy Corradino, president; Frank Boblak, first vice president; and Merril Stenbom, treasurer. Among the planned future events are a series of public forums on topics of general interest to residents of the community.

SUBURBANITE ECONOMIST, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1973

Evergreen blood donor program is launched

By NADINE FILIPIAK

William Gaffy, 8825 Fairfield, has accepted the chairmanship of the Evergreen Park blood donor program, Mayor Anthony Vacco told the village trustees at a committee meeting Wednesday.

Gaffy will be assisted by William Peterson, 9440 Springfield, secretary of the Fire Fighters association, and Mrs. Pat Paul, 3640 W. 99th st.

Gaffy, Peterson and Mrs. Paul were welcomed to the blood program at a Saturday meeting by Marilyn J. Holck, representative of the Beverly Blood Center.

Vacco announced that Feb. 17 would

mark the official beginning of the village-wide blood plan. He said he has worked with Dan Helsdingen, 9021 Francisco, the executive director of the Metropolitan Chicago Blood Council, in organizing the village plans.

Helsdingen suggested using the Beverly Blood Center because it is the closest center to Evergreen residents.

"The Center assures us that, based on our present population, we will need only 1,040 donors to insure coverage of all our residents for the entire year," Vacco said.

The village blood program will be in stages that handle approximately 200 donors at various intervals over a one

year period beginning with the first donor.

Vacco explained that he is presently working on arrangements with the Beverly Blood Center to cover the men and women who have their businesses in Evergreen Park but live outside of the village.

"I would like to meet with the 45 civic, business, religious, service and PTA groups within Evergreen to ask for their co-operation in getting their members to volunteer," Vacco said.

"If these groups can get their members to participate, I feel confident that our program will succeed in reaching its goal of 1,040 donors."

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VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN JOINS BICENTENNIAL PLANS

The Village of Oak Lawn has appointed a Bicentennial Commission to work in conjunction with the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission established by Congress and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission created by the State Legislature, to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the 200th Anniversary of the United States of America, climaxing July 4, 1976.

There are three thematic components to the ongoing development of the event in the next three years; Heritage '76 - Festival USA and Horizons '76. All of the local civic organizations, historical societies, libraries, youth organizations, church and fraternal groups, service clubs, senior citizens, are all invited to participate. There will be meeting held shortly in which all the various organizations will be asked to take part in the formulation of plans promoting various types of activity within this period, culminating in one permanent, sustaining project that will be the result of the entire community efforts.

Information will be sent to

all the organizations urging their representation at this meeting, at which time presentation of the entire bicentennial program will be made and discussion will be held concerning the various ways in which our village can participate. Any group that would be interested in attending should contact the bicentennial commission office, 636-2950, Dottie Olsen, and your name will be added to the list for invitation.

The nine member commission is composed of Dottie Olsen, chairman; Jane Barnes, John Opitz, Frank Boblak, Ed Endzel, Orlo Adams, Rev. Harold W. Kamenz, Matt Lamb III and Ernie Kolb.

The board of trustees of Oak Lawn will be kept informed of the progress made by the commission through the liaison office and share the hope of the commission members that every organization in the village will respond to the invitation when it is extended.

Picture: Fred M. Dumke, Village President, seated; (left to right) Ed Endzel, Ernie Kolb, Dottie Olsen and Frank Boblak.

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CHAMBER TO PRESENT SERVICE AWARDS FOR 3rd YEAR

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McElroy is a former State and National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A. He served in the Army Air Corps during WW II and has been nominated "Chicagoan of the Year" a couple of times for his work with hospitalized veterans, underprivileged children and police organizations throughout the Chicago area.

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Boss or leader? Oak Lawn mayor faces challenge of life

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FRED DUMKE



THOMAS V. POWELL

tax rate is \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation with 24 cents of that going to the separate Oak Lawn Library District.

Here are some points of difference recorded by a Sun-Times reporter in separate interviews with the two men:

On their political philosophies:

DUMKE — I do my homework. I understand local government. It's my life. If the people feel we have accomplished some of the things we set out to do, then I want their support.

POWELL — One thing the people feel now is that the government is untouchable. Oak Lawn has poor and wealthy areas. I want to take the government out of the village hall and go to the people and listen to them and talk to them and

help to unite Oak Lawn. Is age a factor?

DUMKE — If I felt I were too old to change, then I would get out.

POWELL — I feel the voters want a new, young administration.

On the construction of discount department stores in the suburb, which has stirred much local interest:

DUMKE — I prefer to think they are modern-day department stores. They do not sell shoddy items. These discount stores will bring in new tax revenues and without increases in the number of children going to local schools. There might be some property devaluation in the immediate area around one of the stores, but, on the whole, the stores will be good for Oak Lawn. You have to think of all the people.

POWELL — There are quality businesses that could have been brought into Oak Lawn. (Dumke) was in the power position to have had the foresight to bring in quality stores over the years of his administration. If I am elected mayor, I will investigate any legal way in which I can stop construction of the two discount stores now under construction.

On mass transit:

DUMKE—I favor one, large transit authority for all of Cook County (including the city of Chicago). It is the only logical way to have a transit district. Why should someone pay one fare to take a local bus to the CTA lines and then pay another fare?

POWELL — I favor a mass transit district for the southwest suburbs, but I am opposed to having any connection with Mayor Daley or the CTA.

On "boss" rule:

DUMKE — I am not a boss. Ask my wife. I co-ordinate the village offices. I'm the go-between.

POWELL—Dumke runs Oak Lawn. You don't go to the board to get things done here, you go to Dumke. We need a new leadership . . . to return the office of mayor back to the people.

On the recent raise in the

mayor's salary to \$20,000 a year:

DUMKE — I work 40 to 50 hours a week on this job. I am also the liquor commissioner, and we have 52 liquor licenses in town. I am the public relations man for the city — and we don't pay a public relations staff. I try to work for inter-governmental co-operation as president of the Northeastern Illinois Plan Commission and vice chairman of the Illinois Municipal League.

POWELL—I think the mayor's salary increased too much. If I am mayor, I will look into the salary increase and try to get it in line with other village heads. I do not want to be the big boss of Oak Lawn; I want to return the government to the people. I would use the Chamber of Commerce more to sell the village to outside businesses.

It will cost the village \$461,819 to tile a branch of Stony Creek on land that will be used for a discount store. Why?

DUMKE — The creek has to be tiled in the interest of health and safety. We're tiling other creeks. In this case, though, the money we spend will be returned to the village within three years by the sales tax taken in by the store.

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POWELL — Why should the city provide tiling and repaving roads and other things for a private business out of public money? I'm against that kind of use of taxpayers' money.

Dumke says he is qualified. He is proud of the widening of 95th St., of generating new businesses in the suburbs and of his "pay as you go" policy for running Oak Lawn. "We're only \$48,000 in debt now," he says.

Powell says he gained administrative experience while a trustee of Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, that he will bring fresh leadership and will limit the mayor's tenure in office to two terms. He talks of bringing open street concerts to the city's young people and of shaking up the city's Youth Commission.

During the interviews, Powell charged that one Dumke's running mates, Dr. Sam Liaros, a candidate for trustee, had not voted in the suburb in seven years. Dumke admitted this but said Liaros has since registered to vote.

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Getting Ready To Beautify Oak Lawn



There's been much talk these days about the environment we live in. Under the direction of the Oak Lawn Safety Council a committee for Oak Lawn Beautification 1973 has been established. Chairman of the committee is Lucille Henthorne, a member of the Oak Lawn Garden club.

The coming year's campaign is expected to be the most extensive effort to clean up and beautify Oak Lawn. Businesses and organizations already working are: Kiwanis, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Fire Department, Police Department, Oak Lawn high school, Richards high school, School district 123, Scouts of America, Garden club, Senior Citizens, Park District, Pilgrim Faith church, and Moraine Valley Community college. According to Kay Siemeck, publicity chairman, there is room for every organization and individual to get involved in this year's program. Those interested in seeing Oak Lawn become the cleanest village in America should call Joe McGee, president of the Oak Lawn Safety Council, at 636-1800.

"The proposed program for 1973 will touch everyone," said Mrs. Henthorne, "we have a committee reviewing

all village ordinances pertaining to beautification." Village President Fred Dumke has offered his administration and support to this major effort. Mrs. Henthorne continued, "We plan to organize the total community into individual working blocks so that all properties are beautified in all of Oak Lawn. A kick-off luncheon is being planned for January so that anyone interested can get involved in this vital effort.

The organizing committee for the Oak Lawn Beautification Program for 1973. Seated from left to right are: Sandy Masson of the library; Doris Wallace, League of Women Voters; Scott McNally, Park District; Fred Dumke, Village President; Harold Miller, Kiwanis; Helen Aniszewska, Senior Citizens. Standing left to right are: Dottie Olsen, Chamber of Commerce; Joe McGee, Rotary; Paul Davies, Oak Lawn high school; Lucille Henthorne, project chairman and member of the Garden club; Rev. James Boler, Pilgrim Faith church; and Ceil Sheehan, #123 PTA Council.

Plans Changes If Elected To Oak Lawn Post

Anne R. Bruno, the Performance Party candidate for village clerk, is a thinking man's woman.

The Clerk candidate plans to initiate innovations into the village clerk's office if elected in the April 17 Oak Lawn village election.

High on Miss Bruno's list of priorities is the creation of a Consumer Price Index.

"With the cost of living soaring, I intend to organize a committee of community-minded women who will tour the stores in the Oak Lawn community, gathering price information for a comparative study," Miss Bruno said.

Miss Bruno said the information would be published in a Community Forum to be located in the Village Hall.

"The Consumer Price Index would not be a regulatory agency, but instead an improved information index for comparison shoppers in the Oak Lawn area," the village clerk candidate stated.

Miss Bruno said she would also initiate a 24-hour phone service called "Dial-a-minute."

"Up-to-date information on the latest village board meetings would be condensed by the village clerk and recorded on a tape so that any resident can phone the village hall and listen to a recording of vital information pertaining to Oak Lawn," Miss Bruno said.

In addition to the Consumer Price Index information, Miss Bruno plans to make the Community Forum at the village hall a complete information center on activities and services provided by the Oak Lawn community.

In addition, the Performance Party village clerk candidate's plans for an upgraded and more efficient office include the printing of a "Welcome to Oak Lawn" publication of services and programs, and a slide and visual aid presentation, suitable for community groups, highlighting the many outstanding areas and services of the Oak Lawn community.

Anne Bruno has been active in politics ever since her student council days, and more recently has been a co-ordinator for Senator Adlai Stevenson's campaign and Worth Township co-ordinator for "Independent Citizens Committee to re-elect Richard Ogilvie.

Arena owner tells board could

The owner of the Arena shopping center, 103rd and Cicero ave., Oak Lawn, told the village board Tuesday that he needs permission from the board to put up three signs in his parking lot, "or we'll go out of business."

William Bard told the board a shoe store and a dime store have already moved out of the shopping

center, with a drug store threatening to do the same. Bard blames his problems on the construction of Rustler's steakhouse on part of what used to be his parking lot.

Bard went before the Planning and Development commission last month for permission to erect the signs, but the P&DC turned him down. He explained that the

signs would be 10 by 20 feet each and directional in nature. They would be placed against a guardrail Bard has put up east of the steakhouse.

Bard believes the steakhouse makes it difficult for drivers to see the stores in the shopping center as they drive by. The signs would attract customers, he said.

"I need those signs or we'll go out of business," Bard said.

Trustee Dave Morris disagreed that the signs are necessary. "It looks like the Las Vegas strip in that area. Additional signs would only block the view of your existing signs," Morris said.

Trustee Herb Huskey said, "I tend to favor businesses, which provide the biggest portion of our operating revenue in Oak Lawn. I'd like more time to review the situation." Huskey moved to table the matter for two weeks.

Trustee Harold Bacon, who had moved to deny the request as recommended by the village manager before discussion began, apparently saw the request differently after hearing Bard's statement. "I respect Mr. Bard's plea. Could this thing go back to the P&DC to try to find something more palatable to both sides?"

Trustee John Hardek argued that additional signs would not be the solution to Bard's problems. "Additional parking would be," Hardek said. "You're not going to keep your tenants with bigger and better signs." Hardek told Bard he should consider a second deck of parking at the center.

Bard rejected the suggestion. "I've got \$3 million tied up in the shopping center already," he said. "Double deck parking would cost me \$10 million more." Bard said, "The

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'go out of business'

steakhouse is the problem. They have 40 parking spaces for a 200 seat restaurant."

He said he once offered the owner of the site of the restaurant \$160,000 for the land, but was turned down. "He wants to lease it, not sell," Bard said.

After Bacon withdrew his motion to deny, Trustee Alice Ihrig moved to send the sign problem to the village Engineering department for a recommendation two weeks from now.

Bacon explained after the meeting that he hadn't realized that Bard had been hurt financially by the steakhouse, and that knowledge led him to reconsider the sign issue.

The board passed a resolution later in the meeting authorizing the formation of a committee of local business people to consider private funding for a civic center for the village. The resolution, proposed by

Morris, passed by a 4-3 vote with Mayor Fred Dumke breaking the tie.

Morris proposed the committee in light of the board's recent decision to drop a \$1,000 appropriation from the 1974 budget which in effect killed the village's Civic Center commission. Morris explained that the committee of business people would explore private financing for a civic center, with no use of tax money or other public funds.

Trustee Carl Venkus opposed plans for a civic center. "I feel it would be a white elephant, a monument to something I'm not for. Maybe in the future, but I'm against this now."

Hardek argued that the village "isn't ready for a multi-million dollar project like this." He said current projects, such as plans to provide drainage for the northwest side of Oak Lawn, make it impossible to consider a civic center.

Huskey told the board, "This resolution is actually only a suggestion that the business men should try to get this going. Apparently our governmental unit can't do it.

"No one's looking for government funds for this. It's just looking for leadership to move toward the idea."

Morris said, "No Oak Lawn school has an auditorium. Reavis, Mother McAuley and Evergreen Park high schools all have them but restrict use to residents of their areas. People want a civic center and no one is acting. I'm asking for support to get project moving, not

public funds."

Venkus disagreed that local schools cannot provide adequate room for events requiring an auditorium. "I've been to recitals and plays at our schools and I feel they are adequate."

Bacon said, "The Chamber of Commerce is looking for recognition. Why don't they get into this thing and they could get their recognition."

"That's exactly what I'm suggesting," Morris said. He said the Chamber of Commerce, the local Rotary club and other business groups would provide the leadership under the plan.

Bacon, Hardek and Venkus all voted against the motion. Trustees Ihrig, Morris and Huskey voted "yes." Dumke broke the tie with a "yes" vote.

On another 4-3 vote the board referred to the Engineering department a request from School District 125 to make 108th pl. between Tripp and Kostner aves. one-way westbound. Dumke voted with Bacon, Hardek and Morris on that issue, against Venkus, Huskey and Ihrig.

The vote came after resident Tom Kaar, 10721 S.



Now, it's Edmond's Nordic

Edmond J. Obiala, his son, Edmond M., and Son-In-Law Tom Potpora are newcomers to Oak Lawn. They have installed a new sign, indicating the name is now Edmond's Nordic instead of Nielsen's. Members of Chamber of Commerce welcoming them are (Left to right) Joe McGee; Dottie Olsen; Edmond Obiala; Vince Barcelona; Tom Potpora; Frank Boblak, and Jack Kasper.

U L Chamber of Commerce golf outing to be mexican fiesta



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Chamber of Commerce To Hear Authority On Zoning

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will have its annual meeting at Chateau Bel-Aire, 103rd and Cicero Avenue, on Tuesday, October 24th. The public is invited—all residents—and all

in the business community in the surrounding areas to join with them for this enlightening and informative program.

Cocktails will be 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. with the tickets at \$6.50 each.

Speaker will be Richard F. Babcock, graduate of Dartmouth College, the University of Chicago Law School and the University of Chicago School of Business. He was a Governor's appointee to the North-eastern Illinois Planning Commission from 1965-1972. He is immediate Past President of the American Society of Planning Officials and an Associate Member of the American Institute of Planners. He is a recognized authority in the areas of land use regulation and legal aspects of planning. He is presently serving as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the American Law Institute Project on a Model Development Code. Mr. Babcock is the author of "The Zoning Game", and numerous articles on land use regulation and planning. With the expansion of Oak Lawn and review of the comprehensive zoning ordinances, this is an opportune time to have a man of Mr. Babcock's qualifications speak on this subject.

Delay Burglar Alarm Ordinance

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"I did not sign the ordinance for the alarm system," Village President Fred Dumke told Oak Lawn trustees at the Tuesday, March 26 meeting. "I think the financial problem can be solved without an additional levy on businessmen," he said.

Trustee Carl Venkus moved that implementation of the ordinance be delayed to May 1. The ordinance would charge burglar alarm hookup to the Police department and was objected to by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't think there's a single member of this board interested in raising taxes," commented Trustee Alice Ihrig, who stated, "We backed down on the hotel tax. We are now told that the manager is working on license fees. I'm sure the Chamber of Commerce will have some reason to object to that."

Mrs. Ihrig said she was concerned about a statement that "the chamber has more right than others to run the village." She emphasized that the alarm fee is a legitimate charge for a special service.

Dumke mentioned that the charges might be a hardship on users of the service.

Davis Boyd, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said: "We believe you should tax us, but spread it out. We feel we shouldn't be picked on."

Boyd told the trustees that chamber members have been working with the village manager, and have not been paid for their time, and pointed out that the chamber did not "pack the village hall."

Trustee Harold Bacon commented: "This is not a tax. It's a service. Businessmen get a reduction in insurance rates when they use it. Only they benefit from it, so they should pay for it."

The motion passed 4-2.

In other action, the board approved the astro turf green space plans of Lake Louise developer W. Furgalski, after determining that he had met with and settled differences with the Lake Louise Property Owners association.

Trustee David Morris voted no on a motion which authorized placing four way stop signs at 97th st. and Cook ave., and one which will stop Cook ave. traffic only at 98th st. A number of residents at-

'Share' ³⁻¹⁵⁻⁷³ to shave Oak Lawn rate

Oak Lawn mayor Fred Dumke expressed hope Tuesday night that property tax bills of Oak Lawn residents will be lower next year.

Dumke's optimism came as the result of an ordinance approved by the village board providing that a part of the village's federal revenue sharing money shall be used to supplement the refuse and disposal fund.

The mayor speculated that this move would lower the tax rate by six cents.

Trustee James Dwyer cautioned against taking too simple a view of revenue sharing, however, and asked village manager Robert Oldland to make a report to the board soon on the revenue sharing bill in its final form as it was passed by Congress.

Dwyer said the bill as passed is different in several respects from the bill proposed, and said he thought a report by Oldland might serve to dispel misconception.

In other action, the board decided by

a 3 to 2 vote to dissolve the standing committees as a part of the village government.

Trustee Dwyer read a report on the standing committees which concluded with the statement that the committees could, under certain circumstances, interfere with the functions of the village manager. Dwyer had seconded Herbert Huskey's motion to dissolve the committees.

After much discussion, the board voted in favor of the motion, with trustees Harold Bacon and Carl Venkus voting "no."

Bacon said he thought the standing committees could still be useful. He said the current board had been inactive in this area, but should keep the committees for possible future actions.

Venkus was in favor of retaining the committees "as one more check on the government with no more cost to the taxpayer."

Board president Dumke said he did not care if the board dissolved the committees or not, although he said he personally thought the committees were "a waste of time."

Oldland told of attempts to ease the traffic problem at 95th st. west of Cicero. He told the board the Chamber of Commerce had been consulting the owners of businesses on the north side of 95th concerning "No parking" signs. The Chamber, according to Oldland, has reported progress in these talks and hopes to have concrete results by the board's next meeting Dec. 5.

Architect Harold Miller presented possible plans for the new fire station at 103rd and Kostner. Three different drawings were submitted. The board will consider the plans and decide at the next meetings which plan would be most compatible with the neighborhood.

The village reported that the firemen's association has approved the board's proposed changes in pay and fringe benefits for firemen.

Raymond Bliss of Hancock Engineering, the village's consulting firm, reported that bids on the proposed southwest water project will be taken beginning Dec. 19, instead of the originally announced date of Dec. 12.

Village Attorney Ralph Rehnquist was authorized by the board to draw up an ordinance calling for four-way "stop" signs to be installed at the intersection of 98th st. and 53rd ct.

The board meeting was adjourned after only 55 minutes. Mayor Dumke announced that there would be no meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28, due the National League of Cities conference being held this week.

Dumke emphasized, "for the benefit of the taxpayers," that the conference is in Indianapolis, Indiana, "not Honolulu."



Pictured at the ground breaking ceremony for the Heritage Bank of Oak Lawn located at 6001 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, are (from left to right) John Valencik, George Quinlan, Joseph Valencik, Arthur Bleau, Mayor Joseph J. Coglianese (Chicago Ridge), John Hayes, Jr., Martin Lee Tew, Herbert Huskey, Louis A. Witry (President), Anthony DeLisi, Mayor Fred Dumke (Oak Lawn), Donald O'Toole, Ernie Kolb (Village Clerk of Oak Lawn), Vince Barcelona, Robert Reedy and Robert Oldland (Village Manager of Oak Lawn).

Completion of the bank premises is set for March 15, 1973.



Chamber hears Zoning expert

Welcoming Richard Babcock, author of "The Zoning Game" and expert on zoning laws at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, where he spoke, are (left to right) George Wiegel; Warren Schlieske; Alice Ihrig; Babcock; Vince Barcelona, and LeRoy Corradino.

Honor Charlie Reich Night

The many friends and associates of Charlie Reich, retiring public works director for the village of Oak Lawn, will honor him at "Charlie Reich Nite", Friday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Palos Country Club, 131st and Southwest Highway. Reich is retiring Sept. 3, after 26 years service to the village of Oak Lawn, the last 14 spent as director of public works.

The testimonial dinner-dance is jointly sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber

of Commerce, the Oak Lawn Elks Club, the workers of the village, and members of the many other organizations Charlie Reich is associated with.

Tickets for the gala evening are \$12.50 per person and include an open bar, dinner, and dancing. For tickets or more information contact one of the following persons: Pottie Olsen, 598-3687; Edward Kasper, 424-0935; Leonard Reno, 422-0878; or Ed Endzel, 423-6474.

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**WINNERS OF POSTER CONTEST
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Left to right, Milt Andersen of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Claudia McCarty, 1st Place Winner \$25.00; Bill Russ, 2nd Place Winner \$15.00; Dom Frigo, Administration Assistant at Oak Lawn Community High School and Don Weinzierl, 3rd Place \$10.00 Prize. These students are from the advertising art course taught by Mrs. Berta Caul, faculty member at Oak Lawn Community High School. The Poster Contest was sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The posters depict the Homecoming Parade scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m., the football game at 2:00 p.m. and the dance at 8:00 p.m.



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Claudia's A Winner

Mr. Dominick Frigo, Administrative Assistant at Oak Lawn Community High School congratulating Claudia McCarty this year's Homecoming Poster Contest Winner.

Claudia received a check of \$25.00 for her outstanding poster. Second prize of \$15.00 was awarded to William Rus, and third prize of \$10.00 to Don Weinzierl. All students in Mrs. Berta Gaul's Advertising and Commercial Art Class participated in the annual contest sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

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Palos Country Club will be turned into a bit of old Mexico as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce holds its annual golf outing and dinner on Wednesday, July 11th.

Chairman Merrill Stenbom says that it will be difficult to match previous outings with their luaus, sky divers, fireworks, and poly-

nesian dancers, but he thinks the charm of Mexican music and entertainment will hold its own.

Possibly the highlight of the day will be the drawing of a trip for two to Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco. Arrangements for the trip are being made by Bud Cole of Travel Unlimited in Oak Lawn, in cooperation with Mexicana Airlines and Bon Voyage Travel. Mr. Cole says the trip will be outstanding, with deluxe accommodations in all cities. Tickets for the drawing will be sold only the day of the outing.

If you are interested in golf or an enjoyable evening and dinner call the Oak Lawn chamber office, 636-2950. Golf is \$7.59, dinner \$10.50.

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5th ANNUAL DUMKE GOLF DAY SET

Wednesday, September 5, 1973 has been set for the Fifth Annual Fred M. Dumke Golf Day. The event, being sponsored by the Citizens Non-Partisan Association, promises a day of fun and excitement.

According to Phil Special, Chairman of the event, new arrangements and accommodations have been made in order to handle efficiently those people participating in the event.

Golf will be at the Hickory Hills Country Club with reserve tee-off times from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 422-1188. In addition to reserving tee-off times, electric carts can also be reserved. Tickets for the event will be \$7.00 for Golf and \$10.50 for the dinner which will be held at the Lexington House on 95th Street in Hickory Hills. Cocktails will be served

from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. with an elegant dinner to follow.

The door prize again this year will be a color TV set. In addition, special prizes will be awarded on the Par 3 holes, longest drive, and trophies will also be awarded in six categories.

The evenings activities will feature continuous professional entertainment. Tickets can be purchased from any committee member or by calling 422-1188 or 424-7457.

Shown in photo seated is Fred Dumke with the committee handling his golf day, September 5th at Hickory Hills Country Club. The committee from left to right is John Petrozza, Dan Kezon, Ed Kalafut, Mary Kay O'Shea, Joe Ross, Irene Burton, Phil Special, Pete Granata, and Paul Domico.

Oak Lawn Homecoming Queen Crowned

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Mary Ellen Kasley, senior, was crowned as the 1973 Oak Lawn Community high school Homecoming Queen during the half time ceremonies of the Oak Lawn Reavis football game Saturday, Oct. 13. The queen was presented with flowers and reigned over the Homecoming Dance-Stairway to Heaven-held that evening. Mary Ellen was escorted by Chuck Warning, senior football player.

The annual Homecoming Parade jointly sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce had to be cancelled due to rain. Floats were judged where they were assembled.

Float winners were announced during the half time ceremonies and prizes presented by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The Grand Prize Trophy for the float best representing the Homecoming Theme was won by the Senior Class with the runner up trophy going to the Spartan Band, last year's winner.

First place winner in category I was the Air Force Junior ROTC with the Spartan Band in second place.

Category II winner was the Senior Class with second place going to the Junior Class.

Other floats were entered by the Freshman and Sophomore classes.

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Heritage Bank Of Oak Lawn Officially Opened



The grand opening ceremony which officially opened the new Heritage Bank of Oak Lawn, 6001 W. 95th st., Oak Lawn, took place on Monday, June 11, at 9 a.m. Among those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony shown in the photo were: Edwin F. Kasper, Chamber of Commerce; Village Clerk Ernest Kolb; Congressman Robert Hanrahan, Louis Witrey, and Oak Lawn Trustees Herb Huskey and David Morris.

Also among those attending the ceremony were Donald X. Murray, asst. secretary of the

Illinois Bankers association; H. Robert Bartell, Jr., Commissioner of Banks and Trust companies; directors of the bank and officers of Heritage Bancorporation, inc.

The grand opening celebration will run until July 7 at which time a drawing will be held to pick the winners of the many fabulous funprizes to be given to some lucky people who have deposited their entry blank at the bank.

At the ceremony, Murray presented the bank with it's official membership plaque.

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Chamber Of Commerce Elects

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held its annual October nomination dinner on October 24, at Edmund's Restaurant. In attendance at the meeting were (Right) Harold Bacon, village trustee, Ernie Kolb, village clerk, Le Roy Corrad, Chamber of Commerce president, Larry Lux, civil engineer, Fred Dumke, village Norm Bacon, director of traffic, planning and engineering, David Boyd, chairman, Gerhardt Hein, chief of police, Dave Morris, village trustee and Robert Ne... master.

Speakers for the evening were Larry Lux and Norm Bacon who outlined several projects that are under consideration to help solve some of the traffic problems in Oak Lawn. An emphasis on the new street and parking patterns necessary for the future growth of the village. A discussion period followed and was very informative from the standpoint of the business people were made aware of what their elected officials are doing in this area.

Mayor Dumke suggested that the chamber commit itself to a cooperative program with the village officials and in this way, hopefully, all problems can be resolved.



It was Fiesta Time at the Palos Country Club as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held its annual golf outing. Mexican dancers and Jose Albas Mariachi band provided delightful entertainment, and Eric Gorssenbach, the Palos Chef, set a beautiful Mexican cocktail table that was sponsored by the First National Bank of Oak Lawn.

William Shore of Mexicana Airlines drew the winning ticket for the trip to Mexico and the fortunate couple was Dot and Don Canning of Oak Lawn.

Golf Winners were - Tom Tibstra, Mens Low Gross; Mark Wagner, Mens Low Net; Joyce Hrabec, Womens Low Net; Bob Sullivan, Longest Drive and Ken Rehnquist, Closest to the Pin.

Leading the Oak Lawn Lions to an upset victory over the favored Rotary team for the Service Club Trophy were Cliff Mehling, Larry Collings, Bob Kenny and Bill Crowshurst.

In the picture, William Shore of Mexicana Airlines presents Dot Canning with a trip to Mexico as Bud Cole, husband Don Canning, and Merrill Stenbom, Golf Day Chairman look on.

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Propose plan for future of 95th st. in Oak Lawn

Covered "parking pavilions" for bus riders with adjacent bus stops are part of a newly released plan by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce for the future of 95th st.

The Chamber plan is considered an alternative to one proposed by the Oak Lawn Engineering, Planning and Traffic department last July.

The Chamber's plan emphasizes "convenience for shoppers," rather than efficient movement of traffic, according to a Chamber of Commerce spokesman.

Other major features of the plan include a proposed alternate route for buses which avoids the center of Oak Lawn; left-turn signals at three busy intersections, two-hour parking limits on many side streets and rush-hour parking bans along much of 95th st.

Most of the plan was devised by Lyle Brooks, Chamber legislative chairman.

"The village's plan was concerned primarily with the movement of traffic through Oak Lawn," Brooks said. "And probably rightly so."

"Our plan is not so concerned with traffic movement as with the convenience of Oak Lawn residents who want to shop on 95th st."

Brooks emphasized that the Chamber plan, while intended to benefit 95th st. businesses, would also benefit the village as a whole. "There's \$6 million in income earned annually by employes of 95th st. businesses," Brooks said.

"Most of that income is probably spent in Oak Lawn, both as rent money and in shopping," he said.

One of the major differences between the two plans is the Chamber's proposal of a new bus route in the area between 52nd and 53rd aves., commonly referred to as the "heart of Oak Lawn."

Buses now run on 95th st. almost the entire length of Oak Lawn. The Chamber proposes taking buses off 95th st. between 52nd and 53rd aves.

Westbound buses would turn right at 52nd ave. under the Chamber plan and proceed north to James st.

The route would move west along James st. to Raymond ave., past the village hall and courtroom, with a stop in front of the village hall.

At Raymond ave. the bus would move south back to 95th st. and continue west along its present route

Eastbound buses would turn south at 53rd ave., continue south to Wabash ave., then move northeast to 52nd

Once on 52nd ave., the route moves back to 95th st. and then east along the present route.

Brooks said the Chamber plan accomplishes several goals. "First, it provides parking in the center of Oak Lawn," Brooks said. The village's plan calls for a total ban on parking between Tully ave. on the east and Raymond ave. on the west.

Brooks said the new route would also allow buses to use Illinois' right-turn-on-red law, which in turn would allow automobiles to make the same right turns without blockage from buses.

The village plan also keeps the far right lane of 95th st. open by placing bus stops on the "far side" of intersections, allowing buses to pass through green lights rather than stopping for passengers. Both the village and the Chamber recommend far side bus stops.

Corollary to the bus route proposal, Brooks said the Chamber will suggest construction of parking pavilions north and south of 95th st. The first would be located at the present site of Behrand's hardware, 95th and Raymond ave.

Brooks said the pavillion would be a covered area where bus riders who park their cars in proposed municipal parking lot there could wait for buses. He said the pavillion could be financed in one of four ways:

by businesses; by the village; by bus companies; or by one businessman, who could use the site for advertising purposes.

He said combinations of the four methods might also be used.

Brooks said a similar plan would also be recommended for the parking lot at Wabash and Cook aves., near the VFW hall.

Another major difference between the two plans concerns methods of upgrading signalization at Central, Kostner and 52nd aves. The village has proposed left-turn signals and protected turn lanes at all three locations.

The Chamber proposes new signalization, providing left-turn signals for all four directions and the three locations, but without the protected lanes. Brooks said the elimination of such lanes would also eliminate the need for long stretches of "no-parking" restrictions at each intersection.

Protected lanes would require widening of median strips, which in turn would require the parking bans.

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Extral Extral Hot off the press — a special message from us to all our friends, "Have the time of your lives this holiday-time!"



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All warmed up and ready for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's July 24th Golf Outing at Palos Country Club are these committee members, left to right, Jim Buschbach, Sandy Dorgan, Frank Boblak, Al Schmitz, Joyce Anderson, Bob Nelson, Dottie Olsen and Gene O'Reilly.

Theme of the golf outing will be "Country and Western Hoe Down", with a sing-along, entertainment, square dancing and country style "grub" following the day of golfing. First National Bank of Oak Lawn will play host to the 6:30 cocktail hour, with employees acting as hostesses.

One of the couples present will be the winner of a four day vacation to Las Vegas - the package including dinner shows, plane fare, motel accommodations at the Landmark buses and airport transportation.

Reservations should be made now by calling the Chamber of Commerce office, 636-2950. Tickets are \$12.50 for dinner, \$7.50 for golf, and include use of golf carts.

Consider Hotel Tax In Oak Lawn

by Rose Shelton

Oak Lawn's new Village Manager, Kenneth McDonald, attended his first meeting of the Board of Trustees, Tuesday, Dec. 18, and heard all about a proposed five per cent tax on hotel and motel rooms.

On hand were representatives of the Holiday Inn and the Sheraton hotel and Lyle Brooks of the Chamber of Commerce.

Will Gierach, representing the Holiday Inn, reported that his client pays \$65,000 in real estate and personal property taxes and \$5000 in license fees. He concluded that "Other communities which have tried this in a milder degree, one percent, will probably find it tested in court."

Robert Kenney, the Sheraton attorney, said his clients "are trying to do their best for Oak Lawn." He added they have provided job opportunities for residents.

Brooks extolled the virtues of Oak Lawn businessmen, "who keep 21 service organizations alive," and concluded "under no terms do we want it (the tax).

After more discussion, Trustee Dave Morris moved to table the proposal.

"This tax is to be paid by the person who rents the room--not by the hotel operator," said Trustee Alice Ihrig, who explained that the budget had been worked out during 10 or 12 meetings. "I would be against tabling this matter," she said.

Brooks again emphasized the good works of the business establishment. "They are responsible for most of the good things that happen here," he said.

Village President Fred Dumke thought the manager should review the budget.

Mrs. Ihrig, John Hardek and Harold Bacon voted against tabling. Dumke and the other three voted yes. The manager will review the budget and make recommendations to try to make up the deficit if the tax is not enacted.

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Chamber Of Commerce Join

Chamber of Commerce representatives from surrounding communities met to form a new council, recently at Colonial Savings.

There were discussions held concerning problems incident to all the municipalities; i.e., train and bus service, garbage disposal, security and fire protection, and miscellaneous topics.

It is felt a combined effort on the part of the many Chambers of Commerce will carry more impact with the governing bodies than any one Chamber acting on its own.

Participating in this council meeting were: Frank Boblak, President - Oak Lawn Chamber; Frank Stoecker, President - Oak Forest Chamber; Jim Abbott, Vice-Pres. - Palos Hills Chamber; Frank Chuck, President - Worth Chamber; Fran Gallagher, President - Evergreen Park Chamber; Ken Pelletier, Director - Worth Chamber; Aenos Rogers, President - Burbank Chamber; John McGonial, Director - Burbank Chamber; Frank J. Lojas, Sec.-Treas. - Burbank Chamber; Ted Zembruski, Director - Bridgeview Chamber; Ed O'Malley, President - Chicago Ridge Chamber; John Coghill, Jr., Director - Orland Park Chamber.

They are to meet again on Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 P.M. at Colonial Savings & Loan in the Community Room. Other Chambers who were not represented at this first gathering are invited to join with them. Any further in-

formation can be obtained through the Oak Lawn Chamber office, 636-2950.

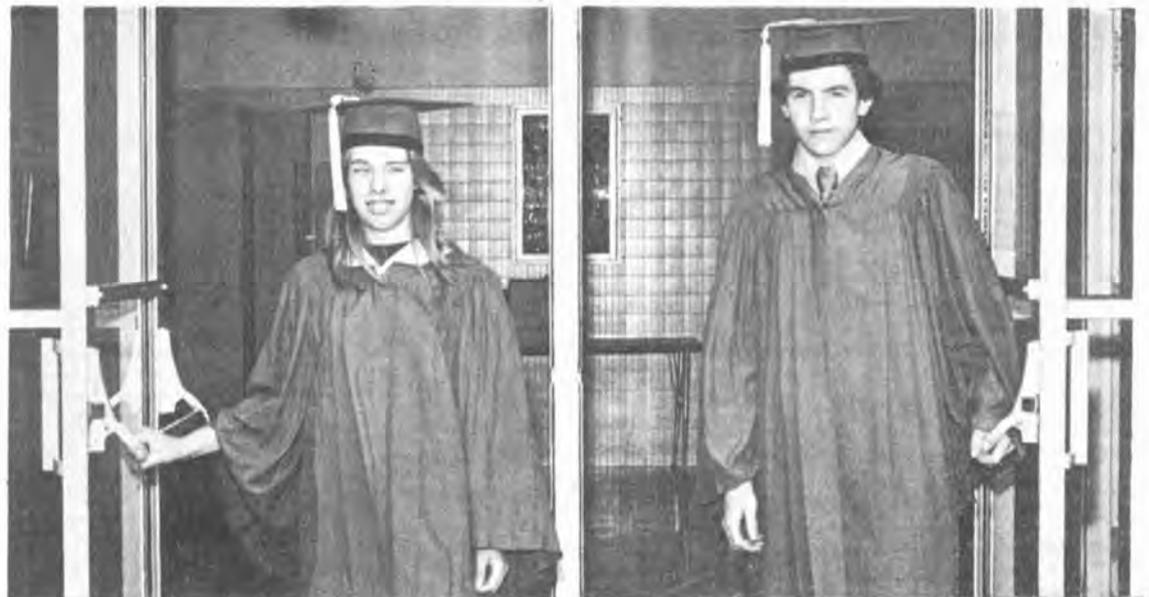
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OAK LAWN CHAMBER TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The Oak Lawn Chamber will hold the installation dinner on Wednesday, January 23, 1974 at Sheraton Inn Oak Lawn, with cocktails at 7 PM and dinner at 7:30. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple which includes dinner, all refreshments, and dancing. Reservations can be made through the Chamber office - 636-2950, and seating will be as reservations are received.

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First And Last Day In Chicago Ridge School



later on Monday, June 10 we can see them in their cap and gown graduating from Finley Jr. high school.

In 1965, Principal Sidney Wotman, after a hectic morning of tears and lamentations with the morning kindergarten class at Ford school, now called Ridge Central school, 108th and Lyman ave., decided that the afternoon newcom-

a shy and puzzled Audrey Minervino stood by waiting her turn to be taken to her first kindergarten class.

On Monday, June 10, Audrey and Gerry left Finley Junior high school in their continuing quest for education, after graduation, and will enroll in H. L. Richards high school for the fall semester.

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Most of the original Bizzotto children and their spouses are still alive and well and living in Chicago Ridge.

George and Virginia still make their home at 6330 W. 107th st., and Arthur and Ida Cooper have maintained roots at 10640 S. Oxford. Albert and Helen still live across the street at 10643 S. Oxford.

John Stecker, husband of Anita Bizzotto passed away in 1970 and brother John passed on in 1968. Mrs. Stecker informs us that she is still teaching at Our Lady of the Ridge.

Be sure to read 'Marlene' each week to keep up with happenings in your town!

railroad spur which ran down Ridgeland ave. to 111th st.

In 1925 the office building was moved and when it reached 107th st. and Oxford, it was divided in half with one part installed by the Bizzottos at 10645 S. Oxford, and the other part moved on to 106th and Princess where it became the home of the Anthony Bragalones.

All of the Bizzotto children have remained in Chicago Ridge. Albert and his wife, the former Helen Schaal, make their home at 10643 S. Oxford; Ida is Mrs. Arthur Cooper, wife of the village president and lives at 10640 S. Oxford; Anita is the wife of John Stecker and makes her home at 6258 W 109th st., John makes his home with the Steckers, and George and his wife, the former Virginia Hildebrand of Worth, live at 6330 W. 107th st.

RIDGE DIAMOND JUBILEE
1914 - 1974

Horses Pulled Sled to Bring Bizzottos Here

Reprinted From 1964

Among the early residents in Chicago Ridge were Antonio and Elizabeth Bizzotto.

The Bizzottos moved to Worth from Chicago in February of 1917. The move was made by horse and sled, sometimes going through as much as four feet of snow.

In 1918 the family moved to 10505 S. Oxford, where they stayed for four years. Their next home was at 107th st. and Ridgeland in a converted office building, where the Bizzotto children, John, Albert, Anita, Ida, and George spent many hours playing among the outbuildings along the

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Bike Safety Rules

Officer Robert Macke, of the Oak Lawn Police Department says the most frequent violations of bicycle safety rules are the following:

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| 1. Riding two on a bike | 6. Not in single file |
| 2. No lights after dark | 7. Traffic signal violation |
| 3. Wrong side of road | 8. Stop sign violation |
| 4. Failure to signal | 9. Riding on business district sidewalk |
| 5. No registration | |

Patrolman Macke is the "Officer Bob" or "Officer Friendly" of the Oak Lawn Police Department, and since 1971 has, through school programs, taught bicycle safety to approximately 50,000 Oak Lawn students. He is co-operating with the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce in Oak Lawn's Bicycle Safety Week, July 29th through August 4th.

Officer Macke says that records show that bike riders are responsible for over two-thirds of the accidents they are involved in with motor vehicles. He added, that we are fortunate we haven't had a fatality, considering the carelessness of many riders.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Safety Week in cooperation with the six financial institutions, George Washington Savings, Colonial Savings, Oak Lawn Federal Savings, Oak Lawn Trust, First National Bank and Heritage Bank, and will have a drawing for six free bikes. Residents can see the bikes on display at the Banks and Savings Associations and register there, or at the stores or offices of Chamber Members.

On Sat., Aug. 3rd, there will be a bike safety check at the VFW parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Charles Wach, of Johnson-Phelps Post #5220, will head the inspection team. The first 2000 bikes checked will get a free safety pennant. Village Bike Licenses will be available there. Cost is \$1.00 for two years.

Then climaxing the week, will be a "Bike Ride In" for all bike riders starting at 1 p.m. on Sun., Aug. 4th from the Oak Lawn Community High School parking lot. So decorate your bike and join the parade.



Learning why it pays to advertise

Thanking Lyle Brooks, Brooks Advertising, Inc., for his ideas on helping business, at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce meeting, are (left to right) Tom Davis, program chairman Brooks; Dottie Olson and Frank Boblak, executive secretary and president, respectively, of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber hears advertising value

Lyle Brooks, Brooks Advertising, Inc., was the guest speaker at the opening of a series of meetings being presented by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The meeting took place at Edmunds.

Tom Davis, program chairman of the Chamber, told members and the

board that a wide variety of subjects will be covered in future meetings.

Brooks outlined the advantages of using advertising agencies for promoting businesses, large or small. He told of the various methods an agency can handle such promotion—through the

news media of all types, and the various tie-ins with market research and other agencies that are available through an advertising man. Brooks explained how such use can be a saving in time; money, and effort of the part of a small businessman, who may not have all the answers and outlets at his fingertips.



Chamber Citizens Awards

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce held its annual nominations of officers dinner at the Holiday Inn in Oak Lawn recently. The slate of officers for the coming year was presented and voted on and the new officers will be installed at the dinner on January 22 at the Sheraton Inn, Oak Lawn.

After the dinner, Frank Boblak, President of the Chamber presented awards to citizens of the Community who have brought outstanding credit to our Village. Shown with their awards are, left to right, Milt Andersen, President of the National 82nd Air Borne Division, Vince Barcelona, Pres. of the Chicago Area Council of Savings and Loan Associations, Karen Wirth, 1st place winner in Office Education Association Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Frank Boblak, Captain Harry Munch of the Oak Lawn Police Department, President of the Illinois Chapter of the F.B.I. National Academy Associates and Howard Schnitz, representing his dad, Al Schnitz, who recently celebrated 25 years in business in Oak Lawn.

Also on the program that evening, three of Oak Lawn's Finest (representatives of the Police Department) were present and gave an informative report on the problems of shoplifting and the methods used by the shoplifters. A movie was also shown on this subject depicting the shoplifters in action.



Joint Chamber Effort

Twelve southwest suburban chambers of commerce have joined forces in an effort to carry maximum impact with various governing bodies in the areas of improving bus and train transportation, garbage recycling, security and fire protection for all residents.

At a recent meeting held in Oak Lawn, officers were elected for this new organization named the Southwest Cook County Council Chambers of Commerce. Francis X. Gallagher, president of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the nominating committee, is pictured above on the left congratulating the new president of the council, Frank Boblak, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Looking on with approval are Ken Pelletier, president elect of the council and director of the Worth Chamber of Commerce and Ted Zembruski, secretary-treasurer of the council and director of the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce.

The council was incorporated last month after petitioning the Secretary of State's office to become a not-for profit corporation. In addition to solving local area problems, the council will be able to propose effective legislation regarding them as a well organized force.

Other southwest community Chambers of Commerce are cordially invited to become affiliated with this newly organized council by attending the next meeting that will take place on Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Colonial Savings and Loan Association in Oak Lawn. Call Eleanor Barrett, executive secretary of the council, at 636-2950 for additional information.

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Chambers Of Commerce Unite

Representatives of numerous Southwest Cook County Council of Chambers of Commerce met recently to further discuss objectives for improving bus and rail transportation, garbage recycling, security and fire protection for all community residents.

Pictured above at this session are seated from left, Agnes Donlon, Trustee, Moraine Valley Community College Board; Frank Boblak, President, Oak Lawn Chamber and Council President, and Edward Gordon, Moraine Valley Community College Secretary of the Board. Standing from left are Ken Pelletier, Director, Worth Chamber and Council Vice President; Ed O'Malley, President, Chicago Ridge Chamber, and Frank Lojas, Secretary-Treasurer, Burbank Chamber.

This Council was incorporated a few months ago as a not-for-profit corporation. It hopes to propose effective legislation on a group basis to solve many local area problems.

The Council, numbering thirteen southwest community Chambers of Commerce, held their most recent meeting last week at the Oak Lawn Public Library. For additional information regarding this organization, contact Eleanor Barrett, executive secretary, at 636-2950.

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MERRILL STENBOM
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636-2950

Chamber To Install

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Wednesday, January 22, at the Sheraton Inn, Oak Lawn. Cocktails will be at 7:00 p.m. and the Dinner will be at 8:00, consisting of Prime Rib of Beef. The Decorations Committee, headed by Darlene Losacco promises that the grand ballroom will be beautifully decorated with a "Winter Wonderland" theme, and an orchestra will play for dancing.

The officers to be installed are: President - Merrill Stenbom of Merrill's Answering Service; 1st Vice President, Davis Boyd of Mutual Securities;

2nd-Vice President, Joseph McCarthy of the 1st National Bank of Oak Lawn; Treasurer-Darlene Lasacco and Secretary-Attorney Betty Gallo. The public is invited. Tickets are \$12.50 each and reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office-636-2950.

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Oak Lawn Chamber Forms New Area Council

Thursday, April 4th, at Colonial Savings & Loan, Chamber of Commerce representatives from surrounding communities met to form a new council.

There were discussions held concerning problems incident to all the municipalities; i.e. train and bus service, garbage disposal, security and fire protection, and miscellaneous topics.

It is felt a combined effort on the part of the many Chambers of Commerce will carry more impact with the governing bodies than any one Chamber acting on its own.

Participating in this council meeting were: Frank Boblak, president - Oak Lawn Chamber; Frank Stoecker, president - Oak Forest Chamber; Jim Abbott, vice president - Palos Hills Chamber; Frank Chuck, president - Worth Chamber; Aenos Rogers, president - Burbank Chamber; Fran Gallagher, president - Evergreen Park Chamber, Ken Pelletier, director - Worth Chamber; John McGonigal, director - Burbank Chamber; Frank J. Lojas, Sec.-Treas. - Burbank Chamber; Ted Zembruski, director - Bridgeview Chamber; Ed O'Malley, president - Chic-

ago Ridge Chamber; John Coghill, Jr. Director - Orland Park Chamber.

and they are to meet again on Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Savings and Loan in the Community Room. Other

Chambers who were not represented at this first gathering are invited to join with them. Any further information can be obtained through the Oak Lawn Chamber office, 636-2950.

Suburban C of C Units Are Uniting

The first meeting of the SW Suburban Council of Chambers of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Apr. 14 1974 at 7 pm at the Colonial Savings and Loan Association at 95th and Cicero, Oak Lawn, in the Brokers' Room. The President and Vice - President of each Chamber are asked to attend, or to appoint two other officers or directors to attend in their place.

This first meeting will be an informal session and will enable all to suggest ideas and goals for the future good of the area.

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Suburb C of Cs combine

Participating members of the newly formed Southwest Cook County Council Chambers of Commerce include (seated from left) Frank Boblak, president of the Oak Lawn chamber and council president; Eleanor Barrett, council executive secretary; and Jim Abbott, vice-president, Palos Hills chamber. Standing from left are Francis X. Gallagher, president, Evergreen Park chamber; Nancy Stahnke, Orland Herald; Ted Zemruski, director of the Bridgeview chamber and secretary-treasurer of the council; Ed O'Malley, president, Chicago Ridge chamber; Frank Lojas, secretary-treasurer, Burbank chamber; and Frank Chuk, director, Worth chamber.



The Southwest Cook County Council Chambers of Commerce has been formed in an effort to organize resources to attack area problems. The group hopes to propose legislation on both a local and state level.

The basic objectives of this new organization are to improve security and fire protection, bus and train transportation and garbage recycling for all residents that live in the southwest suburban community.

The group has been reorganized as a not-for-profit organization after petitioning the office of the Secretary of State.

The main discussion at the Oct. 1 meeting was transportation, according to council executive secretary Eleanor Barrett. Representatives from Moraine Valley community college were present at the meeting, who thought that the discussion would affect students planning to attend Moraine, she said.

"We've been very interested in trying an intra-village transportation system," Mrs. Barrett said. "It would benefit the 13 suburbs in the southwest area.

The idea was originally proposed by Ed O'Malley,

president of the Chicago Ridge Chamber of Commerce, who wants to establish a "Southwest Corridor" system of transportation.

The council has set a special meeting with the Suburban Transit line, Oak Lawn, to learn more about the situation and what can be done.

"This is what we're doing," Mrs. Barrett said. "We try to get together and talk over mutual problems."

Annual dues for the council are \$50 per chamber,

which go for the costs of publicity and secretarial duties. However, fund-raisers may be necessary in the future, Mrs. Barrett said.

All villages in the southwest area are invited. The council is a non-political organization that meets once every two months. The next meeting is the special transportation meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14. Additional information regarding the organization can be obtained by calling Eleanor Barrett at 636-2950.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, 5251 West 95th Street; Bud Cole, Travel Unlimited, 5730 West 95th Street; and Tom Davis, T.V. Facts, Post Office Box 214, Oak Forest were the co-sponsors of the grand prize, a trip for two to Las Vegas, that was awarded on July 24 at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Country and Western Hoe Down golf outing at the Palos Country Club. The winner was Mr. and Mrs. R. Respondi, 5719 South Mobile, Chicago.

Through the courtesy of Holiday World Tours and Bud Cole from Travel Unlimited a super package has been put together. Mr. and Mrs. Respondi will have air fare for two to Vegas, three nights and four days motel accommodations at the Landmark Hotel, prime rib dinner show at the Landmark, dinner show at the Thunderbird Hotel, the use of a complimentary shuttle bus, transportation between the hotel and the airport, local host or hostess to set up any additional sight-seeing tours not included in the package, hotel fun books that are good for gambling, meals, cocktails, etc., and a 10% discount on an All State rent-a-car.

Chairmen for the very successful Oak Lawn Chamber golf outing were: Mary Lotz, House of Mary and Gene O'Reilly, E.T. O'Reilly and Associates. Other committee members were: Al Schnitz, S & S Stores for Men and Boys; Frank Boblak, Boblak Realtors; Lyle Brooks, Brooks Advertising, Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Milt Andersen, Oak Lawn Camera Shop; Bob Nelson, Post Master of Oak Lawn; Dottie Olsen, Executive Secretary to Chamber; Jim Buschbach, Buschbach Insurance Agency; Eleanor Barrett, Steno Craft; Tom Davis, T.V. Facts; Lou Mirabelli, Mirabelli Furniture and Appliances; Sal Crivellone, Suburban News Marketer; and Sandy Dorgan, 1st National Bank of Oak Lawn



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By JOYCE MACEY

Frank Boblak, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, says he owes his love for cooking to the Boy Scouts. "Those camping trips many years back are what got me going," said Frank.

When he and his family, composed of James, 25; Marilyn, 19 and Greg, 18 used to go on vacation camping trips, Frank did all the food preparation.

These days he cooks for his elderly mother twice a week and for his own enjoyment.

"I don't go for the quickie type of food, that you can get in a restaurant, I make soups that simmer for hours and stews that take a little imagination," Frank explained.

This might be oxtail or chicken soup. The recipe Frank passed on to us today has been in his family for years. It came from Europe. Special dried, imported, mushrooms go into soup and Frank feels that they are what give his soup the delicious flavor.

At \$20 a pound, Boblak only buys a half pound at a time as they keep for quite a while.

Frank is a busy man. Besides caring for his mother for the two days, he has two real estate firms in Oak Lawn and Burbank, is the District Vice President of the Illinois Association of Realtors, paints landscapes and does whittling. He also added that he loves any kind of books.

Frank Boblak proves that not just women belong in the kitchen.

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Brooks Outlines Ad-Agency Advantages to Chamber Members

Chamber members and board met at Edmunds on March 20, 1974 for the first of scheduled meetings offering information to the business community on a variety of subjects. Other meetings will be noted in the coming months and everyone of the business or residential community is invited to attend. The subjects will cover a variety of topics. Tom Davis, program Chairman of the Chamber, had as the first guest speaker, Lyle Brooks, Brooks Advertising, Inc., who expounded on the advantages of using advertising agencies for promoting businesses, large or small. He outlined the various methods an agency can handle such promotion, through the news media of all types, and the various tie-ins

with market research and other agencies that are available through your advertising man. He explained how such use can be a saving in time, money and effort on the part of a small businessman, who may not have all the answers and outlets at his fingertips.

Lyle Brooks is well qualified to address a group on this subject because of his well established agency in the village and the many projects on which his agency has worked through the years of his growth in Oak Lawn.

Shown congratulating Mr. Brooks for his ideas, are (left to right): Tom Davis, program chairman, Dottie Olsen, executive secretary of the Chamber, and Frank Boblak, Chamber president.

Area C of Cs seek common council

Attempting to attack area problems through a mass effort, several Southwest suburban chambers of commerce are in the process of forming a unified council for the betterment of business and people.

Chamber of Commerce leaders from surrounding communities — Oak Lawn, Oak Forest, Palos Hills, Worth, Evergreen Park, Burbank, Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge and Orland Park—met recently to discuss the formation of the Southwest Suburban Area council, while airing problems common to all the municipalities.

"It is felt a combined effort on the part of the many chambers of commerce will carry more impact with the governing-bodies than any one chamber acting on its own," commented Frank Boblak, president of the Oak Lawn chamber of commerce and newly-elected chairman of the group.

The council is hopeful of gaining 12 or 13 area chambers to the council. Applications for membership were sent to each chamber which will discuss the council and its functions among themselves.

"The reaction was very favorable," said Mrs. Eleanor Barrett, secretary of

the council. "But I'm sure the council could function efficiently even if we don't have any chambers other than those who attended the first meeting."

Fran Gallagher, president of the Evergreen Park chamber of commerce, said the council would be a "unified force" which would "propose legislation" in an effort to further assist the Southwest Side.

"The reaction was very good," he said. "Now we'll all go back to our respective chambers of commerce to discuss the council. Our goal will be to formalize something at the next meeting."

The next council meeting will be Thursday, June 6, at Colonial Savings and Loan.

The discussion of problems included train and bus service, garbage disposal, and security and fire protection.

Although no priority list has been made, the initial problems to be confronted may be attempts to secure extended bus routes on 79th, 87th and 111th streets, garbage burning equipment that provides fuel, additional rail service for the Norfolk-Western train line and a community police force for Burbank.

Suburban C of C Units Are Uniting

Chambers of Commerce here may work together

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce invites all chambers of commerce in the southwest suburban areas to join a Southwest Suburban

Council of Chambers of Commerce.

Each member chamber will be represented in the Council by two of its officers and, unless serious problems arise, the Council will meet bi-monthly. Special meetings to be attended by all members of all chambers are also planned.

The Oak Lawn Chamber, which unanimously approved a plan to spearhead formation of the Council recently, feels transportation, energy, conservation, security, and fire protection problems can only be solved with the cooperation of several chambers.

Chambers wishing to join in the formation of the Council can express this in writing to Frank J. Boblak, president, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, 5251 W. 95th st., Oak Lawn, Illinois, 60453.

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This first meeting will be an informal session and will enable all to suggest ideas and goals for the future good of the area.

4TH GENERATION CUTS THE RIBBON AT SAXON PAINT & HOME CARE CENTER



Members of the fourth and third generations of the Saxon family cut the ribbon for the sneak preview recently at the newest Saxon Paint & Home Care Center, 5807 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Miss Nancy Goroff and Alan Saks, President cut the ribbon with many of the area residents and Village officials in attendance.

The Village of Oak Lawn was well represented by President Fred M. Dumke; Trustees Harold W. Bacon, Herbert V. Huskey, and Sinclair Randall; Manager Robert H. Oldland; Treasurer Kenneth A. Skopec; Public Works Director Charles J. Reich, Fire Chief Earl W. Vogel-sanger and others.

Also on hand were Dorothy Olson, Chamber of Commerce; Lawrence E. Gailen, Charles L. Schrage Co. and Stanley Ruben, Arthur Rubloff & Co. Officials of the Saxon firm conducted a guided tour of the store explaining the bright new concept of supermart merchandising of home care needs. Most interesting is the specialized Center idea for remodeling and decorating products. New, easy-to-use products have turned the average homemaker into "do-it-yourselfers" with satisfying results at their first try at home maintenance.

There is plenty off-street parking and Saxon is open seven days of the week to accommodate its customers.

Plan Council For Chambers Of Commerce

The officers and directors of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved a plan to spearhead the formation of the Southwest Suburban Council of Chambers of Commerce. The purpose of the Council is to study, evaluate and work on the civic, professional and commercial betterment of the area.

Problems such as adequate bus and rail transportation, energy, conservation, natural conservation, security and fire protection many times transcend village boundaries. It is only with the cooperation of the several chambers that

a solution can be found.

Each member chamber will have two directors or officers who will be members of the Council. Unless there are problems of a serious nature, meetings will be held bi-monthly. Special all area meetings of all members of local chambers will also be planned.

The Oak Lawn Chamber invites all chambers in the Southwest suburban areas to join with it in forming this council. Desire to join should be addressed to Frank J. Boblak, president, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, 5251 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber recently honored pioneer builders in Oak Lawn at a dinner held at Field's Restaurant. The builders were selected for their faith and assistance in building up the village in its beginnings. Many had built the first subdivisions; brought new innovations into the area with types of residences and generally worked toward the improvement of the town.

Speaker of the evening was Walter Klein, past-president of the Southside Builders, and his remarks were enjoyed by all because he was personally acquainted with many of the recipients. Entertainment was provided by The Cross-roads barbershop quartet group. Co-chairmen of the event were Warren Schlieske and Edwin F. Kasper.

Pictured are Warren Schlieske, Fred Halvorsen holding his award, and Ed Kasper.

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O. L. Chamber Installation

Wednesday, January 23rd. McCarthy-Treasurer; Betty Sann-Secretary. Director for 1974 (1 year)-Tom Davis. Directors for two years 1974-75, LeRoy Corradino, Sal Crivellone, Mary Lotz, Ed Kendall, Vince Barcelona.

This year it was held in the Grand Ballroom of the new Sheraton Inn.

Installed as officers for 1974: Frank J. Boblak-President; Merrill Stenbom-First Vice President; Davis Boyd-Second Vice President; Joseph

Pictured Above: LeRoy Corradino, outgoing president, turning the gavel over to Frank Boblak, newly elected president.

SAVE BOTTLES FOR GLASSMOBILE



Wanted: Bottles for Glassmobile. The glassmobile is coming to Palos Heights on November 18 and 19 and will be located on the Jewel-Osco parking lot, 127th and Harlem according to Mrs. James E. McDonald, Environmental Pollution chairman for the Palos Heights Womens Club.

Everyone in the community is urged to start saving all used glass, non-returnable bottles and jars for the collection dates in November.

The unit will hold twelve tons of waste glass to be recycled into new glass by a nearby glass container manufacturer. Your efforts will benefit the worthy projects supported by the Palos

Heights Womens Club since participating glass companies redeem the waste glass at a penny per pound and the last glassmobile drive netted the club \$121.86. More important, however, is that the recycling program is one solution to our nation's solid waste problems and every citizen, today, is aware of the necessity to stop polluting our environment.

All glass to be saved for the collection drive should be reasonably clean (paper labels need not be removed), free of metal caps, lids or rings, and it would be most helpful to sort it by color, e. g., clear, brown, (save those disposable beer bottles), and

green.

The glass companies advise that the following types of glass are not used for recycling, so just discard them flat glass like mirrors, windshields, window glass or china and glass dishes and tumblers.

The glassmobile will be manned from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days, by volunteers from the womens club and their families, who are looking forward to having the most successful waste glass collection since the program began. It can only be done with your help, urges, Mrs. McDonald.

OLCHS Staff Holds Workshop

Oak Lawn Community HS has been granted permission from the Office of the Sup't of Public Instruction to conduct 4 half-day staff workshops to evaluate and recommend curriculum changes for the 1973-74 school year. Regular classes will be held in the morning and the staff workshops will be held

in the afternoon. The dates of the workshops are Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11 and Mar 19, 1973.

The theme of the workshops will be "Career Education as part of total education." Rep's from the Springfield office of OSPI and from the div of Vocational Ed will be at Oak Lawn on

Oct 16 to help get these workshops off to a successful start.

The workshops will strive to recommend more courses which are vocational in nature and to include more career info so that OLCHS can more effectively serve the needs of the individual student.

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Recreational Facilities

Includes swimming pools, tennis courts, 10 playgrounds and band concerts. Easy access to forest preserves, horseback riding and 11 public and private golf courses.

Financial Institutions

Represented here are two Banks and three Savings and Loan Associations with a combined total of over \$90 million.

Village Government, Fire, Police Protection, Housing

VILLAGE HALL: Built in 1958, now encompasses the addition of a main courtroom for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Fifth Municipal District.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING: Built in 1963, encompasses the Fire and Police Department, with 69 police and 31 firemen on duty full time including chief, 42 volunteers.

HOUSING: Various types of homes are found in Oak Lawn priced from \$14,000 to \$50,000 and 95% of the residents own their own homes. Over 500 apartment units also are situated throughout the area.

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Oak Lawn Hardware
4939 West 95th Street
GA 4-1300

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422-4600

Terry's Colonial
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6631 West 95th Street
636-6060

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4838 W. 95th Street
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6227 W. 95th Street
GA 3-2700

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9537 S. 52nd Ave.
422-0400

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4524 West 95th Street
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423-0555

Travel Unlimited
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Colonial Savings &
Loan Association
4740 West 95th Street
425-7000

George Washington
Savings & Loan
10240 South Cicero
636-4100

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9800 South Cicero
GA 4-7000



Oak Lawn Trust &
Savings
4900 West 95th Street
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9816 South Cicero
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9531-33 South Cicero
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636-7500

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4727 W. 103rd St.
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424-0340

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Insurance Co.
5732 W. 95th Street
636-7880

Jack Thompson
Oldsmobile
4040 West 95th Street
GA 2-2500

Oak Lawn
Independent
5211 West 95th Street
GA 2-6600

Boblak Realtors
9632 S. Cicero
636-3033

Quality Chevrolet
9440 South Cicero
423-9440

Tampa Jewelers
5261 W. 95th Street
424-9008

Betty's Cut or Curl
9012 South Cicero
422-9890

O.L. Chamber Golf Outing

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Country and Western Hoe Down Golf Outing" Wednesday, July 24, at the Palos Country Club, 131st st. and Southwest hwy. Reservations are available

at 636-2950. Golf is \$7.50 and dinner is \$12.50

Before dinner, there will be a country and western sing-along and a square dance featuring recording star Till Shymkus.

Following dinner there will be dancing to a full orchestra.

The outing will also feature a grand prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas.

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Hanrahan: "Anytime a group of East Coast liberals is afraid of you, you must be doing something right."

"GOOD" NEWS FROM OLCHS

On behalf of Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 I would like to thank you for your coverage of the various happenings and events at Oak Lawn HS during the past school year. We appreciate the space given to tell about the outstanding achievements of our staff and students.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in helping us spread the "good" news about our young people.

Dominick A. Frigo
Adm Assistant

WHAT PRICE ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR CONVENIENCE?

Convenience is the most sought after feature by today's homeowner. If this statement is true, why all the fuss by residents of Oak Lawn?

How nice to stroll across the street and shop in a new modern 13 million dollar shopping center. The question is: How nice is this when your grammar school is across the street on one side? Added bonus is having an employee's parking lot adjacent to your grammar school.

In order to make this shopping center possible, it is necessary to relocate a car dealer. How wonderful that your church will be sandwiched between the shopping center and Jack Thompson Oldsmobile - complete with body shop. Should your home be in the right location, your front door faces Thompson's body shop. Added bonus - available to only a lucky few.

What ingrates these residents of Oak Lawn! Why can't they appreciate the proposed re-zoning and planning of their wise (re-elected?) officials?

What -- oppose men that are dedicated to serve the best interests of the people? These residents dare place their value of home and community above the needs of progress and the greed of big business.

I, for one, am not willing to sacrifice my home and community in the name of convenience and progress.

Joan A. Klosak
Oak Lawn

Freshman congressman Bob Hanrahan is on a list of Republican incumbents singled out for defeat this fall by the highly liberal Democratic Study Group, the Republican Congressional

Committee has learned.

This DSG is made up of a number of politically liberal Democratic House incumbents.

In a brochure, the DSG, founded in 1959, states: "In

order to maintain and increase liberal strength in the House, the DSG raises funds and provides other types of campaign assistance to DSG members and progressive non-incumbent candidates." The brochure adds in capital letters; "DSG is the only Liberal Org which raises funds exclusively for House candidates."

Congressional Quarterly for June 2, 1973, reports that DSG was founded "as a protest against the slow pace of liberal legislation in the House." As an example of its activity, the same CQ article notes that DSG led the fight to support forced busing in the United States.

Informed that he is a DSG target in the upcoming election, Hanrahan said: "I am delighted to be on DSG's list, because it shows the people of the Third District that I stand for their interests. I am proud of my voting record, which has always been in the interest of my district.

"I would have been disappointed if the DSG had not attacked me."

News FROM

REP. HARRY "BUS" YOURELL

PAMPHLET AVAILABLE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

"Services and Programs Profile for Illinois Senior Citizens," a publication of the newly created Illinois Department of Aging, has just been released, according to Rep. Harry (Bus) Yourell (D-Oak Lawn). Part I of the publication has been made available by the Technical Advisory committee under the direction of Lt. Governor Neil F. Hartigan.

The document represents the first step by the Technical Advisory committee to achieve a greater level of program co-ordination and effectiveness to meet the needs of Illinois senior citizens, according to Yourell. Part I contains the relevant program and statistical information on state government administered programs which affect the

quality of life for the elderly. Part II, when completed, will present a county by county listing of all services for seniors, emphasizing local government and the voluntary sectors' efforts. Part III, which Yourell described as a "needs assessment," will contain a description of current senior citizen needs in the areas of income, maintenance, housing, health, transportation, nutrition, social services and recreation.

Copies of Part I of the publication are now available at Yourell's office at 4740 West 95th street in Oak Lawn on Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. The telephone number is 422-9300. Yourell's home telephone number is 422-9300.

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OLCH educator honored

Dr. Ben A. Smith, Science Department Chairman at Oak Lawn Community High School has been chosen an Outstanding Secondary Educator of America for 1974. Nominated by his principal earlier this year, he was selected for this honor on the basis of his professional and civic achievements.

Outstanding Secondary Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional services, achievements and leadership in the field of secondary education. Each year, the biographies of those honored are featured in the awards volume, OUTSTANDING SECONDARY EDUCATORS OF AMERICA.

These educators are now eligible to receive the Outstanding Secondary Educator of the Year award trophy. Five \$500.00 unrestricted grants will be awarded to the schools represented by America's five Outstanding Secondary Educators. Distinguished judges, along with the Board of Advisors, will select the five individual secondary teachers to be honored. In this way, the program thanks the teacher and the school for their contributions to the continuing excellence of American education.

A family that understands families . . . their needs, sorrows and difficulties at time of tragedy. It's the Lamb family, M. J., Jr., Matt and Dick, who own and direct the Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes. It's a family business dedicated to serving families, to easing their pain at time of death and to doing everything possible to hold down unnecessary costs. Each of the Lambs and their entire staff at Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes are all trained

professionals experienced in handling the many details that present themselves. It's no wonder the Lamb family is recognized throughout the country as leaders in their profession.

Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes,
4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn,
3737 W. 79th St., Chicago,
5800 W. 63rd St., Chicago,
712 W. 31st St., Chicago,
229 S. Main St., Lombard,
All Phones: 735-4242.





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All photos by number and reading left to right: 1. Manuel Mann, Joe D'Amico, Tom & Larry Tibstra; (seated) Ginny Lawler and Ernie Bowen. 2. Dottie Olsen, Ernie Bowen, Miss Witry, Milt Anderson, Loretta Pelletier, Eleanor Barrett and Marlene Quinn. 3. John Siddons, Warren Salahar, Carol Bateman and Terry Kunes. 4. Milt Anderson, Ernie Bowen. 5. Charlene Wagner, Rosemary McGee and Joyce Anderson. 6. Merrill Stenbom, Father Phillip Nessenger, Gene O'Reilly, Sam Rossi. 7. John Ringhofer, Anthony Vacco, mayor of Evergreen Park, John Hyland and his son. 8. Anne Gustafson, pres Fred Dumke, Sandy Dorgan, Eleanor Barrett (seated) Sharon Edwards.

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OAK LAWN CAMERA SHOP

Oak Lawn Chamber Membership Drive



Shown: FRANK BOBLAK, Chamber president; DOTTIE OLSEN, Executive Secretary, RUTH BAULOS, Member, and MERRILL STENBOM, Membership Chairman.

Merrill Stenbom is busy outlining plans for a concerted drive on membership, and present members are being contacted with an organizational chart for their participation.

Merrill said, "The Chamber is becoming more and more the voice of the business community, and every business man in the village should be an integral part of this recognition." Contacts will be made shortly, and it is hoped that the newer additions to the village will respond to this drive.



CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS TO OAK LAWN

The OL Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Marjans and Enterprise Glass Company to Oak Lawn.

Picture: Larry Marjan, Frank Boblak, pres, OL Chamber, Lois Marjan and Flo Marjan.

Enterprise Glass Company has recently moved to 4959 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. The business has been in the Marjan Family for over 60 yrs. The business was originally opened by the Grandfather of Larry E. Marjan, the present owner. It was located on 63rd Street just east of Halsted Street and was the first Glass Company south of Madison Street.

Enterprise Glass Company deals with every type glass available except auto glass. They handle mirrors, glass

tops, storm doors and windows, tub enclosures, reglazing & resilvering, awnings, table pads, picture framing and miscellaneous items.

In 1956 Enterprise Glass located at 6201 S. Damen and it was owned and operated by Larry C. Marjan. After 18 years the company moved to Oak Lawn in September of this year. Both Larry C. and his wife Flo are still very active in the business.

Lois & Larry Marjan and their son Steve have resided in Oak Lawn since 1957.

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Oak Lawn Chamber to Install New Officers

JANUARY 9, 1974 The Oak Lawn Chamber through the Chamber office will hold the installation dinner on Wednesday, January 23, 1974 at Sheraton Inn Oak Lawn, with cocktails at 7 PM and dinner at 7:30. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple which includes dinner, all refreshments, and dancing. Reservations can be made by calling Gene O'Reilly at 636-2950, and seating will be as reservations are received.

New officers to be installed are: (left to right) Betty Sann, secretary; Davis Boyd, 2nd vp; Frank Boblak, pres; Merrill Stenbom, 1st vp and Joseph McCarthy, treasurer.



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OAK LAWN CHAMBER TO HOLD INSTALLATION BANQUET



Gene O'Reilly, co-chairman of the annual Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet (not shown in photo) is busy selling tickets while the rest of the committee members are having fun posing for the above photo.

Actually, all committee members have been hard at work to make this year's event a successful one. LeRoy Corrodino, outgoing president at left in photo is getting his ticket from Lou Mirabelli, co-chairman. Dottie Olsen, David Boyd, Chamber treasurer and Frank Boblak, incoming president.

The Installation Dinner Dance will be held at the Oak Lawn Sheraton Inn Wednesday, January 23, 1974. Tickets are \$15. each and can be obtained by calling Gene O'Reilly at Lincoln National Life 423-2300 or the Chamber office at 636-2950.

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Country and Western Hoe Down

A good ole fashioned country and western hoe down is the theme for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce golf outing Wednesday, July 24 at the Palos Country Club. This one is planned for buckboards, branding irons and wooden buckets with dudes decked out with their boots and saddles; jeans; checkered shirts, neckerchief, bolo ties etc. Golf during the day -- early evening cocktail party with entertainment -- dinner (country style steak with all the trimmings) -- square dancing to a caller who will make you believe that you have been a dancer all your life and have enjoyed it -- sing along and other exciting activities to be announced at a later date.

Be sure reservations are early. First come, first served -- dinner \$12.50 per person and golf \$7.50. Remember -- all sorts of trophies, prizes and gifts for the ladies and the gentlemen.

Get up a foursome for golf and then make up a party for dinner. Tickets will be

available June 15. Call Chamber office, 636-2950, for reservations for tee off time, golf carts and dinner.

This is a community affair, strictly a fun day. Everyone is invited to join.

An enthusiastic golf outing committee unanimously agree on a country and western hoe down. Left to right: Mary Lotz, House of Mary, Co-Chairman; Sandy Dorgan, First National Bank of Oak Lawn; Al Schnitz, S & S Store for Men and Boys; Gene O'Reilly, E.T. O'Reilly and Associates, Co-Chairman; Frank Boblak, Boblak Realtors; Lyle Brooks, Brooks Advertising, Inc.; Mrs. Joyce Andersen; Heinz Gliede, Palos Country

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Five Hundred Friends Honor Charles Reich

Friday, September 20, will long be remembered by all of the 500 friends and neighbors, Local, County and State Public Works Associates, elected governmental and court officials, businessmen and women, and relatives of Charles J. Reich in attendance at a testimonial tendered in his honor at the Palos Country Club in Palos Hills.

Charlie Reich retired from the position of Director of Public Works for the Village of Oak Lawn on September 3, 1974. Representatives of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Oak Lawn Elks Lodge, and members of our Village Staff cooperated in setting the stage for the retirement party.

After the invocation by the Rev. Karl Landgrebe of Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, Sam Lamonto, representing the Elks Lodge of Oak Lawn, presided as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced Donald R. Canning, Director of Public Works for the Village of Oak Lawn, who brought out several tid-bits from his association with Charlie for the past 20 years.

Following Don's opening comments, Representative Bus Yourell read a House Resolution adopted by the 78th General Assembly of the House of Representatives in Springfield, Illinois in respect to Charlie's contribution in the public works field.

Next followed the presentation of plaques by Frank Boblak, President of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Kenneth M. McDonald, Village Manager, and Ross Chisholm, Exalted Ruler of the Oak Lawn Elks Lodge. Each expressed their personal, as well as their business associates' wishes for health, happiness and continued success in future endeavors.

At the head table with Charlie were his mother, Marie Reich, Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Canning, Mr. & Mrs. Burnes Calvert (Annamae having served as Charlie's Secretary for 11 years), the Rev. & Mrs. Landgrebe, Mrs. Martha Dumke, Mrs. Dottie Olsen and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Lamonto. Music and entertainment followed.

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CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW BIKE SHOP OWNERS



Jerry and Shirley Pierce, Oak Lawn residents, have started a new business venture and held a grand opening on March 17th.

They handle the 10 speed Faerich's "Granduer" bike and have facilities for repairing all makes and models. Their merchandise consists of 3-5-10 speeds, tandems, folding bikes, adult three-wheelers and accessories.

Chamber officers visited the shop, located at 5368 W. 95th Street, and welcomed them into the business community.

Shown left to right is: Frank Boblak, 1st V.P., Merrill Stenbom, Treas., Jack Kasper, 2nd V.P., Shirley Pierce, Jerry Pierce, and Dottie Olsen, Exec. Secy.

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With best wishes - Richard B Ogilvie

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Chamber Presents Awards At Holiday Inn

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Open center for seniors

The grand opening of the Oak Lawn Senior Citizens center at 95th and Raymond Avenue, will take place Sunday, Nov. 25, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The "drop-in" center was made available through the courtesy of the Oak Lawn Library board. The building was renovated by several dedicated senior citizens with the help of village officials, Colonial Savings & Loan ass'n, 1st National bank of Oak Lawn, Holiday inn, Rotary club, Our Lady of Fatima council of the K of C and the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

Local merchants who did much to help get the Center in first class condition were Behrends hardware, Joe Egan Plumbing, Brian Anderson of Gee Lumber, Service Electric, Oak Lawn Linoleum & Tile company, "K" Mart, Esquire Smith Cleaners, as well as several local technicians and citizens.

Much of the work was coordinated through the efforts of the Oak Lawn Senior Citizens council.

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1975 OAK LAWN CHAMBER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED



Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce officers and directors for 1975 were installed during the annual "Winter Wonderland Ball" sponsored by the Chamber and held recently at the Sheraton-Oak Lawn. Mayor Fred Dumke officiated at the installation ceremony which featured 1974 Chamber President Frank Boblak's handing over the gavel to Merrill Stenbom, Merrill Secretarial Service, Chamber President for 1975. Boblak is president of Boblak Realtors.

Other 1975 officers are Davis Boyd, Mutual Securities, first vice president; Joseph McCarthy, First National Bank of Oak Lawn, second vice president; Darlene Losacco, Graphic Scanning Corp., treasurer; and Betty Williams Gallo, attorney at law, secretary.

Serving on the board of directors for the term ending in 1975 are James Buschbach, Buschbach Insurance Agency; Vincent Barcelona, Colonial Savings and Loan; LeRoy Corradino, Oak Lawn Trust & Savings Bank; Sal Crivellone, Suburban News Marketer; Dennis Dorsch, Illinois Bell Telephone; Eugene O'Reilly, Lincoln O'Reilly Insurance; and Warren Schlieske, Schlieske Real Estate.

Other directors serving for this term are Joseph Gradowski, Tampa Jewelers; Ed Kendall, Southtown Economist; Mary Lotz, House of Mary; Walter Malleck, Palos Country Club; Louis Mirabelli, Mirabelli Furniture; James Sweeney, Jr., Oak Lawn News Agency; and George Wiegel, Wiegel and Kilgallen Sales Company.

Installed as directors for the term ending in 1976 were Milton Anderson, Oak Lawn Camera Shop; Joseph Boton, Christ Hospital; Tom Davis, T.V. Facts; Pat Hayden, Hayden Real Estate; John Lazzara, That's a Nice Restaurant; Robert Krause, Krause Sign Company; Barbara Kozlarek, Kozlarek and Associates; Harold Miller, H. E. Miller, Architects; Betty Sann, Cameo School of Beauty; John Petrozza, International House of Pancakes; and Ernest Wulff, Sr., NEWS GRAPHIC ADVERTISER.

Oak Lawn Mayor Fred Dumke (seated, left) congratulates Merrill Stenbom on his installation as the 1975 president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Looking on are (from left) Joseph McCarthy, 1975 second vice president; Darlene Losacco, 1975 treasurer; Frank Boblak, outgoing president; Betty Gallo, 1975 secretary; and Davis Boyd, 1975 first vice president.

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Murawski Named to Head Chicago Area Savings Council

Wayne J. Murawski, Vice President of Alliance Savings in Oak Lawn, has been named President of the Chicago Area Council of Savings Associations for the 1978-1979 year.

One of the largest and best-known savings and loan trade groups in the U.S., the Council serves institutions in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area.

Murawski joined Alliance Savings in January, 1978. Previously, he had been executive Vice President and Managing Officer, Illinois Savings, Villa Park. Earlier, he had been a Field and Supervisory Examiner with the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions.

A native of Chicago's southwest side, Murawski attended Marquette University before graduating from Northwestern University in 1957. Active in civic and professional organizations, he is a past president of both Chamber of Commerce and Rotary groups. Currently, he is a member of the Southwest Real Estate and The Southwest Suburban Real Estate Boards.

Married to the former Patricia Lorenz, Murawski has four children ranging from 10 months to 8 years. The family resides in Downers Grove.

NORTH MAY BE NEXT

RTA Changes Lawn Bus Stop

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Oak Lawn riders are now catching the Orland Park to the Loop commuter bus at a new stop. Starting Monday morning, July 24, the boarding location was moved to the Green Oaks shopping center, 96th st. and Cicero ave.

Regional Transportation Authority spokesman Gale Sperry said the change was necessitated by crowded conditions at the former stop, 103rd st. and Cicero.

A change is also under discussion for the present Worth stop at 111th st. and Depot ave. Unless the RTA and the Village of Worth can work out a satisfactory detour around the construction work at 111th and Harlem, the Worth stop may be moved to 111th and Ridgeland ave.

The RTA proposed that the bus bypass the Harlem hazards by using 112th st. to reach Depot, but village officials feel that neither of these residential streets could hold up under

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Member and Business to the Village of Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member and business to the Village of Oak Lawn.

Picture: From left to right: Sam Mondello and John Buben, partners and owners of the Bar and Snooze Shoppe, and Betty Gallo, President of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

The Bar and Snooze Shoppe, located at 5205 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, Phone Number 636-5205, specializes in custom built bars from 4 to 12 feet in length, with a variety of styles and colors to select from, bar stools, sleeper sofas and recliners and have been in operation since May of this year.

Store hours are from 9 to 9 Monday, Thursday and Friday - 9 to 6. Tuesday and Wednesday - 9 to 5 Saturday and closed on Sundays.

OK plans for former Korvette's site

ECONOMIST - 7-30-78

By JOAN PEARLMAN

The Oak Lawn Village board Tuesday approved plans for the development of the southwest corner of 87th st. and Cicero ave., which include a Woolco Department store to open in the old Korvette's site and construction of two restaurants and a savings and loan.

Plans for the corner, to be developed by Surety Builders, were first presented to the Oak Lawn board in September.

Richard Kaufman, representing Surety which is also renovating a former E.J. Korvette's center in Matteson, said Tuesday that Long John Silvers and Lums' restaurants and George Washington Savings and Loan will construct buildings on the front

of the lot, facing Cicero ave.

Board members also approved a parking variation for the center.

Woolco, which is scheduled to open in September, will occupy the first floor of the Korvettes' store and the second floor will be sealed off.

According to the plans for the corner, mens and womens' clothing stores and a card shop will also open in the center.

Service Merchandise, Dominicks and Walgreens will remain at their present locations and when the lease for Mobil Oil gas station on the corner expires the station will be removed.

A request for a Class A liquor license for the D-Lux motel, 4811 Columbus dr., was also approved by the

board and liquor licenses for Quicksilver and Vern's V-Mart were recalled.

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb said both establishments have gone out of business. The village now has 62 liquor licenses issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Michaelyn A. Sircher, owners of the motel, said they plan to build a lounge which will seat 38 people. The couple also said they plan to spend \$100,000 remodeling the motel and constructing the lounge.

The fate of a proposed medical clinic to be built at 4545 W. 103rd st., was left unanswered Tuesday.

Board members referred the issue back to the Development board after they were notified that the attorney,

representing the eight physicians who plan to build the center, had asked that their request for a parking variation be removed from the agenda.

Village Clerk Jane Powers said the postponement was requested because the physicians are "considering either getting a new architect or forgetting the whole idea."

A plan for the inverted pyramid-style, three-story building was approved by the Development board in June.

However, village ordinances require a structure the size of the clinic proposed to have 115 parking spaces.

The Development board approved

the plan with 65 spaces, with the condition that additional parking on the same block and within 100 feet is available.

An agreement has been signed by the board of directors for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox church to let the clinic owners use the church parking lot. The lot is directly across the street from the proposed clinic.

A group of close to 25 residents from the area attended Tuesday's meeting to protest the proposed clinic.

Mayor Kolb said the residents would be notified when the issue is scheduled to be brought before the Development board again.

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OAK LAWN



Batters Up!

Concordia Federal Savings is now "at bat" in Oak Lawn at 4616 West 103rd. With four closely-located offices in the southwest area, Concordia is covering all bases to serve south-west area neighbors. At a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the Oak Lawn office, Linda Spanos, (center) branch manager, was "at bat" to cut the ribbon-of-pennants with the help of: (left to right) George Eck, of J. and G. Construction who directed the office remodeling; Betty Gallo, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce; Ernest Kolb, Mayor of Oak Lawn; and John Gill, concordia's senior vice president and marketing officer. Following the ribbon-cutting, an open house reception presented an opportunity for Concordia's Oak Lawn "team" of financial counselors to meet members of the Oak Lawn Village management, Oak Lawn hamber of Commerce and business neighbors.

During the grand opening celebration, now through August 12th, savers who make a qualifying deposit of \$300.00 or more to a new or existing account at any of Concordia's offices in the Evergreen Plaza, Ford City, Alsip or Oak Lawn, can select one of 100 Free gifts. Office visitors are invited to complete an entry blank, no obligation, for a chance to win a 5-minute shopping spree and other prizes which will be awarded at a prize drawing at the Oak Lawn office on Saturday August 12th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

White Sox stars Eric Soderholm and Lerrin LaGrow will visit Concordia's Oak Lawn office (a White Sox ticket outlet) to meet guests and autograph pictures. Refreshments, souvenirs and prize drawings will be featured August 12th.

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Home Free!

After tossing and mixing over 17,000 entry blanks submitted in Concordia Federal Savings seven week grand opening promotion for their new financial base at 4616 West 103rd Street in Oak Lawn, Chicago White Sox third baseman, Eric Soderholm (left) scored a hit with Raymond Lysik, of Orland Park, when he drew his entry as the grand prize winner of a 5-minute shopping spree at the neighboring Jewel Food Store.

Concordia's president, John W. Gilluly, (center) and Oak Lawn branch manager, Linda Spanos, were on hand to greet over 1,000 southwest area neighbors who visited the Oak Lawn office, Saturday, August 12th, to meet White Sox stars, enjoy refreshments and door prize drawings and witness the winning run contest finale.

During the promotion to celebrate the opening of Concordia's 4th southwest area office, the Oak Lawn office recorded over \$2 million in savings deposits of new community neighbors. The 89-year old savings and loan is covering all bases to serve the southwest area with thrift and home loan services.

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Plan discount directory

Working on a new Oak Lawn Senior Citizen Discount Directory are: (standing from left) Vina O'Malley, president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce; Rochelle Hatton, director of the Oak Lawn Senior Center; and Judy Grant, director of the Chamber of Commerce, and (seated) Doris G. Klein, chairman of the Oak Lawn Senior Citizen Commission. Oak Lawn merchants who wish to be listed as offering discounts to persons 60 or older should call the senior center at 499-0240.

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OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 9TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Parade Committee, Chairman Tom Gavin III, David Groebe, Marie Napolillo, Louise Sherman, Marianthe Karson, Milt Andersen, Betty Murray, and Dr. Terry Flanagan have been busy preparing for the 9th Annual Christmas Parade and Party. The festive day will be Sunday, November 18th, 1984 with the parade stepping off promptly at 12:00 Noon. The Color Guard Unit of the Johnson-Phleps VFW Post #5220, commanded by George Van, Jr. will lead the Parade. The Grand Marshalls of the parade will be the Honorable Mayor and Mrs. Ernest Kolb and Linda Macfarlane, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Parade will form at 11:00 a.m. at the George Washington Savings & Loan parking lot 103rd and Cicero Avenue. The parade will proceed north on Cicero Avenue (west side of street) to 95th Street, then proceed west on 95th Street (south side of street) to 52nd Avenue, where a Grand Finale is planned. Christmas goodies and refreshments will be given to all children and parents. Garfield Goose will perform and afterwards the children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa.

Further details call the Chamber of Commerce office at 424-8300.

SANTA'S MAILBOX

A special Santa's mailbox will be placed at 95th Street and Cook Avenue, next to the Village Christmas tree, for the children to deposit their letters to Santa Claus.

HERE COMES SANTA

This year many Oak Lawn Merchants will be hosting Santa at the respective businesses. Following is a schedule of the dates and businesses where Santa will appear. Santa's hours are:

Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	1	4	5	6	7	8 A.M. Heritage Bank of Oak Lawn 6001 West 95th St. 636-1200 P.M. Vass's Realty 4025 W. 103rd St. 636-7474
9 Coldwell Bankers 5840 W. 95th St. 424-4000	10	11	12	13 Buttons & Bolts Fabrics 9722 S. Cicero 423-6444	14 Oak Lawn National Bank 9400 S. Cicero 636-2112	15 A.M. Olson Rug 5901 W. 95th St. 424-5730 P.M. Wm. C. Givoch & Co. 5041 W. 95th St. 636-9700
16 Red Lobster 9700 Southwest Hwy 636-1019	17	18	19 Sherwin Williams Paint 5525 West 87th St. 424-3355	20 Marquette Sports 4861 W. 95th St. 424-5533	21 Tatman Home 4046 W. 111th St. 424-7333 & Tatman Home 4740 W. 95th St. 425-7900	22 A.M. Hemlock Federal 8055 N. Ridgeland 593-7400 P.M. S & S Men's Wear 5215 W. 95th St. 422-4944
23 Mal's Men's Shop 5201 West 95th St. 424-3210	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29

TEAR OUT & SAVE

Christmas Parade in Oak Lawn

The Ninth Annual Oak Lawn Christmas Parade will step off from the corner of 103rd Street and Cicero Avenue on Sunday at noon.

The Color Guard unit of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 will lead the parade north on Cicero to 95th Street. The parade will continue west on 95th Street to Cook Avenue where a grand finale will be held.

Refreshments and entertainment by Garfield Goose will be available after the parade in the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. Children can visit with Santa Claus at the hall.

A special Santa's mailbox will be placed next to the village Christmas tree at the corner of 95th St. and Cook Ave. Santa Claus will visit local businesses throughout December. For dates and locations, call the Chamber of Commerce at 424-8300.



O.L. Chamber of Commerce float in the recent Christmas parade.

OL Chamber parade an annual event

On Sun. Nov. 18, the Oak Lawn Chamber sponsored a parade extravaganza. Leading the parade was the Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220, along with the color guard and women's auxiliary. City officials, Department Heads, Boy Scout Troop No. 619, Shriners, special floats, were extra special this year.



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Pictured preparing Oak Lawn's Christmas tree are: In the bucket, Paul Lunk, Public Works Dept.; Marie Napolillo, Southwest Auto Radiator; Terry Flanagan, Flanagan Chiropractic Clinic; Standing left to right, Tom Gavin III, Oak Lawn Independent; Louise Sherman, Illinois Bell; Village Clerk Jayne Powers; Mayor Ernie

Kolb; Judy Grant, Ex. Dir. Chamber of Commerce; Betty Murray, Blake & Lamb Funeral Home; Linda Macfarlane, Pres. Chamber of Commerce; Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus; and Marianne Karson, Concordia Federal.

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Parade to herald holidays

Oak Lawn's gala Christmas parade will start at noon Sunday and will head north on Cicero Ave. from 103rd to 95th St., and turn west to Cook Ave. Floats, marching units, and antique autos are expected to participate, with a children's party following at the Johnson-Phelps Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 9514 S. Cook Ave., where there will be refreshments, entertainment and, of course, a chance to visit with Santa. Shown above are village President Ernie Kolb, Mr. and Mrs. Santa and Chamber President Linda Macfarlane. Tom Gavin III is chairman of the parade committee.

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Oak Lawn readies for Yule parade

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Led by the color guard unit of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220, the parade will go north on Cicero to 95th St, then proceed west to the VFW hall at 9514 S. 52nd Ave. where a Christmas party will be held for the children.

Refreshments will be served and the children can visit with Santa Claus. Garfield Goose will entertain the children at the party.



To Welcome Santa

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Pictured from left to right are Ernie Kolb, Mayor of Oak Lawn, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and Linda MacFarlane, President, Chamber of Commerce.

OL Chamber parade this Sunday

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has just completed their plans for this year's Christmas Parade to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 12:00 noon. This festive day will begin with the Color Guard Unit of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 leading the parade from 103rd and Cicero north to 95th St., then west to Cook Ave. where a grand finale will be held.

Chairman Tom Gavin III and his committee have a

spectacular day planned for one and all. Floats, marching units, antique cars and finally a children's party immediately following the parade are some of the planned events. Refreshments and goodies with entertainment from Garfield Goose and a chance to visit with Santa will be available in the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Avenue.

Arrangements have also been made for a Santa's Mail-

box to be placed on 95th Street and Cook Avenue, next to the Village Christmas Tree for children to deposit their letters to Santa and this year many Oak Lawn merchants will be hosting Santa in their businesses. A schedule of dates and businesses is available through your chamber office.

For any further information, call 424-8300.



Welcoming Christmas season in Oak Lawn

Village President Ernie Kolb, his wife Peggy and Clerk Jayne Powers were convertible passengers in the annual Oak Lawn Christmas parade Sunday. At the wheel is Louis Sherman. The parade along Cicero Ave. and 95th St. was followed by entertainment for the children at the VFW hall. For more parade photos, turn to Page 5.

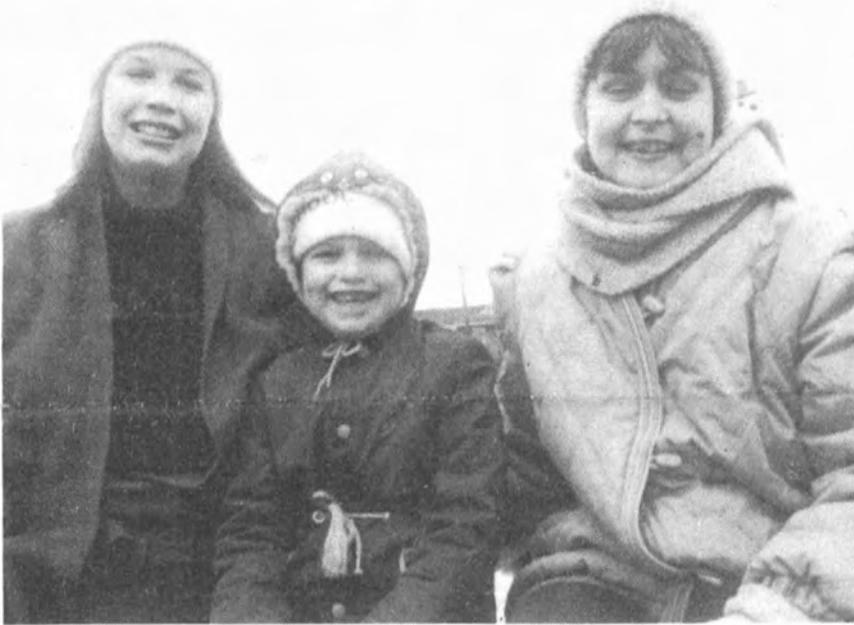
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Incoming and outgoing Chamber of Commerce presidents Linda Macfarlane and Jim Buschbach rode in the parade together.



From left, Mary Pat Crowe, Dennis Coe and Colette Olson, well bundled passengers on the Heritage Bank float.

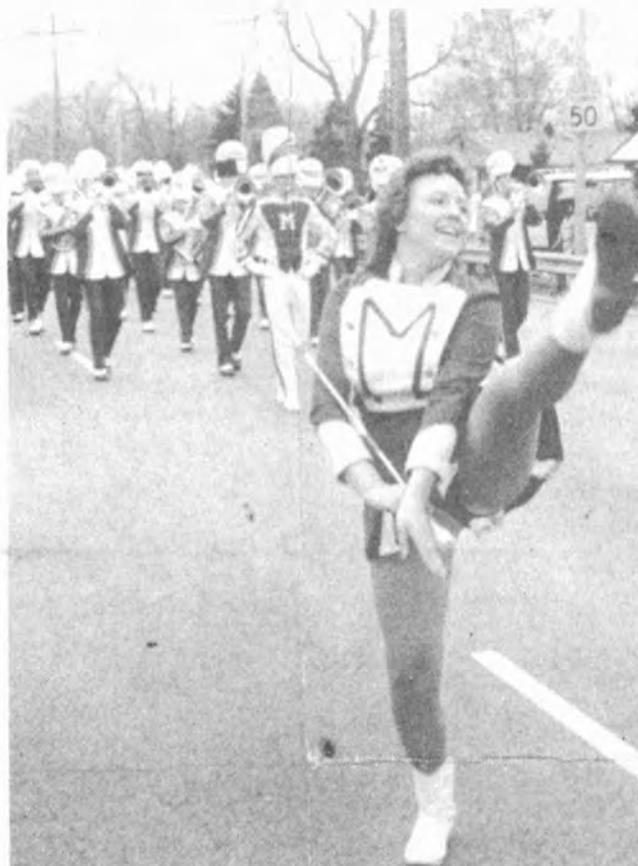
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Heralding the season



Lynn Kolodziej marched with the Oak Lawn High School trombone section in Sunday's Oak Lawn annual Christmas Parade. To her left are musicians Geoff Chiavelli and Arnie Christianson.



One of the Redettes leading the Marist band Sunday was high kicking Joan Manna of Mother McAuley High School.



Penny Lotl got a warm welcome when she braved the cold as drum majorette for the Oak Lawn High School band.



Marist bandsmen march down Cicero Ave. Sunday acting as "heralds" for the parade's star, Santa. From left are band President Ed Crotty with fellow trombone players Richard O'Connell, James Klockow and Dave Gallagher.

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Arlene Lukach, owner of Pyramid Book Mart, Jim Buschbach, Pres. Oak Lawn Chamber and Buschbach Ins.; Marie Napolillo, 1st V.P. Oak Lawn Chamber and Southwest Auto Radiator.

Pyramid Book Mart

The Pyramid Book Mart located at 5251 W. 95 St. in Oak Lawn specializes in new books on self-help and Metaphysics. Owned by Arlene Lukach, the Pyramid Book Mart also features quartz crystals and costume jewelry. The Pyramid will also special order books for their customers and it features books and tapes by columnist, radio and TV personality Jacki Mari.

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