

# SPIKINGS

PEAKING



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### CANCER

Celebrations for birthdays were in order on July 2nd for Celeste Smith and Michael Landauer. They were 10 and 8 respectively.

**ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS**  
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Trocki, 7706 N. Nora, will be celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary July 15th. May you have many many more happy years ahead, and enjoy yourselves on each and every anniversary.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Cuba have announced the engagement of their daughter Judy to Bill O'Shea of 736 Kedzie. Both are Niles folk. Judy living at 8253 Odell. Wedding plans are most likely in the making, and on both your engagement and forthcoming marriage, much happiness to you both!

### A FRIEND IN NEED, IS A FRIEND INDEED

Mr. and Mrs. John Geske, 8105 N. Ottawa, wish to thank everybody, neighbors and all, for sharing their bereavement in the loss of Mr. Geske's father, Mr. Richard Geske. After a long illness Mr. Geske's father passed away, and friends seem to help so much at a time like that. The old saying still holds true, "A friend in need, is a friend indeed!" My condolences to you too.

### HAPPY LANDING

My brother Roy and his wife Doris, after a Church Convention in Minneapolis, visited Doris' family in Aurora for a family reunion; then to Milwaukee to stay with her mother and other members of her family who live there; then to Niles, and out to Mundelein for our family reunion. It certainly was great having them visit under so many circumstances. My brother Roy had come here in April for my mother's funeral, but I hadn't seen Doris for four years, so the WELCOME MAT was certainly out. They left from O'Hare Field June 27th for San Diego, their home. As much fun as they had visiting, I know they were glad to be homeward bound, because with the many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family that they were able to see and talk to, they began missing their own three wonderful children. Great having you here, Doris and Roy.

### LIONS CONVENTION

The 41st annual convention of Lions International opens in Chicago July 9 through July 12. Chicago will extend its world-famous hospitality to the Lions of the world. In 88 countries of the free world, delegates representing over 575,000 Lions in 13,694 clubs are preparing for their visit to this convention. Lions Gessner and Spikings are Niles delegates, and will set up their convention headquarters in the Drake Hotel. All you Niles Lions come out, and while you are at business meetings, etc., your wives will be kept busy,

# From The Left Hand

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tion. School division of the district schools on west Dempster.

Staying north but going to the east end of Niles we find the residents on Crain, Greenwood and Lill west of Harlem upended by the water which lays in their backyards after each rain-storm. Engineer Bill Cadigan surveyed the locale and reported to the Village that four catch basins costing \$1000 each would drain off the water. Cadigan reported that the land is as much as a foot below what was planned for the area, but he said he was not in a position to say whether or not the builder is at fault. The residents in the area are in a rightful lather over the pools and the 23rd at the Board meeting a representative of Fidelity Builders will present his side of the story. Interested residents should "bulldoze" the walls in the Village Hall... which by one way has become commonplace at the last half-a-dozen Trustees' meetings.

Moving just east of here we might stop over in the new subdivision at Wright Terrace and Bellefort Road and National Avenue. Sixteen new residents in the Kif Project have reached the point of no return. They petitioned the Board concerning their problems and Building Inspector Morheiser will report at the next meeting his findings. Among their complaints are inadequate caulking on their homes, roof shingles coming up from the roof, a home which faces the wrong direction (the owner bought the home after seeing it complete), a driveway which is unusable and other corresponding problems. One resident mentioned during the winter the inside of a kitchen cabinet was only 23 degrees and the builder rectified the situation by building a warm air vent under the cabinets.

If you're still with me drop over to the Nico Park where home-owners are complaining of the poor conditions there. The land alongside the park is in poor shape as well and concerned parents would like the ruts and water pools attended too.

Moving west into Grennan Heights all the residents who are directly concerned with the Ottawa and Other Streets project have not yet adjusted to the new street improvement. Some residents on Osceola south of Monroe feel they bought their homes on an improved street and can't find the answer as to why they must be assessed for an entire new street. They contend the concrete street in front of their homes should have been maintained by Motor Fuel Taxes thru the years. They contend the price they paid for their homes was greater because of the improved street and feel

and pleasantly so, by attending style shows, special entertainments arranged by the Chicago and Illinois lady Lions, etc. I hope to bump into some Scandinavian Lions can't speak Norwegian too fluently, but I can understand it very well, and that might prove very interesting! Might run into a long-lost relative of mine. The whole convention should prove very enlightening, so do try and get to it, you Niles Lions.

Just one more thought; "This is God's Country. Don't Drive Like the Devil."

### Edna Ringquist At National Meeting

Mrs. Edna M. Ringquist of Niles Presbyterian Community Church - Niles, Illinois, is one of more than 5,000 women attending the fifth quadrennial meeting of the National Council of Women's Organizations being held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, June 25 through July 1.

This national meeting is the last one to be held by women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., which last month merged with the United Presbyterian Church of North America to form the more than 3,000,000-member United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The women are expected to approve a provisional constitution for a new United Presbyterian Women's organization.

Representatives of women's groups of the former United Presbyterian Church of North America will be guests at the week-long meeting.

Other delegates and visitors include women from churches in Egypt, Cuba, Brazil, Alaska, Chile, Mexico, Indonesia, and Cameroon, West Africa. Nearly 200 missionaries and church members from national missions and overseas fields are attending the quadrennial conference.

Highlight of the meeting will be the adoption of a "Charter for Christian Action" drawn up on the basis of recommendations coming from more than 3,000 local church study groups conducted during the past year. The charter will guide the efforts of Presbyterian Women's Organizations in their work at home and abroad.

The opening session featured

a keynote address by Mrs. Paul Moser, outstanding United Presbyterian Church leader, based on the over-all theme, "He is Lord of All." Inspirational addresses by a number of outstanding church leaders are also included in the week-long program.

### St. John Brebeuf 2nd Annual Picnic Sun. July 13

The second annual picnic of the St. John Brebeuf Parish, is to be held on Sunday, July 13th at Miami Woods East, at Caldwell and Oakton in Niles. This is a combined project of the Catholic Women's Club and the Holy Name Society.

The co-chairman of the picnic, Mrs. Stephen Siles, 7457 Keeney, Mr. Kevin Barry, 8340 Oomay, and Mr. Kenneth Scheel, 700 Keeney, extend a cordial invitation to every family in the parish to attend for an afternoon of fun. The picnic is to start about 1:00 P.M. A clown will be present to entertain the youngsters. There will be races for children and the ladies. Tug-of-War for the Teens and a Ball Game for the men. Please come and bring your well filled lunch basket with you.

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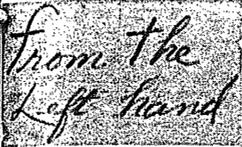
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# Niles To Hire Resident Engineer



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**NILES DAYS LEFTOVERS**  
"Niles Days" has cometh and goneth. To me it means summer has past its midpoint and now is going downhill, even tho it seems it just arrived.

If you wandered around the three-day carnival on the last night of the affair you could find a great number of very tired people who had devoted the greater part of the three days to working on the fair grounds.

Three or four months ago, when the first Niles Days' meeting was held, I was in favor of the Park District receiving all the funds from the festival. I felt there was a great need for the money and that it would be a great aid to their recreation program. After seeing their arts and crafts program discontinued because of lack of funds I thought the money could best be used for this activity. I also believed the Police and Fire Departments should be sustained by the Village and any and all of their needs should be so satisfied by the trustees' vote.

However, after seeing who does the lions' share of the work, I can see where the two municipal forces deserve their share of the money. After putting in eight hours on their jobs both departments put in equal and more time on the fair grounds. This is in contrast to finding volunteers from the local groups to man the many booths for as few as three hours for the entire three days.

The Youth Council, which hasn't been heard from the past couple of months, is also the recipient of 25% of the Niles Days' money. Persons whose many hours of sweat and labor go into making this annual event the success that it is, are not too keen about the "teens" sharing in the profits. Every year when we call goes out for workers there are few if any teens to be heard from. This year there is a need for parking lot attendants, a three-hour job which only requires a little arm-waving, but the younger set was nowhere to be found. The Public Works Department filled in, in this job. And so it goes every year.

I am well aware that the same people "run" Niles Days every year. I don't know whether it's their job of publicizing the festival meetings or whether most of the groups in town are disinterested, but I am firmly convinced that only the same handful of men would devote as much time and energy to the "Niles Days" as they do.

Surprisingly, before attending the first Niles Days meeting, I was convinced this was a "closed shop" as far as controlling the fair. But this wasn't true. Every resident attending had an equal vote at the meeting. And (Continued on Page 6)



### Queen Judy Mroz

Queen Judy Mroz, 7715 Oriole, center, is flanked by the two other finalists in the Miss Jaycee contest held over the weekend at Niles Days. L. to R. Geraldine Zienianin, 7356 Nora, Judy and Carol Cornelius, 7745 Neva. Standing are the Jaycees who helped promote the contest. L. to R. Frank Kunicika, Tim Sackett, Joe Golic, Bob Bergman and Gene Wagner.

Two queens fifty-seven years apart walked off with the main laurels Sunday night at Niles Days culminating the very successful three-day festival.

Pretty Judy Mroz, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mroz, 7715 Oriole, became Miss J.C. for 1958, the official queen for Niles Days.

Pert Mrs. M. Schuetzner, 74, 3132 Western Avenue, Chicago, mother of Mrs. Arthur Treutler, 8239 Olcott and Gordon Schuetzner, 7405 Monroe, won the 1958 Pontiac, the top award in the Niles Days drawings.

Other prize winners included T. Koch, 7805 Nora, winner of a television set; Harold Hacker, 6212 Howard, winner of the rotisserie; Niles Bowling Alley, winner of the Polaroid camera; P. Lucas, 5810 Kingsdale, Chicago, winner of a Hi Fi set and Walter Miller, 1424 Oakton, Park Ridge, winner of a pressure cooker.

Queen Judy received a bouquet of roses, the symbol of the new queen, from last year's winner, Phyllis Koch. Runners-up included two equally pretty girls, Geraldine Zienianin, 7356 Nora, 20, and Carol Cornelius, 7745 Neva. The girls were the finalists from a group of sixteen of Niles' most beautiful young ladies, who started the elimination contest Friday night. Eight girls reached Saturday's semi-finals. Judges for the final choice included Mayor Stankovic, who had the honor of kissing the three finalists, Judge Smigiel, Mack Well, Shirley Hicks and radio personality Vince Garrity.

Judy, whose stage presence was captivating said she would like to answer master-of-ceremonies Bob Bergman's questions by stating she would like to pursue her further education; would like to re-marry her Mom and Dad perhaps by doing secretarial work, and said her prime ambition in life is to become a housewife and mother. When she was announced the winner she could only blurt out in answer to Berg-

### 'Of The Week'

Quotes Of The Week: Building Inspector Morheiser, "We have a very tough building code"... KIF Builder Iseberg, "This is the 'toughest code' I've ever seen... a home I build in Niles could be duplicated in Elmhurst for \$1500 less... in Dundee at \$2000 less"... KIF homeowner Sullivan, complaining of water leakage in basement, "I bought a house with a FULL basement, not a house FULL OF WATER"

### It Happened In Niles

Sarah Manasse, 66, 6950 Seward, was taken to Resurrection Hospital after cutting her foot while cutting the lawn... Patricia Myers, 3, 115 Stolling, was treated for a dog bite on the face... Dog owner John Hansen of Stolling impounded the dog in Park Ridge and after ten days the dog will be put to sleep... Robert Barcal, 7918 Octavia was taken to St. Francis Hospital after being injured while riding his motor scooter in Morton Grove... He was Niles' first motor scooter victim... Mr. Burke, 7239 Greenleaf reported to police that his son's bike was damaged after the boy leaped off as a coal truck backed into it at Lill and Harlem. Burke said the boy rode the bike over dirt on the sidewalk that was placed there by the truck... A resident at 8301 Octavia stated he planned on getting "rid of the dog" tomorrow that had been running loose in the neighborhood... he said he had just gotten the dog yesterday... A Mr. Biechman, 8640 Olander reported July 2 that his car, which was parked in his garage, had been broken into... the hood of the car was cut in four places enabling the thieves to cut the wire on the burglar alarm system... he stated the cables on the battery were also cut... hoodlums entered garage by forcing in a garage window... also forced down car window... sample cases were found at Harlem and Lill and Harlem and Dobson... also in the 8600 block on Olcott... officer Femmel came across an escapee from the Illinois State Hospital at Harts Road and Milwaukee Ave... he was returned to the hospital.

Trustee Stanley Wells suggested that the new man should have an experienced municipal background and suggested the trustees might seek a man who is now working in the state highway department or in the sanitary district. He also mentioned that Skokie has a well-qualified man hinting that he may be available at least for part-time work.

### Kirk Lane Appraisal For Park

The Niles Park Board voted at the July 2 meeting to have an independent appraisal of the value of the two-and-a-half acre tract of land on the east side of Waukegan Road at Jonquil.

Last month, prior to the successful vote of the Recreation Tax, Kirk Lane residents requested the Board seek an area in their area for a future park. The group threatened to actively resist the proposed Park Tax if they didn't receive some satisfaction from the Board.

### Park Board Meet Tonight; Vote On Appropriation

The Niles Park Board will vote for the approval of the 1958-59 park appropriation at their special meeting at the Grennan Heights Fieldhouse tonight.

### Availability Reason For \$10,000 Post

The Board of Trustees at the July 9 meeting unanimously approved the employment of a full-time civil engineer. He will receive an annual salary of \$10,000.

The Board, who have been somewhat less than satisfied with the service they receive from Consoer, Townsend and Associates, will retain the services of this firm although sewer, street and grading inspections and other related jobs, will be handled by the new engineer.

Trustee John Poeschl stated, "I am opposed to the way we're getting the run-around from the Village engineers". He was referring to the difficulty the Village was having in getting cooperation from the village engineers when they were needed for "on the spot" inspections.

During the many previous discussions of Niles sewer problems it was continuously suggested that engineers should be present during rainfalls to see the resulting flooded conditions.

Consoer, Townsend and Associates are also engineers for several neighboring towns (Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, etc.) and are engaged in work throughout the country. The firm is well respected in their field. However, the trustees felt Niles was not receiving the personal service of "on the job" inspections at the time they were needed.

Village Attorney Wells suggested that the new man should have an experienced municipal background and suggested the trustees might seek a man who is now working in the state highway department or in the sanitary district. He also mentioned that Skokie has a well-qualified man hinting that he may be available at least for part-time work.

### Assaulted While Attending Funeral

Two Chicagoans, Ward Bell and Muriel Bell, complained they were assaulted at a funeral service in St. Adelbert's cemetery. He was assaulted by three men and she was assaulted by another woman. Mr. Bell said that there was ill feeling caused by the fact that the three men were not asked to serve as pall bearers.

