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Despite delays, Niles Police anticipate new home

ANDREW SCHNEIDER

After some initial delays, the Niles Police Department are scheduled to move into their new facility at the corner of Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues the first of March.

"Construction is coming along," said Niles Deputy Police Chief Dean Strzelecki. "We had originally hoped to move in at the end of December, but the construction company



The new Niles police station under construction.

had some problems with sub-contractors and we had some site problems."

Among the site problems, were buried SBC Ameritech telephone lines that would have been too expensive to move. As a result, the garage level, which was originally designed to be constructed underground, has been built above.

"If you look at the building right now it appears to be three-stories," said Strzelecki. "But it was originally supposed to be only two with a buried garage." Workers are hurrying to "close up" the building by installing the windows and finishing the exterior walls.

"Currently, the crews are working on the masonry walls on the outside and inside of the building," said Strzelecki. "They hope to close up the building by the end of November and then move

on to the interior work."

Workers have already completed the room that will eventually house the computer and phone equipment for the building. According to Strzelecki, it should be installed within the next five weeks.

"We have a five-week window to install the computer and phone equipment," he said. "It's already been ordered but we also have to wait for the utility companies. We're sort of at their mercy."

Once the building is completed, the Police

Department will move from the old building to the new, one division at a time.

"Everybody's excited," said Strzelecki. "These guys are working on top of each other over here. Sometimes the Chief has to have staff meetings in the kitchen."

The Department is scheduled to finish its move completely in three to four weeks.

"The Property Officer who has taken possession of all the evidence for court has to be present for the movement of all the evidence,"

Strzelecki said. "It has to remain in his custody so he has to move it himself or at least be present when it's being moved."

Once all the divisions have been moved from the old station, it will be demolished.

"It's going to be our parking lot," said Strzelecki.



Getting it just right

Lauren Fairley, 3, of Park Ridge puts the finishing touches on her pumpkin at the Brickton Art Center table at the Park Ridge Arts Festival in Hodges Park, Saturday morning, Oct. 18.

Municipalities assess costs of garbage strike

WENDY ELLIS

Local Communities are still assessing the damage done to city coffers by the recent nine-day garbage strike. Public works crews in most communities pitched in to haul away garbage from businesses, groceries and multi unit housing developments, and were getting ready to tackle perishable residential trash when the garbage haulers ratified a new contract and went back out on the street. Nonetheless, the various strategies pursued by the individual communities put an added wrinkle into already tight budgets in many municipalities.

In Park Ridge, officials are estimat-

ing the nine-day strike cost the city over \$32,000 in overtime pay and rental of trucks, and additional secretarial hours to answer phones. "These are out of pocket expenses we would not have had to endure if they had not been on strike," said Saccomanno. "In addition, they did not provide us the service we were owed the days they were not on the street." That means the city's efforts to recover the cost will be two fold. The city will ask ARC Disposal to reimburse the out of pocket expenses, and then give the city an additional \$30-\$35,000 credit for the work they did not do. "We don't know what's going to happen," said Saccomanno. "But the city attorney is working on it."

In Niles, Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey says the village is still trying to add up the numbers. Niles also rented garbage trucks from downstate and put public works employees on the street to keep ahead of the situation.

As for Morton Grove, the village hauled 70.89 tons of garbage to the SWANCC landfill during the strike. Public Works Director Andy DeMonte says they aren't sure yet whether that bill will be paid by the village or by the village's waste hauler, Groot Disposal. As for paying the public works employees for their time, DeMonte says that would have been done anyway, they just would have been doing work other than hauling garbage.



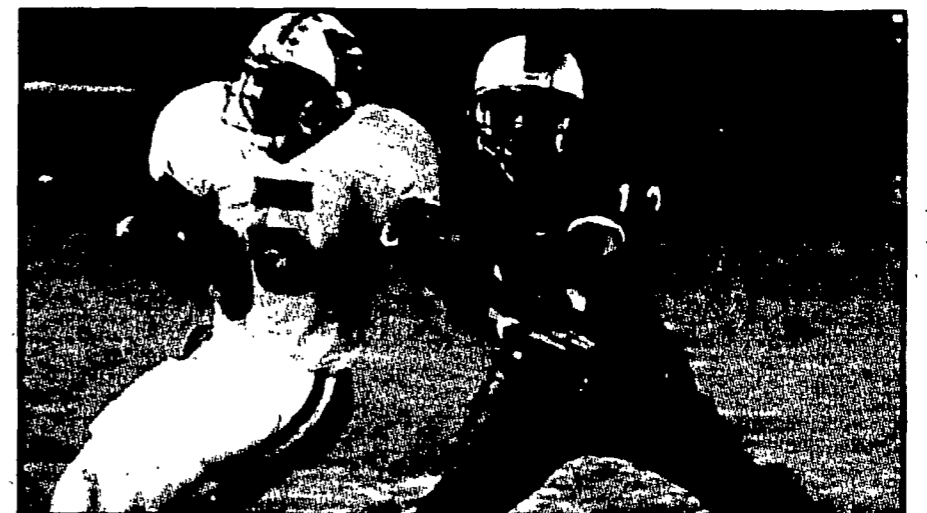
Lost and Found

After more than 30 years underground, Nick Buttitto's class ring from Notre Dame High School shows no damage. Story, pg. 25.



Dist. 64 negotiations continue

Tami Nardi of Lincoln School cheers as Park Ridge Education Association president Fred Klonsky finishes his address to the Dist. 64 School Board. Story, pg. 21.



Niles West defeated in turnaround

Niles West's Rashard Mendenhall sheds New Trier tackler #13 Spencer Craig in the second half of their Friday night game. Story, pg. 15.

POLICE BLOTTER

MORTON GROVE

■ Racing boat burglarized (7900 Golf)
Two racing motors valued at \$5,500 were taken off a racing boat parked in storage in the 7900 block of Golf sometime between Oct. 8 and Oct. 10.

■ Multiple trips to mens' room nets thief 17 bottles of liquor (5900 Dempster)
An Osco Drug Store employee told Morton Grove police a man in his mid 20's walked into the store Wednesday night Oct. 15 and stood in the liquor aisle. She said that the man walked to the men's room and returned back to the liquor aisle several times over a 20 minute period and then left the store. The manager told police after the man left the store she went into the men's room and found 17 security sensors that were on the bottles. Police valued the theft at \$250.

■ Construction tools stolen (5900 Lincoln)
Construction tools valued at \$2,180 were taken from a van parked in the 5900 block of Lincoln, Wednesday night Oct. 15. Among the tools taken were electric saws, a marble cutter, and two drills. Police said thieves broke the front passenger window to gain access.

■ Woman tries to wheel out cart full of clothing (6831 Dempster)
Police said woman in her 20's tried to wheel a shopping cart filled with clothing and perfume out of the Marshall's at 6831 Dempster Wednesday night Oct. 15. The manager of the store approached the woman after security alarms went off as she left the store. The manager told police the woman ran away. Police also found a purse inside the cart that belonged to another woman who told police she lent the purse to the woman attempting to wheel the cart full of clothing out of the store.

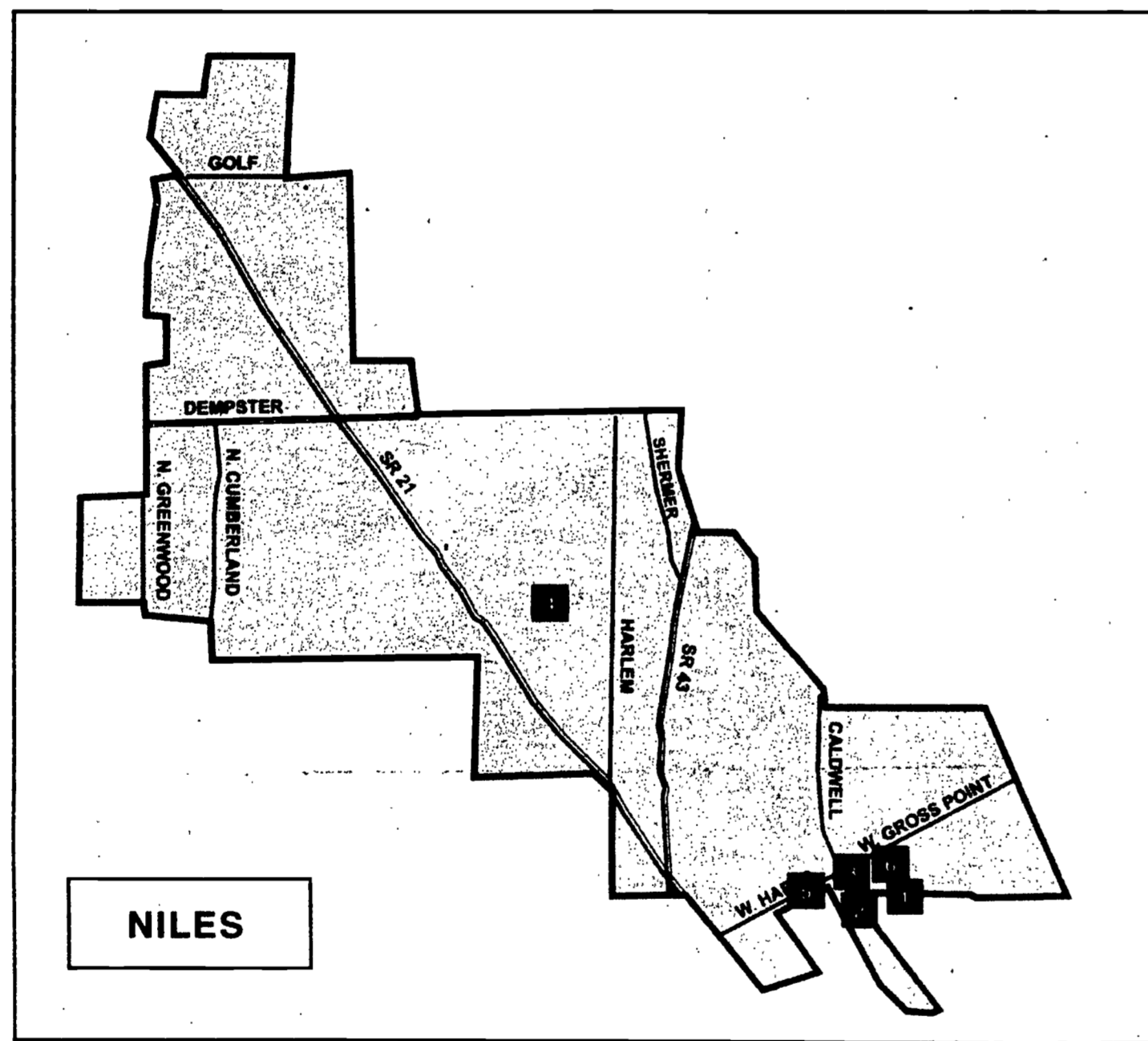
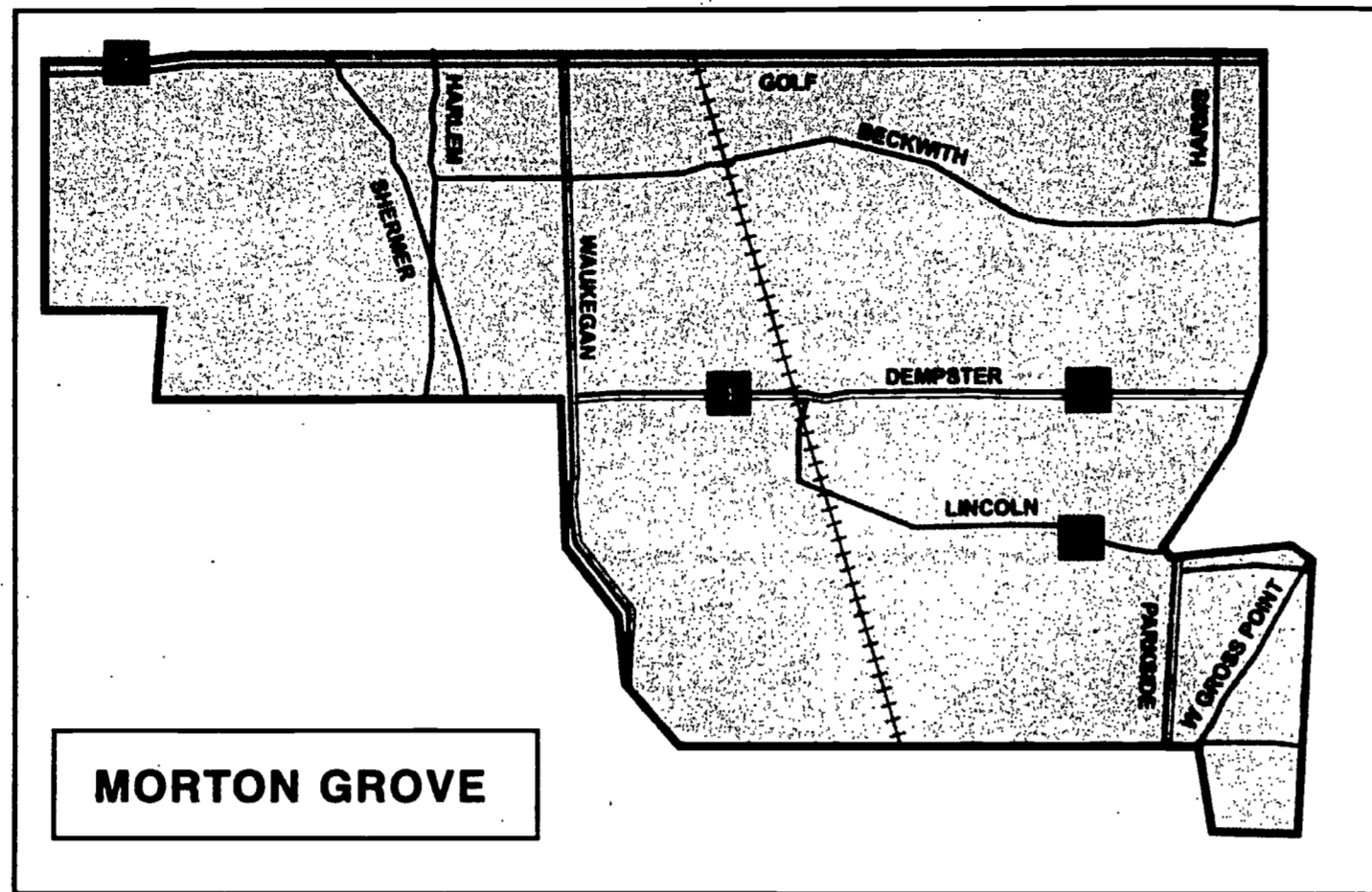
Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15. The woman said she placed her purse in her shopping cart and when she went to pay for her groceries her wallet was missing.

■ Rotisserie fire (7300 Melvina)
Niles firefighters had to aid store employees in putting out a fire in a chicken rotisserie at a supermarket in the 7300 block of Melvina, Wednesday night Oct. 15. Fire fighters said the employees used a chemical substance to attempt to extinguish the flame but needed the help of the Niles Fire Department. The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical.

■ BB gun used to break window of home (7300 Breen St.)
Offenders used a BB gun to shoot out a bedroom window at a home in the 7300 block of Breen sometime between 5 am and 9:30 pm on Oct. 14.

■ Man wanted in two states arrested by Niles Police. (5600 W. Touhy)
A Niles police officer observed a car with a broken vent window in a parking lot in the 5600 block of Touhy Monday night Oct. 13 and a computer check of the man's identification and fingerprints led police to find out he was wanted in Colorado and Texas on outstanding warrants for aggravated robbery and possession of a controlled substance. Police took the man into custody and asked Niles Family Services to arrange lodging for the man's wife and their 7-year-old child who were stranded without money after the man's arrest.

■ Computer equipment stolen from food store (5600 Touhy)
Thieves walked out of the Jewel Store in the 5600 block of Touhy with a \$2,000 Compaq computer and a \$1,000 monitor sometime between 9 pm Oct. 9 and 5 am Oct. 10. Store security is looking over surveillance tapes in the hope of finding out what happened.



NILES

■ Mom stuffs toy cars in son's pockets (500 block Touhy)
A 42-year-old mother was arrested for shoplifting Sunday evening Oct. 12 after she was observed by store security opening packages of toy cars and placing them in the pockets of her 3-year-old son.
■ Wallet taken while shopping (5600 Touhy)
An 89-year-old Chicago woman told police someone removed her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at a supermarket in the 5600 block of Touhy,

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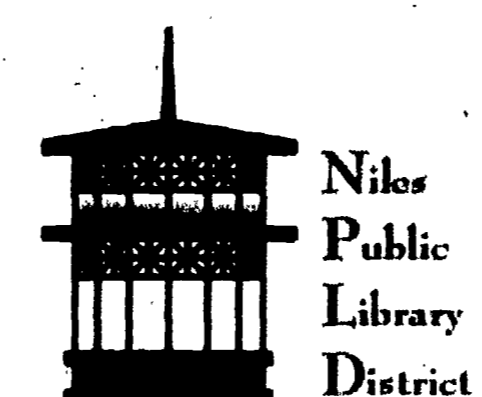
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The upcoming week at the Niles Public Library

Children's Program's - Boo Time
Tuesday, October 28, 3:00 pm
Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 pm
Children ages 6 and under are invited to come in costume (optional) for an afternoon of Halloween stories, songs and crafts. Register in Children's Services or by calling 847-663-6623.

Fright Night
Thursday, October 30, 7:00-8:00 pm
Principal Larry Mishkin of Nelson Elementary School will be spooking the kiddies as one of the featured storytellers at this year's annual Halloween event. Children ages 7 and up (stories may be too scary for younger children) are invited to a fun-filled evening of

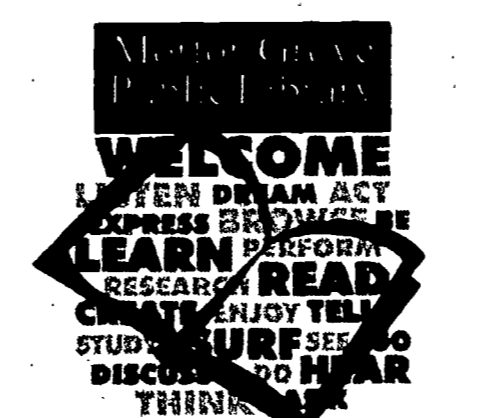
scary stories and ghoulish treats. Costumes are encouraged, though optional. Parents are welcome. Register in Children's Services or by calling 847-663-6623.

Teen Programs - Make Your Own Beaded Jewelry
Monday, November 3, 7:00 pm
Bead artist Tammy Soper demonstrates basic beading techniques. Participants will choose from a selection of beads and make a necklace, bracelet or eyeglasses holder.
Material fee: \$5. Register at Circulation Desk only.

Adult Programs - Crime Scene at the Library

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 pm
Mystery author Linda Mickey leads a panel of experts- a law enforcement agent, an evidence technician and a crime reporter-in a discussion of their roles investigating homicides in North Suburban Cook County. Real life CSI! Register at the Circulation Desk or by calling 847-663-1234.

Mold: A Creeping Catastrophe?
Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 pm
John Waltz, president of Certified Mold Inspectors, Inc., sets the record straight on the current fear of mold and the impact of various forms on our health and environment.
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Happenings at the Morton Grove Public Library

Fourth grade art students at Hynes Elementary School are exhibiting portraits in the Library's Lincoln Avenue entry. Portraits created by Kristiene Alonzo, Anne Margaret Calicoy, Angel Dimitrov, Hannyl Ghim, Ayana Jamal, Maciej Kowalkowski, Samuel Luo, and Martyna Tos will be on display through the month of October. Their art teacher is Kelsey Quinn.

Computer Classes

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Saturday, November 22, 9:00 - 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 10, 9:00 - 10:30 am
Saturday, December 13, 9:00 - 10:30 am

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Four individuals may register per session.
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Call 847-965-4220 to register.

Chicago Area Genealogical Resources
Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 pm

perspective, you will benefit from the expertise of Michael Kelly as he discusses genealogical resources in the Chicago area on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 pm.

Youth Services: Celebrate Teen Read Week
October 19 -25!

PoemTime
Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Everyone enjoys story time! Now you can have fun with poetry and free verse. Listen to the rhythm of language and the sounds of rhymes. Join us in the Youth Services Department on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 pm for PoemTime, when volunteer Book Buddies will help younger children read poetry out loud. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

Open Mic Poetry and Free Verse
Saturday, October 25, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Teens, do you have a favorite poem? Have you written a poem or free verse that you want to share with an audience? You can take center stage with a microphone and read your selection at a special program on Saturday, October 25, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

will meet every Friday at 11:00 am (except for December 5 when the Library is closed).

Lighthouse Legends: Great Lakes Ghosts: A Halloween Concert by Lee Murdock
Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 pm

Noted as a fluent instrumentalist on six- and twelve-string guitars, Lee Murdock combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with his flair for storytelling in songs. Murdock began his career in the Chicago area in the mid 1970s, expanding his repertoire of blues and popular music as his interest in folk music and the maritime tradition grew. Listen and learn as Lee tells ghost stories through legend and song. This free program is funded in part by the Illinois Humanities Council.

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The Chicago area has many helpful resources for those conducting genealogical research. Whether you are beginning to search for information about your family's history, or are an experienced genealogist looking for additional information and a fresh perspective, you will benefit from the expertise of Michael Kelly as he discusses genealogical resources in the Chicago area on Thursday, October 23, at 7:00 pm.

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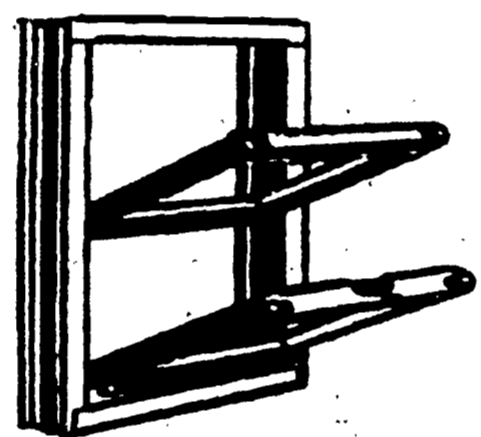


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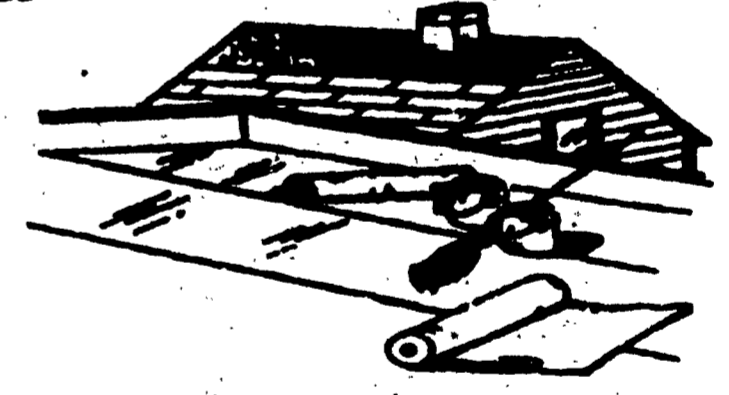
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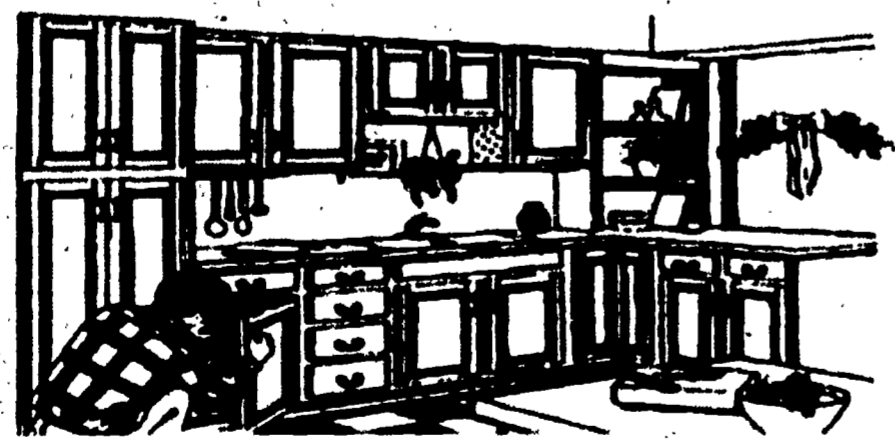


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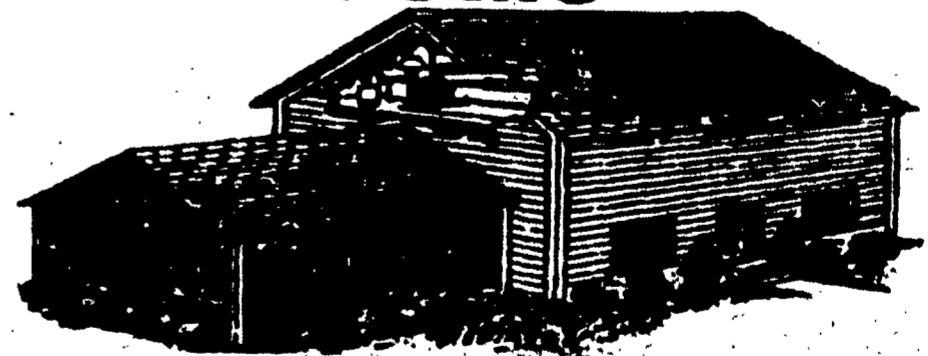
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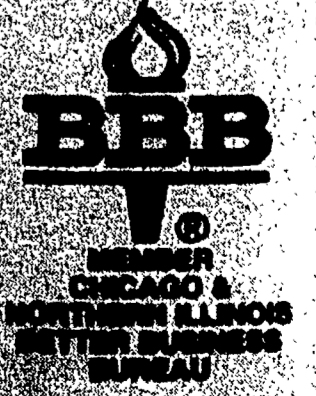
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