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From The Left Hand

By David Besser
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I received a report from a Bruce Newling, a student at the University of Northwestern, who completed a field survey about Niles for the Department of Geography of the University. Bruce, who hails from England, is working on his PHD at Northwestern. The report which will follow was done in cooperation with the village planner, Carl Gardner. Much of what is in the report is a result of Gardner's survey of Niles. The title of the field survey is "An Analysis Of Transportation Routes, Circulation And The Urban Development Of Niles, Illinois."

The purpose of the report is primarily to examine the growth patterns of the town with the transportation routes and their circulation.

Most significantly Newling reports that Niles is located between radial routes of the Milwaukee Road and the Chicago Northwestern railroads on her east and west. "Lacking an on-line location Niles has had to await the achievement of capacity development by more favorably located towns." He then compares Niles building boom in comparison with Evanston showing where Niles' far outstrips Evanston during the boom period of the 1950's. (Which I assume is an example of a better located town in relation to Niles).

He then depicts in maps how Niles' population spread contiguously along the main transportation arteries and emphasizes that Milwaukee and Touhy are the two main arteries.

He then looks at our industry along Touhy, Lehigh and Caldwell and notes that due to the lack of rail facilities upon the highways they are entirely dependent upon the highways for transportation, both for the carrying of raw materials and finished products as well as in the transporting of employees to and from this industry.

He then describes Niles as a formless elongated village oriented in a northwest-southeast direction along Milwaukee Avenue. Taking a Gardner figure he breaks down the use of land in the village as follows: Residential, 34%; Commercial 2%; Manufacturing, 9%; Semi-Public, 22%; Streets, 8% and Vacant Property 25%.

He brings out a very interesting point about our residential growth patterns. He said, "While we are closely associated with Milwaukee Avenue most of the streets are bent so that the sight and sound of the traffic are obscured for most people living on such streets."

However, in linking Milwaukee Avenue with the residential areas he notes that 64% of Niles wage earners worked in Chicago, 23% in adjoining towns and (Continued on Page 5)

Form Association In Greenwood Estates

The newly organized community known as Greenwood Estates held its first social activity, a block party, on Saturday September 5, 1959. Heading the committee for this social were Joy Amlin, Bill Riddle, Phyllis Peterson, Violet Bergquist and Marlin Brown.

This community has a newly organized community organization known as Greenwood Estates Homeowners Association. The area covered by this organization is between Cumberland to the East and Greenwood to the West and Bruce Drive to the North to about 1 block North of Oakton to the South.

Officers of the Organization are: Nicholas Blase, President, Harold Sawyer, Vice President, Lynn Scott, Secretary and John Flowers, Treasurer.

Annexation Plans Become 'Water-Logged'

It was the consensus of trustees' opinion Tuesday night that Niles will annex additional property north-west of her present border if she can adequately service the area.

The area known as Ballard Acres, which is bordered by Greenwood, Western, Ballard and Emerson Avenues, was presented at the meeting by resident Glen Wood. He said 70 to 80% of the residents of the area would be interested in annexing

to Niles. However, Wood added, homeowners living in the corners of the area were definitely opposed to any annexation procedure.

Realtor William Alter, representing the interests of property which extends west to Potter Road and north of Golf Road, was also anxious to annex into Niles. He admitted the owners are interested in obtaining water from Niles which will service a 56 acre area which will be used

for multiple dwellings. About 20 acres north of Golf would give Niles additional impetus for her push to a likely border at Central Road on the north.

It was decided that no action would be taken until the village engineers submitted a report re water to the area and to estimate costs for additional reservoirs for water storage. The report will be forthcoming at the September 21 meeting.

Trustee John Stanley, who has led the annexation push, pondered as to whether additional annexation would be to the village's interests. He said he was concerned about the multiple dwelling invasion but noted they will likely be built whether or not they come into the village. He reminded the board that a multiple dwelling project built by Rizzo Builders west of Niles (Continued on Page 2)

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Community Center, Swimming Pools, Baseball Diamonds Included In Plans

Park Board OK's Referendum For Saturday, October 24

Niles' Pan Am Official



Former Olympic track winner, Mrs. Annette Kelly, 6828 Seward Avenue, looks over the program for the Pan Am Games where she officiated. Mrs. Kelly was a gold medal winner in the track and field events in the 1936 Olympics which were held in Berlin. (Photo by George Braun)

New Location Boon To New Library Customers

On September 1st, 1959, the Niles Public Library opened its doors for the first time in its new location 7944 N. Waukegan, to a crowd of borrowers not seen since its first registration day on April 13, 1957. New registration numbered close to the 50 mark and well over 200 books were checked out in the two hour period, in addition to those books returned.

New shelves are being ordered to accommodate the 1000 books which will be arriving on loan within a week from the State Library collection. Two tables are on order for the use of students for their school reference work. The new location is air conditioned and spacious enough to accommodate the anticipated rapid growth. While the children of Niles have always had a healthy enthusiasm for the use of the library it is hoped that the adult population will begin to make use of the improved facilities. The move was completed during a weekend and the library was closed for only seven hours of its summer schedule.

Lions Meet Sept. 16 For Evening Social

The Niles Lions will have a Social Evening Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, promptly at 7:00 P.M., for Lions, Lionesses and their guests at the Rathskeller of the Niles Bowl. A specially prepared full-course dinner will be served at \$3.50 per person. The evening promises to be one of fun from beginning to end, and any Lions missing this gala occasion will have reason for regrets, for our Socials are our strongest bonds of unity.

On The Inside

There's a good chance the zoning board may OK the Oakton-Waukegan park plan. Actions of the park can not be considered by the Z.B. Both Jim Maloney and Bob Wentz stated any condemnation proceedings on the part of the park board should not be a consideration of the zoning board. They did not believe the park plans should be an influencing matter so far as the Z.B. was concerned. However, no matter what action they take it is likely the Village Board would vote in favor of the multiple dwellings. There is little sympathy on the village board for the proposed park plans. The mayor said he was undecided how he felt about them as late as last Saturday. Trustee John Stanley was less than impressed with the original idea when it was first announced. Trustee John Trocki, a Kirk Lane resident, is likely to be paddling upstream if he opposes these plans which his neighbors so strongly favor. All three men will be vitally concerned with the village election in 1961 and the wounds which may develop over this matter may prove slow to heal.

Bond Would Cost Voters \$18-\$20 Yrly.

Saturday, October 24, the \$1,400,000 bond issue for the community center and a total swimming pool, a combination roller and ice rink, several baseball diamonds and a picnic area will all be included in the plans. The estimated cost for individual homeowners will be \$18 to \$23 yearly.

At the September 3 park board meeting in the Grennan Heights Fieldhouse the five-man board presented to them by Mac Padzean and Everly, park recreation and architectural specialists. The plans were returned to the drawing board for additional revisions. (In Skokie the Devonshire Community Center plans were revised 35 times before they were submitted to the electorate.)

The Niles board also unanimously approved the firm of Allen, Blair and Company to handle the sale of the bonds in the event the referendum is successful.

One of the major obstacles confronting the park plans concerns the present owners plans (Continued on Page 5)

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Saturday Nite Bowl Still Has Openings

There are still openings in a Saturday night bowling league at the Niles Bowl, 7333 Milwaukee Avenue. It is a mixed league which will begin at 6:30 P.M. in about two weeks. All interested parties should contact the Niles Bowl for further information by calling NI 7-7300.

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