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Society News and Updates

New Board of Directors Elected

At the annual Society Annual Meeting, held on February 20, a new Board of Directors was elected. Headed by President Jonathan Dixon, the new Board includes a mix of new members and holdovers. Dixon, last year's Vice President, assumed the presidency in October of 2007 when the elected president, Jacque Day, moved out of state. Society Officers and Board Members are listed on page three.



New Office Coordinator Supports Society

When you visit or call the Society you are likely to encounter someone new. Donna Harnett contracted to be our Office Coordinator. During her first few months, she has been involved in numerous activities including office management, culling and straightening out our chaotic files, bringing our regulatory filings up to date, and documenting procedures for Society activities. In addition, Donna has many important projects which will improve the efficiency of our organization as we move for-

Sullivan Alumni Association Announces 2007 Prominent Alumni

Each year the Sullivan Alumni Association recognizes a group of distinguished alumni. This year seven new alumni joined the ranks of those selected in previous years.

Don Berz, class of 1955

Berz has served 42 years in a number of California colleges and universities in teaching and administrative positions. Chaffey College honored Berz by naming a new campus building after him.

Dr. Phillip Bloomfield, class of June, 1952

A research professor in Biomedical Engineering and Science at Drexel University, Bloomfield holds eight US patents and has authored over 70 articles.

Jenny Swanson Dinicco, class of 1950

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology,

Al Grossman, class of 1951

Served as a volunteer counselor for more than five years at SCORE Chicago which provides support for small business and entrepreneurs. Grossman was inducted into the

Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame in March of this year..

Ada Schloss Lynn, class of 1944

An actress since age 7 from vaudeville to films, Lynn has been honored by "Women In Film".

Dr. Judith Markowitz, class of 1955

The leading independent analyst in voiced based biomedics and leader in speech technology, Dr. Markowitz has published two technical books and more than 100 articles.

Gordan Segal, class of 1956

Founder of Crate and Barrel in 1962, Segal is on the board of many service organizations including the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Historical Museum, and Children's Memorial Hospital. He has received many awards from the City of Hope. and is in the *Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame*.

In this Issue...

In recognition of the 2008 House Tour, we include two articles on post World War II West Ridge, particularly the west side of the neighborhood. One piece takes us on a virtual walk along California Ave. from Devon to Howard Street. The other looks at the Bell family, one of the first families to build and move into a new house after the war.

The Sullivan Alumni Association supports the school in many ways ranging from awarding scholarships to mentoring students to providing special gifts for the school. Meetings and social events provide opportunities for alumni to get together.

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Ways To Get Involved in Preserving Our History

Become an Information Resource

The Society occasionally receives requests for information on very specific topics of Rogers Park and West Ridge. Board members and volunteers have knowledge of many aspects of the detailed history of the neighborhoods, but certainly not everything. If you know about a section of the neighborhoods -- even a street, a special structure, a person, or event -- and you are willing to share your knowledge, please contact the Society office and we will list you as a *Subject Source*.



What does this mean? If we get a request for information that is held by a someone listed for that specific topic, we will notify that *Subject Source* to provide that information to the requester or someone from the Society (who will handle the response).

Become a Contributor to The Historian

Some may feel that experiential stories about neighborhood people, places, and events are uninteresting to general audiences, but neighborhood history is, to a large extent, based on personal recollections. Personal experiences can provide unique insights into the history and character of neighborhoods.

This issue of *The Historian* includes two articles based on memories of Eileen Bell Landau. The Bell family was one of the first West Ridge residents to move into a new post- World War II house. Eileen has vivid memories of the wide expanses of undeveloped land in the area. She has also shared the story of her eclectic family.

We encourage you to contribute your stories to *The Historian*. You can write an article or provide us with your information (either in writing or orally) and we will write the article and credit your contributions.

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From the President...

by Jonathan Dixon

Irreplaceable.

Lately, the Society has been learning something about the meaning of that word.

Obviously, I'm talking about Mary Jo Doyle. Just about everyone's first encounter with the Society over the years involved Mary Jo. At one of our house tours, at a school reunion, at an event where she was selling our historical books, or simply calling or visiting the Society, there was Mary Jo... always there.

While Mary Jo is irreplaceable as a symbol, we have also learned that the work she devoted herself to is also irreplaceable, and Mary Jo devoted herself to local history and service to the community. The best way to honor Mary Jo is to take up the same sense of service she had. Our mission at the Society – being the custodians and gatherers of the history of Rogers Park and West Ridge – is irreplaceable. Could you imagine our neighborhoods without anyone taking on this mission?

Our volunteers are irreplaceable. This has always been true, but especially so in the past year. They kept the Society functioning throughout everything and they continue to keep us going. To everyone who has volunteered their time and talents to the Society: thank you.

Our members are irreplaceable. So many of you have come forward in the past year to show how important the Society is to you. The attendance at our Founder's Day event last summer and our Open House in January was overwhelming.

The Society is all of us – volunteers, members, directors – all drawn together out of our sense of community and interest in our history. The nice thing about being interested in history is that we're always trying to better understand what came before us and how it affects us now and into the future. The here-and-now and the future bode well for the Society. Judging from our past, everything we have accomplished (with Mary Jo's help) will direct us toward more good work, and we invite all of our members to join in.

This year the Board is focusing on several major initiatives: finding a permanent home, updating and documenting key office procedures, updating our

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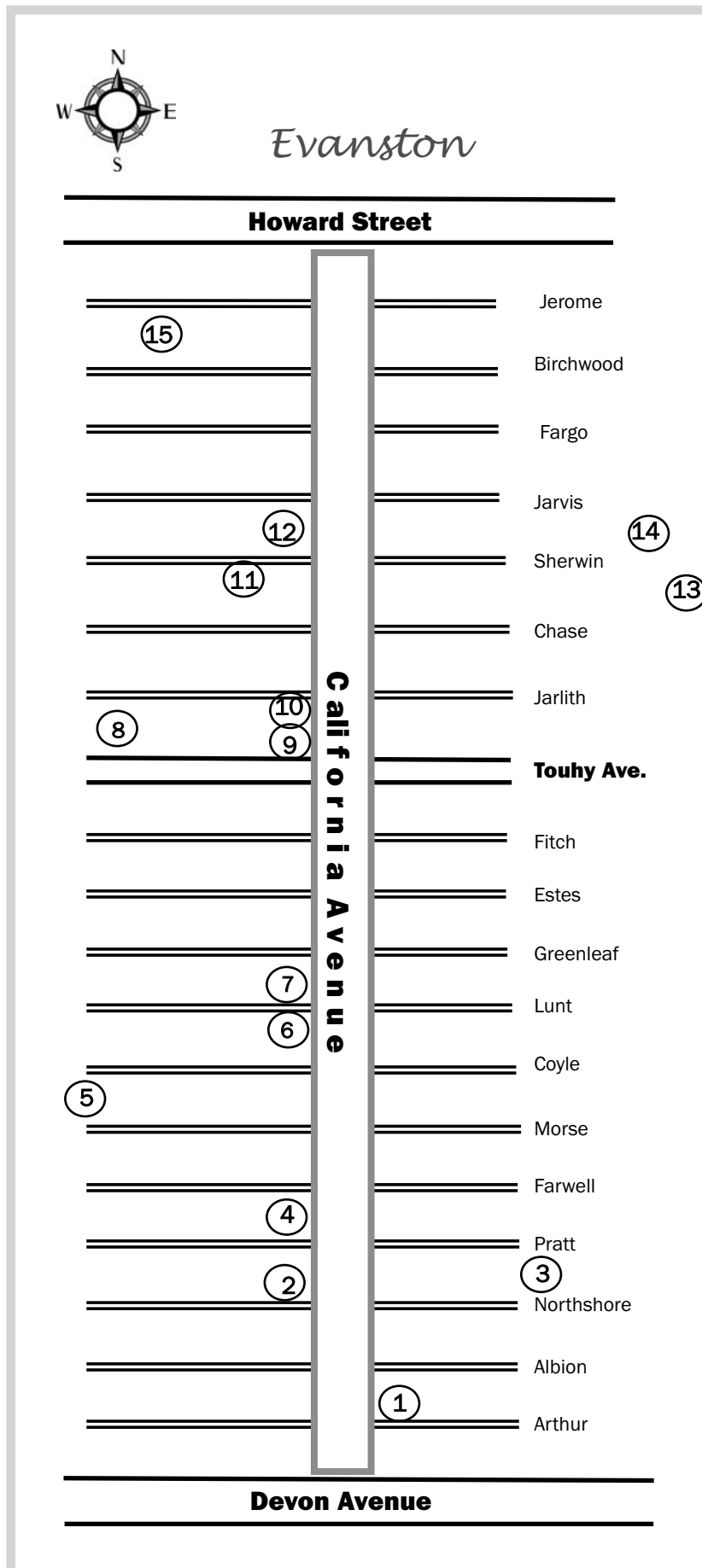
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technology, and strengthening our financial status. Our goal is to make the Society a stronger organization for years to come. The support of our members and volunteers will help make it happen.



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The Prairies of West Ridge

By Marty Lewin, Publications Director

Post-World War II Chicago – vibrant, active, densely populated. An exception was the western portion of the West Ridge neighborhood (the northwest corner of the city), which was sparsely populated and developed. Large sections covered with prairie grass, block after block without buildings and other blocks with only a handful of houses, a vegetable farm and a poultry farm, wild birds and animals...this was the west side of West Ridge.

Note: the numbers in this article refer to points on the map on page 4.

Starting On Devon

During the 1940s and '50s Devon, the showcase street of the neighborhood, was far from developed. Vacant lots covered with weeds and wild grass could be found on just about every block east of California, while west of the street buildings were rare. Going north on California, expanses of wild grass lined both sides of the street, broken up by an occasional building. Looking west, large areas of prairie were visible in the distance.

California and Arthur (#1). This is the first of three large, pre-war apartment buildings between Arthur and Lunt. Each of the three buildings has a strip of ground level stores facing California. The frequently changing stores, including small grocery stores, taylor shops, dry cleaners, dress shops, barber shops, beauty salons, an eye glass store, and others, addressed an array of neighborhood needs.



The apartment building on California and Arthur has a large courtyard facing Arthur.

A small store on the southeast corner of the building was a predecessor of convenience stores. While people shopped there year around, the store was especially active in summer as neighborhood residents stopped in on hot days to cool off with a Coke, ice cream, or a Popsicle product (stored in a white freezer decorated with the colorful Popsicle Pete logo).

Newly constructed **Congregation KINS (#2)**, located on the northwest corner of California and Northshore, was one of the first synagogue in the area.

A block to the east of California, at North Shore, is **Boone School (#3)**, one of two public grade schools in the western part of West Ridge in the 1940s.

Walkers approaching Pratt would step up the pace to hurry past the odor and din from **Schau's Poultry Farm (#4)**.

Two blocks west of California was a large prairie with high wild grass, birds, and animals, including (according to some observers) deer, which is probably the origin of the unofficial name for the area, **Deer Park (#5)**. In a few years, the vegetation and animals would be gone and much of the area would be covered with upscale homes.

The other two **pre-war apartment buildings (#6 & #7)** were on the northwest and southwest corners of California and Lunt. Some of the stores housed in the building on the northwest corner (#6) were important to the neighborhood.

This current view of the building on the northwest corner of Lunt and California (#7), shows the architecture and street level stores.

During the 40s and 50s, Cal-Lunt Pharmacy occupied the corner store in the foreground, "Georgie's", a school supply store and haven for children, was another street level shop. Other stores were occupied by a beauty shop, and a small grocery store. Merchants renting space in the building on the southwest corner included a barber, a dry cleaner, an eye-glass store, and a business with a mysterious name and windows always covered by drawn blinds.





The Prairies of West Ridge (continued from page 5)

Cal-Lunt Pharmacy

Before the proliferation of Walgreens, people depended on independent drug stores. Cal-Lunt Pharmacy, the only drugstore in the area, provided prescriptions, over the counter products, and advice by pharmacists who knew all the regular customers by name.

The store was too small for a soda fountain but it did have a Coke machine and a rack with the latest comic books. It was also the place for boys to buy Topps baseball and football cards and girls to purchase movie star trading cards.

Cal-Lunt met another crucial need. Each September, children in primary grades had to bring a cigar box to school to store their pencils, erasers, and other supplies. Cal-Lunt, like most drugstores, saved cigar boxes all year and doled them out each September to children who came from non cigar smoking homes.

Georgie's

The sign painted on the window simply said, "Georgie's" It's hard to describe Georgie's because it was a feeling as much as a small school supply store. To the eye of a child, Georgie seemed very old, but the mothers understood he was ill. It may have been the pace of the times, or the feeling for Georgie, but nobody ever complained about having to wait as he slowly shuffled to fill orders.

In a time before schools issued multi page school supply lists, Georgie had everything a grade school child would need. But Georgie's was more than a school supply store. It was penny candy, it was toys seemingly chosen for specific children, it was a place to purchase the new models of yo-yos, tops, and kites, and new "one hit wonders" -- fads that lasted a single season.

And after school supplies had been purchased and crowds had subsided, it was a place for children to talk to an adult who listened and cared.

One day in the early 1950s there was a paper sign on the door that simply said, "Closed". A couple of days later the small store was empty. Georgie was gone.

Touhy Avenue

In the 1940s, there were only two businesses by the Touhy-California intersection -- a **vegetable farm** (#8) and a **tavern** (#9) on the northwest corner of the intersection. Owners and names have come and gone but the building is virtually the same. The bar had an eerie quality. No one in the area had ever seen anyone enter or leave the bar. People passing by could see shadowy figures through the darkened window and wondered where they came from.

the first restaurant in the area. At this time there was no lunchroom in Rogers School and each day some children from the school made the quick three block trek to Louie's, joining construction workers to form an unusual lunch crowd.



This recent photo shows the tavern with its current name.

Around 1951, a new building was constructed north of the tavern which added a second business to the intersection. **Louie's Noshery** (#10), a diner, became

Louie's Noshery

Louie's Noshery was, in most ways, a typical diner. The food ranged from hot dogs to hamburgers to barbecue beef sandwiches, with egg dishes served during morning hours.

Six red, vinyl-covered booths lined the left side of the narrow eatery. A counter with stools covered in the same red vinyl was on the right. Behind the counter, the owner-cook prepared most of the food on a grill and a deep fryer that produced french fries to accompany every sandwich.

The thing that set Louie's apart from other diners was its Florida theme. One wall was covered with a huge mural depicting South Florida landmarks. The sandwiches were also Florida themed -- a "Miami" (hot dog and fries) -27 cents, a Collins Avenue (hamburger and fries), a Hialiah (barbecue beef and -- what else? -- fries)...



And there was Helen the waitress in the standard waitress uniform with frizzy blonde hair and a surly attitude gained from dealing with children who had never been coached in tipping etiquette.

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The Bell Family Arrives

By Marty Lewin

1947. The post-war building boom was still a couple of years away as the country moved to a peacetime economy. Building materials were slowly becoming available, but were still in short supply, limiting availability of new houses and the size of those that were built. Overcoming these obstacles, a new house was constructed in the northwest side of Chicago, at 2819 Sherwin (see map, page 4, #13).

The Bell Family, Robert and Frances (Frannie), and their two daughters, Eileen and Joyce, moved into their new home on November 11, 1947. The new house was a small, boxy, two-story Georgian with a green metal cover over the bay window.

Eileen Bell Landau, who was in kindergarten when her family moved into their new house, has shared her memories of her eclectic family living in the sparsely populated section of West Ridge. This story is based on her recollections.

Robert Bell could certainly not be labeled indecisive. Two months after meeting Frannie Michnick, the 29 year-old Chicago school teacher celebrated Valentine's Day (1941) by giving her a diamond ring. Shortly afterwards (in April), they were married at the pale pink Edgewater Beach Hotel, a Chicago landmark located at the north end of Lake Shore Drive.

Robert and Frannie moved into their first home, a two bedroom apartment on the 1600 block of Pratt. They lived in the apartment for about five years during which time their two daughters, Eileen and Joyce, were born. They were able to arrange for construction of a small house on west Sherwin. Even before they moved in, Frannie saw trouble ahead – two adults and two small girls (who would become teenagers) living in a house with a single bathroom. Frannie sold her engagement ring to pay for a small powder room which the builder was able to fit in on the first floor.

The downpayment and moving expenses ate up all the family savings and Eileen remembers that her parents had about \$25 left after paying the movers.

Eileen entered kindergarten at Phillip Rogers Elementary School, one of the smallest schools in Chicago, located a block east of her house (map on page 4, #14). To the south of the school was a large prairie (map p. 4, #13) covering an area equal to six to eight square blocks. Within a year, the area would be covered by rows of small, rectangular structures – houses for veterans who were not able to find a place to live in the face of the post-war housing shortage. The prefabricated structures were quickly erected and children from these homes enrolled in Rogers School, stretching it to its capacity. Less than 18 months later, all the residents had found their own housing, the wooden buildings stood empty, and the student population at the school dropped to normal levels.



Current view of the Bell House, 2819 Sherwin

Robert Bell was born at home in Chicago in 1912. He graduated from Lane Technical High School, one of the most prestigious high schools in Chicago. Later, while attending Crane Jr. College, Bell received a scholarship from Northwestern University where, in 1934, he earned an undergraduate degree in Renaissance Art and History, with a minor in Education, and then, in 1935, a masters degree. Robert also

took classes in drawing and painting at the Chicago Art Institute.

Bell taught at several Chicago Public Schools. In the late 1930s he began teaching drafting at Lane Tech where he remained until 1947, when he passed the Principals' Exam (the first given since the outbreak of World War II). After serving as principal at several schools he became a District Superintendent, a position he held until 1967 when, after suffering a heart attack, he retired from the Chicago school system.

A Message From the Museum Director By Marybeth Brewer

Greetings to all RP/WRHS members!

I've lived in Chicago for many years and in West Ridge for seven years. In addition to my "real" job at the Field Museum, I volunteer as the co-founder of West Ridge Bungalow Neighbors, sit on the board of The North Town Garden Society, and am a member of Preservation Chicago. In my new RP/WRHS board position of Museum Director I'm looking forward to helping the Society move forward into 2008 and beyond.

One of the most pressing needs at the Museum is to get all of the archives in order and properly preserved. In the past three months I've been working with a small team of volunteers on what we like to call "The Big Dig". We've been digging through boxes of material that have been collected over the years, sorting them into categories, and determining what needs to be tossed, what needs to be filed, and what needs urgent attention in terms of proper archiving. Right now we are focusing on the archives located at the Society, and will then repeat this process for what's in storage in an off-site location.

Once the digging and sorting is completed, I will seek out a consultant to advise on proper preservation techniques as well as funding for the purchase of acid-free storage cartons and other material needed to protect these precious assets that have been entrusted to the Society.

I'm also looking forward to working with the other board members and volunteers in bringing some exciting new exhibits and events into the Society, and on new ways to communicate with our members to keep them informed and involved.

The Bell Family Arrives (continued from page 7)

Bell led a balanced life, supplementing his devotion to education with his passion for painting and his love of opera and other forms of classical music. Though he was a fine artist, he never considered selling his work. A psychologist with a knowledge of current *brain science* might identify Bell as a rarity – someone who was equally comfortable in all four brain modes.

Frannie Michnick was born in Chicago in 1918, and graduated from Chicago's Von Steuben High School. Related to famous opera singer Alexander Kipnis, she also had a beautiful singing voice. At her own wedding, as she walked down the aisle, she stopped to sing "Because". Frannie became a professional choral soloist – first at Temple Isaiah Israel (near the University of Chicago), later at Temple Beth El when it was located in Logan Square, and then, starting in 1957, when the congregation moved to West Touhy Ave. She continued singing until the late 1960s.

In 1949, Frannie began a business career at Continental Coffee Company where she became the company's first woman manager. She stayed for 20 years when she retired from the company, but not from working.

After her "retirement," Frannie started her own consulting firm, *Frances Bell and Associates*. She contracted with companies to handle their accounting, set up procedures, and recommended process shortcuts and improvements. Her daughter Eileen was an "associate"

and learned how to reconcile bank statements at an early age.

Consulting firms were fairly unusual when Frances started her firm and businesses owned by women were even more rare. As a woman in business, Frances Bell was clearly ahead of her time.



Eileen Bell,
8th Grade photo, 1955

Eileen's Further Reflections

On a cold and rainy day in October of 1950, the Bell family walked across the street to watch the Temple Menorah (map on page 4, #12) ground breaking ceremony. After it opened, Temple Menorah started *Market Days*, an annual "rummage sale" of mainly new merchandise, that drew huge crowds to the neighborhood.

Eileen remembers a restrictive element of post-World War II culture – girls were not allowed to wear pants in school. On cold days, Eileen's mother had her wear corduroy pants under her skirt. When she got to school, Eileen had to remove the pants and leave them in the coatroom.

Describing the West Ridge neighborhood in the late 1940s, Eileen remembers that she could walk a few blocks to *wilderness* – where there were rabbits, raccoons, foxes, squirrels, and other animals. By 1955, the builders had come and gone and every block was filled with new homes.

A Presidential Mystery Touches Rogers Park by Marty Lewin

The call came from Dick Hurwitz, President of the Sullivan Alumni Association, to give me an item for The Historian. "President Warren G Harding's daughter graduated from Sullivan in 1938."

I knew that Harding was one of the numerous Presidents from Ohio, that his administration was probably best known for scandals (especially Teapot Dome), that he died in office and was succeeded by Vice President Calvin Coolidge. But I could think of no reason why his daughter would live in Chicago and attend Sullivan High School. Some research was clearly in order.

The first step was to check the 1938 Navillus (the Sullivan High School yearbook). A picture of Ann Harding was included with the graduates. The next step was to find out, if she was, in fact, the daughter of the 29th President and, if so, why she attended Sullivan



Ann Harding
(1938 Navillus)

Researching Harding is revealing and frustrating as historians are still debating various aspects of his life.

Was Ann Harding the daughter of President Warren G. Harding? There seems to be little argument that Harding had at least two long term affairs -- one with Carrie Phillips, wife of a friend, the other with Nan Britton, who was thirty years younger than the President.

On October 22, 1919, Britton gave birth to a daughter named Elizabeth Ann Christian. Though Harding never saw Elizabeth Ann, he made "generous payments" to support the child. Some historians speculate that the payments were actually blackmail to hide the affair. Not surprisingly, the payments stopped in 1923 after the death of Harding, and Britton was left without a source of

income. Nan sued Harding's estate to gain a trust fund for Elizabeth Ann, but lost the case due to lack of evidence and her own erratic testimony. In dire financial shape, she sent her daughter to live with her sister and brother-in-law on the north side of Chicago. Some say they adopted Elizabeth Ann while others say the couple just took care of the child. This is how Ann Harding ended up as a student at Sullivan.

In 1927, Britton wrote a book, "The President's Daughter," which went into great detail about the physical aspects of Harding's affairs and the conception and birth of Elizabeth Ann. The book was virtually ignored until it was reviewed by famous contemporary journalist H.L. Mencken and then it quickly sold over 90,000 copies.



President
Warren G. Harding

The question remains: is Elizabeth Ann Harding the daughter of President Warren G. Harding? Here is some of the evidence:

- The courts didn't think so
- Elizabeth Ann generally avoided discussing Harding throughout her life
- At least one historian maintains Harding was sterile
- Nan Britton expressed conflicting explanations about the identity of her daughter, but later insisted Harding was the father
- Harding's willingness to pay child support.

Did President Harding father Elizabeth Ann? Is there enough evidence to make a definitive decision? You be the judge.

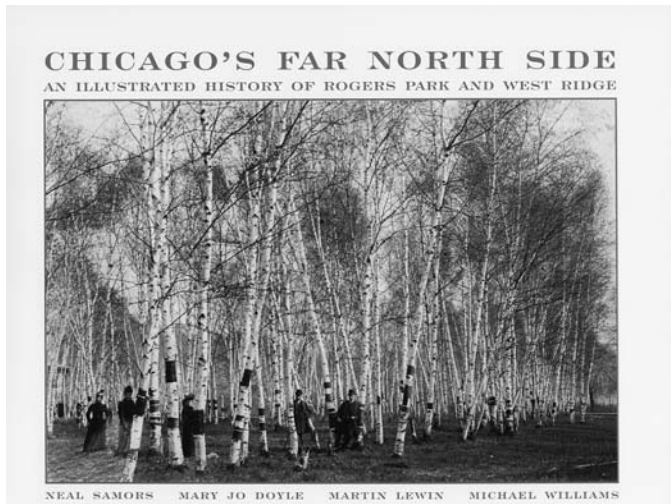
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The **large field** (#13) adjoining Rogers School was home to only a few animals, probably due to the traffic of children trudging to the school from all directions, but the **high grass fields** (#15) west of California housed many wild birds and small animals.

In a few short years, the character of West Ridge would drastically change. A building boom would cover the prairies and empty lots with various buildings. The fields bordering Touhy would be covered by a Jewel food store, High Ridge YMCA, Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, Cal-Touhy Pharmacy (built by the owners of Cal-Lunt Pharmacy), numerous small shops and restaurants, a town house complex, a Dodge dealer, and many duplex apartments.

Rogers School, overwhelmed by the flood of children brought in with the building boom, got some relief with an addition to the building and the construction of Stephen Decatur School (two blocks west of California). The only significant area that escaped the builders' tractors was the large field next to Rogers School where prefabricated houses once stood. The area was acquired by the Chicago Park District and today is an expansive park with a large playground, baseball and softball diamonds, and plenty of room for families to just hang out.

The Society Store



Our 30th anniversary Poster!

This 18 x 24 poster replicates the cover of our first historical book, *Chicago's Far North Side -- An Illustrated History of Rogers Park and West Ridge*. The cover features one of the most important photos from the Society's collection, "Birch Forest at Lunt and Ashland", c. 1900.

The Chicago's Far North Side poster comes in two editions

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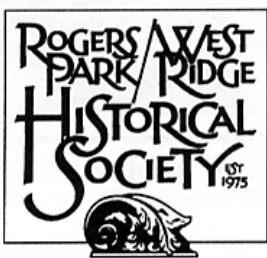
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