



TENNEY PARK, THE LAGOON.

TENNEY PARK

Reports of the Officers

of the

**Madison Park and Pleasure
Drive Association**

For the Year Ending April 15, 1902

With Report of the

Annual Meeting and Banquet

Held April 15, 1902



As is well known, the work which this association is organized to do is sustained wholly by voluntary contributions. We have no other means of raising funds. It will be of interest to state at this time the

Total Amount Subscribed to Date.

For the years 1892 and 1893.....	\$6,888.86
For the year 1894.....	655.00
For the year 1895.....	995.00
For the year 1896.....	1,580.00
For the year 1897.....	10,160.23
For the year 1898.....	2,171.32
For the year 1899, excluding gifts for Tenney Park.....	\$3,231.50
Gifts for Tenney Park, exclusive of the \$1,500 appropriated by the city.....	5,778.00
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For the year 1900.....	9,009.50
For the year 1901.....	5,313.20
For the year 1902, the amount subscribed to date.....	5,286.00
Amount contributed by Prof. Owen in 1892, in addition to the above.....	5,161.00
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Total.....	\$50,170.11

Includes Individual Contributions of Money Only.

The above does not include the \$1,500 appropriated by the city for the improvement of Tenney Park in 1899, nor the \$1,200 expended by the city in filling streets adjoining Tenney Park in 1900, nor the \$150 contributed by the city in 1900 toward constructing the pumping station in Tenney Park, nor the \$350 appropriated by the city last year for maintenance of Tenney Park, nor any money paid to the association by the town of Madison for improvements of the Westport road. The statement includes only what may be called

voluntary contributions. Nor does this statement include any of the lands donated for drives and parks.

Steady Growth.

Included in the subscriptions for the year 1900 and 1901, is a special subscription by Mr. Tenney of \$500 for Tenney Park for each year. Omitting this subscription, and omitting the year 1897 when Farwell drive was built, the subscriptions for the regular work run as follows: For 1894, \$655; for 1895, \$995; for 1896, \$1,580; for 1898, \$2,171.32; for 1899, \$3,231.50; for 1900, \$4,813.20; for 1901, \$4,786; for the year 1902 to date, \$5,161. For the same years the number of different subscriptions was as follows: In 1894, 26; in 1895, 65; in 1896, 132; in 1897, the year Farwell drive was constructed, 402; in 1898, 205; in 1899, exclusive of subscriptions for Tenney Park, 339; in 1900, exclusive of special subscriptions for Tenney Park, 439; in 1901, 544; and for 1902 to date, 643. From this it is seen that there were last year, though no special work was undertaken, 141 more subscribers than in 1897 when we raised \$10,000 to construct Farwell drive, and that we have today 97 more subscriptions than the total number last year. These figures tell their own story as to the steady growth of the association and its work. They mean that the association has done something that commends itself to the public, for people will not contribute liberally, year after year and in increasing numbers and amounts toward an institution that has nothing, or very little, to show for the money paid. The words of Marvin Hughitt, President of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., spoken to some of our members, "Gentlemen, I don't think you, yourselves,

over ten years, of less than four-tenths of one per cent. of the amount subscribed. Can any mercantile house, or other line of business that extends credit, make a better showing? Our association, the same as any other creditor, has taken the ordinary risks incident to failures in business and of the death of debtors leaving no estate with which to pay debts. Quite a portion of the \$187.25 remaining unpaid, is accounted for in this way. Our subscriptions have been collected without even the commencement of any suit. In a proper case, the directors would bring suit, for a subscription is just as binding as any other form of contract. It has been the policy of the association to collect, if possible, every subscription made. No other policy would be just to the subscribers who pay according to their agreement.

The above excellent and somewhat remarkable showing has only been reached through the careful, painstaking work of our treasurer, Frank W. Hoyt. He has been the treasurer of the association continuously since the organization in July, 1894. The esteem in which the work and management of this association is held by the public is due in no small degree to the excellent service rendered by Mr. Hoyt. His carefully prepared reports, showing every subscription made and every item of expenditure incurred, that have been printed for the last three years and sent to each subscriber, have, as much as any one thing, created and strengthened public confidence in the work of the association. The larger part of his work, that of collecting the subscriptions, is at least not pleasant, but it would be much lightened and made much pleasanter, if each subscriber would pay promptly on receipt of notice, when there was no particular reason for not doing so.

Planting Trees and Shrubs.

There were planted in the spring of 1901 in Tenney Park 5,600 shrubs and 400 deciduous trees, and in the fall of the year there were planted 1,250 shrubs and 250 deciduous trees, making in all 6,850 shrubs and 650 deciduous trees. The fall planting was partly to replace the spring planting where the shrubs and trees had died.

There were planted in the spring of 1901 along Lake Mendota drive 1,650 shrubs, 650 deciduous trees, and 500 wild grape vines and Virginia creeper. There were also planted in the spring in Washington Park, which is located in Wingra Park, 191 deciduous trees. In the fall there were planted along Farwell drive 114 deciduous trees. This makes a total planting for the year of shrubs and vines 9,000, and of deciduous trees 1,016. By far the larger portion of the shrubs and all of the vines were native, and gathered in this vicinity, the only cost being the labor of gathering and planting. Of the deciduous trees planted, only 12 were purchased. The remainder were either donated to the association or gathered from the woods in this neighborhood. The total cash paid for all trees and shrubs purchased, including cost of delivery at Madison, was \$271.40.

Planting Done According to Plans Furnished.

The above planting was done according to plans furnished by O. C. Simonds, landscape gardener, of Chicago, who laid out Tenney Park for the association. This planting has been criticised by some. Certain persons think we ought to plant trees and no shrubs, and others think the trees and shrubs are not properly arranged. Such criticism is to be expected. I presume



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no two of the directors could agree as to just how this planting should be done. We are not landscape gardeners. We have neither the ability nor the time to properly plan such work. Hence, we all agreed to employ the services of the best man we could secure, whose profession it was to plan this kind of work, and then follow his plan. We know of no other way to do. Landscape gardening is a well recognized calling, or profession, requiring special ability and special training. I am sure that a few years' time will convince all that the plan the directors are pursuing is the wise one. It will prevent errors and mistakes that in time would be costly, if not impossible to correct.

Planting Planned for 1902.

The association will plant this spring a large number of trees and shrubs along Farwell drive. In preparation for such planting, the men in the employ of the association gathered and heeled in last fall 4,775 trees and shrubs. In addition to this there will be planted along this drive about 1,000 additional shrubs and 1,500 additional deciduous trees.

There will also be a small amount of planting done in Tenney Park, mostly between Sherman avenue and the lake, and there will be some planting along lake Mendota drive. The most of our planting, however, the present season, will be on Farwell drive. This planting will be done after plans furnished the association last fall by Mr. Simonds.

An Employee for Each Drive.

The work of the association has reached a point where it is thought best by the directors to employ a man for each of the two drives whose especial business

this association were used in this improvement. The total length of the road that was graded and macadamized during both seasons is 6,250 feet, or about one mile and a fifth. The macadam is nine feet wide and six inches deep. The total cost of the improvement was \$1,587, of which the town contributed \$200, as above stated, the balance being contributed by the adjoining land owners, three of them paying \$1,357. This road makes a very desirable addition to our drive system, connecting as it does directly with it at the west end of University bay road and also at the southeast corner of Mr. Raymer's farm.

May we not hope that those owning land adjoining the Westport road, between the Yahara River and the railway tracks, and those interested beyond in Maple Bluff and in the golf grounds will organize a movement to macadamize the Westport road from the west end of the present macadam through to the railway tracks? It could be done for \$2,000 to \$2,500. The town of Madison will aid, this association could contribute something, not a large amount, and the balance needed should be raised by individual subscriptions.

Completion of Tenney Park.

The last annual report contained on page 7 a detailed statement of the cost of Tenney Park up to April 15, 1901. The total was \$13,055.16. This was paid as follows: By D. K. Tenney, \$5,125; by the city, \$2,850, which sum includes \$1,200 appropriated and expended in filling streets; by special subscriptions, \$2,684; by the association out of its general funds, \$2,395. Since the date of that report there has been expended on the park, exclusive of the \$350 appropriated by the city last year for care and maintenance, the sum of \$1,782.57;

thus making the total cost of the park up to date the sum of \$14,837.73. The sum of \$1,782.57 spent last year was for the following: Improving that portion of the park between the avenue and the lake, including the cement sluiceway or connection between the lagoon and the lake, \$802.30; constructing a brick catch-basin or well under the pumping house, \$238.85; the balance of \$741.42 covered the cost of planting 7,500 shrubs and trees and the work of filling, grading and seeding certain portions of the park east of Sherman avenue.

Some Criticisms Considered.

It is seen from the above that the association has expended thus far out of its general funds on Tenney Park \$4,177.57. Has this investment been a wise one? In the judgment of all the directors, it has. We have secured a park comprising, exclusive of streets, about 14 acres, larger than the capitol park, and four times the size of Orton Park, with a frontage on lake Mendota of 460 feet. It constitutes the only outlet the city has, exclusive of street ends, to the shores of this lake, and from the westerly end of Sherman avenue to the city limits, the city had not even access to the lake over any street. The park is situated in that portion of the city which most needs such a park, and the securing of this park has interested a large number of persons in the work of the association who will continue to contribute to its support.

The plan adopted by the directors for the improvement of the park has been criticised, particularly that portion between the avenue and the lake. "Why was not this portion filled in instead of wasting money excavating a lagoon? What do you want of more lagoons? Is not lake Mendota lagoon enough?" Now the

directors are not sensitive men. They welcome criticism, and concede their ability to make mistakes. But our answer to these criticisms is that we secured the services of a competent landscape gardener, and followed his plans. He saw the peculiar advantages of this location. But at first his ideas were strongly opposed by some of the directors, including the patron of the park, Mr. D. K. Tenney. He, too, thought lake Mendota was "lagoon enough." But Mr. Tenney, though of decided opinions, is a man you can reason with, and Mr. Simonds, the landscape gardener, convinced him that the plan proposed was the best. I predict that within less than five years, this plan will be conceded by all to have been the best fitted for this peculiar location. Moreover, the cost of filling in the space between the avenue and the lake would have been at least twice the cost of excavating. Besides, of the total cost of \$802.30 for this portion of the improvement, Mr. Tenney paid \$500.

City's Improvement of the Spillway.

At the suggestion of the directors of this association the city decided last fall to change and improve, at its expense, the old spillway at the dam, after plans prepared by the city engineer, Prof. F. E. Turneure, and Mr. Simonds. The work was partially done last fall, and will be completed early this spring. This improvement will add much to the beauty and picturesqueness of this portion of the park.

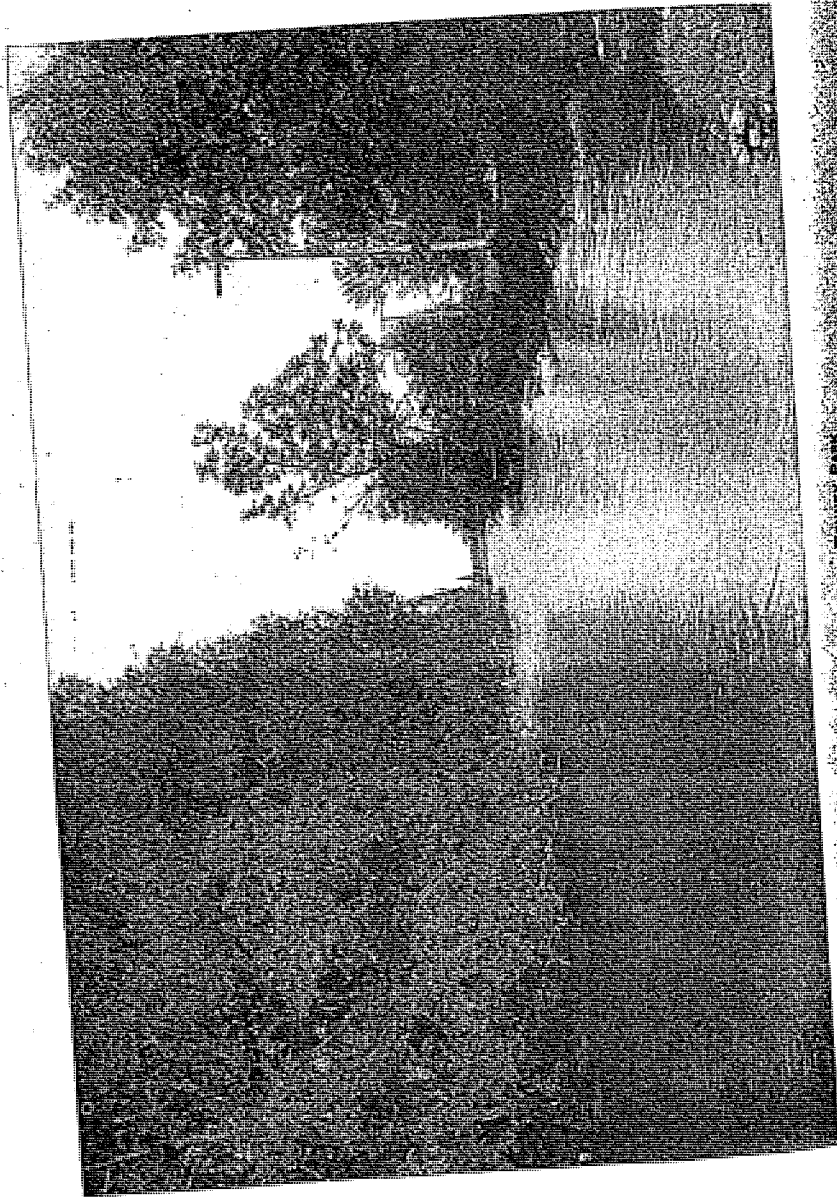
Enlargement of Tenney Park by Gift.

The association owns a strip of ground two rods in width along the southwesterly side of Tenney Park which was not filled, and hence does not appear at

present as a part of the park. The association is under contract to dedicate this strip as one-half the width of a public street whenever such street is laid out or platted by Mrs. Thornton, the owner of the adjoining property. She has decided to lay out a street upon a curve, instead of in a straight line, commencing at Sherman avenue, and curving southwest, the curve returning to the present edge of the park. This plan will add to the park about one acre of additional land, and will make the park appear very much larger than it actually is—an effect always aimed at in the laying out of parks. We have every reason to believe that this additional acre will be generously donated by Mrs. Thornton to our association for park purposes. In a recent letter written concerning this matter she says: "I have never lost my interest in Madison, and shall be glad to know that our property there will add in any small degree to the attractiveness of the pleasure drive."

An Additional Foot Bridge for Tenney Park.

We need another foot bridge across the lagoon about opposite the seventh ward school grounds, so that the school children and others can enter from Johnson street the central and open portion of the park. Such a bridge would probably cost about \$300. I have assurances that this sum will be given for this purpose by a generous supporter of this park, either the present or the coming year. Such a bridge will add greatly to the usefulness and enjoyment of the park, especially by those attending the school. These school grounds are to be planted by the school board with trees and shrubs this spring, according to a plan furnished by Mr. Simonds, but not at the expense of this association.



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edge of the island, while the state is to meet the expense of the planting on the central portion included within the roadway, and is to meet one-half the expense of constructing a proper roadway leading from the main land to the island, and this association the other half. The plan is to widen out this roadway at two points, so that teams can pass, and thus not disturb, more than absolutely necessary, the wooded growth now along either side of the road. When the planting is all done as planned, and the road to and around the island is covered with light macadam, or quarry screenings, and the road leading to Farwell point is treated in like manner, we shall have two termini, so to speak, of Farwell drive, one Governor's island, the other Farwell point, with a beautiful bay lying between, and constituting a public park of some 16 or 18 acres, of unusual interest and of unusual beauty. For this park, we are especially indebted to Judge William P. Lyon, president of the State Board of Control.

Tenney Park.

At the date of the last annual report there had been expended on Tenney Park, exclusive of any money appropriated by the city for maintenance, the sum of \$14,837.73. Of this amount the city had paid, including \$1,200 for filling streets, \$2,850, and the remainder, \$11,987.73, had been paid out of funds donated to this association. Of this latter amount \$4,177.57 had been paid out of the general funds of the association, and \$7,810.16 out of funds specially contributed for this park. During the present year the association has expended, on Tenney Park, \$670.65. Of this amount \$350 was contributed by the city, and the remainder of \$320.65 was paid out of the general funds of the association. Hence,

up to date, the association has paid out of its general funds, for Tenney Park, the sum of \$4,498.22. The park has cost up to date, aside from the \$700 appropriated by the city for maintenance, the sum of \$15,158.30. Money hereafter expended on this park should be charged up to maintenance, and the construction account should be closed, at this time, at the sum of \$15,158.30.

We feel that, from this time on, the city should bear the burden of maintaining this park, and that the funds of our association should be devoted to other purposes. At a recent meeting of the directors, it was voted to ask of the city for this year an appropriation of not less than \$500 for maintaining Tenney Park.

Samuel A. Nielson, Park Superintendent.

During the past two years Dr. Samuel A. Nielson has acted, under the appointment of the directors, as superintendent of Tenney Park. His services have been very helpful and very intelligently rendered. He is much interested in the park and has kindly consented to act in the same capacity for the present year.

An Additional Foot-bridge for Tenney Park.

We need another foot-bridge across the lagoon about opposite the seventh ward school grounds, so that the school children and others can enter from Johnson street the central and open portion of the park. Such a bridge would probably cost not less than \$300. A design for such a bridge has been prepared by Mr. Simonds, and Hon. D. K. Tenney has very generously offered to meet the expense of its construction. Such a bridge will add greatly to the usefulness and enjoyment of the park, especially by those attending the school. These school grounds were planted last year with trees and shrubs

according to a plan furnished by Mr. Simonds. This planting has been done in harmony with the planting in Tenney Park.

Resurfacing Farwell Drive.

The whole of that portion of Farwell drive that had been originally covered with stone, was resurfaced last year, except the portion between Mr. Ramsay's cottage and the place where the Jefferson ice house once stood. This work drew pretty heavily upon the funds of the association, and the last part of it ran the association somewhat in debt, so that we were compelled to borrow \$300. It was thought best, however, to do this work at a time when we could secure the stone and the cars. That portion from the ice house west was practically rebuilt, being covered with not less than three inches of crushed stone. The work was done late in the fall, but has been protected by keeping teams off during the winter, and the road is now in very good condition.

Permanent Work on Lake Mendota Drive.

There was constructed last year a good piece of macadam road, six inches in depth, between the north end of the bay road and the foot of the hill just to the west. This is a piece of road over which more or less heavy teaming must necessarily be done at all seasons of the year. Because of this fact, it was thought best to use not less than six inches of macadam.

The road west from Prof. Parkinson's cottage to the Mendota Beach plat was graded ready for macadam at an expense of about \$200.

Excellent Work by the School Children.

The school children did excellent work the past season, under the guidance of Mrs. W. D. McCue, in clean-

ing up and improving the different parts of the city. The city was divided by her into school districts, and each district subdivided, each subdivision having its own committee to look after the work of that particular section. A prize was offered to the school district that showed, during the season, the greatest progress. A committee was appointed by the directors of this association to award this prize, consisting of William H. Rogers, E. G. Updike, John Grinde, F. D. Reed and Jackson Reuter. This committee examined the different districts in the spring and again in the fall of the year, and awarded the prize to the Fourth ward school district, but commended highly the general work done by the other districts, especially the Seventh, Fifth and Third. They also called special attention to the fact that the children of all grades and classes, whether of the public or parochial schools, had contended with equal energy and directness in making the season of 1902 the banner one in this line of work. We trust that this same kind of work will be continued the present year.

An Employer for Each Drive.

The work of the association has reached a point where it is thought best by the directors to employ a man for each of the two drives whose special business it shall be to keep in shape the land which is under the control of the association, attend to repairing the roadway and cultivate and care for the trees, shrubs and vines that may be planted. This method was pursued last season with very satisfactory results.

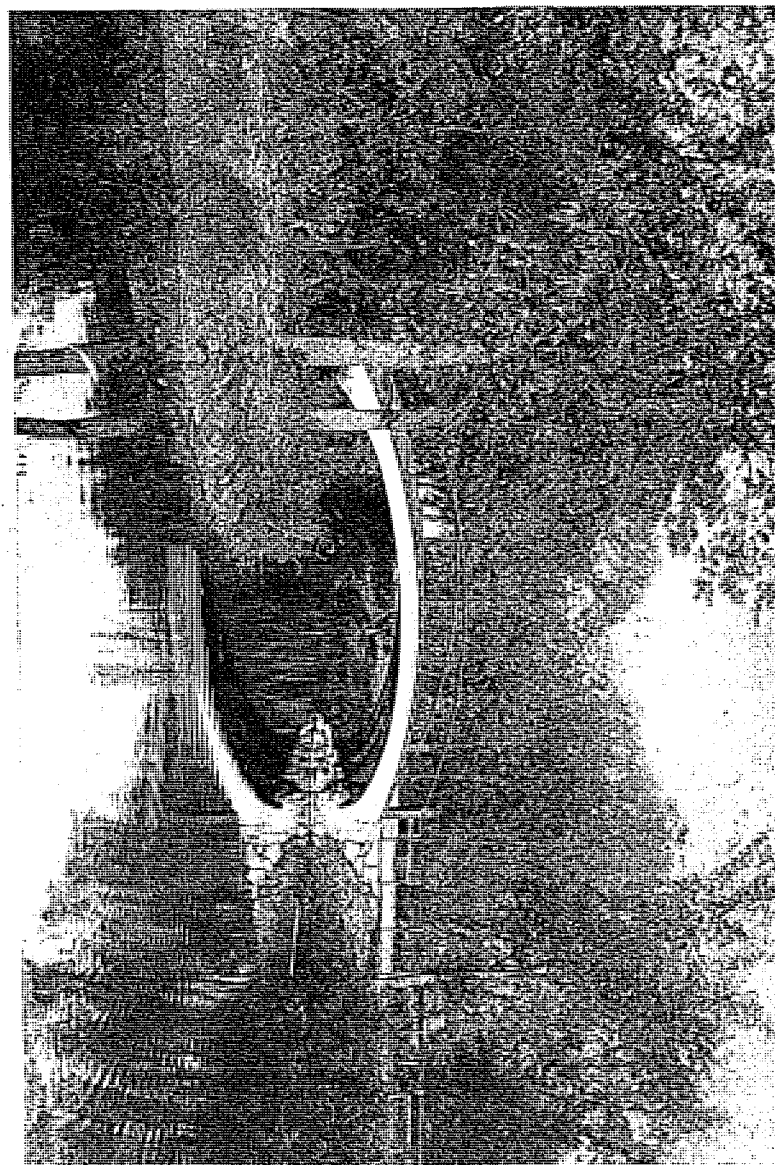
Public Sentiment.

"Sentiment in favor of protecting that which is thrown open to the use and enjoyment of the public, is a plant

sites, and for parks and play grounds, and that no part of the principal had as yet been paid. How rich this city would be in its possessions, and how grateful we should be to the men who had the foresight to plan so wisely for the future! Thirty years ago one could have bought the whole of the block I am now living in, being block two, for a few hundred dollars. Today, one of the poorer of the lots in this block is considered worth \$15,000. Within the past year the city has paid \$25,000 for two lots for a library site, located one block from the public square. We are about to construct a \$200,000 high school building on part of a block. How much such a building needs the whole of this block for a proper setting, and how easily the city could at one time have secured it.

Aside from Tenney Park this city has never spent a dollar in acquiring land for either parks or public play grounds, and the whole sum it has thus far expended in maintaining parks will not exceed \$2,500. For a city of our size we should spend \$12,000 a year in maintaining parks, instead of about \$550. The time has come when this city, as such, should do something in this direction. It cannot be expected that this association will beg the money needed to purchase parks and play grounds. It was organized primarily, not to do work within the city limits, but rather to do work outside the city limits for which a general tax could not very well be imposed. Our service within the city limits should consist in the creation of an intelligent public sentiment and the formation of correct opinions, and of a right spirit throughout the community, so as to secure the existence of a general attachment to what is essential to the city; in calling attention to what ought to be done or

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LAKE MENDOTA DRIVE AT BLACK HAWK

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League, which shall set forth the name of the person and the number and full description of the machine for which a license is requested. (The precise form of the recommendation is to be determined by the president of the Madison Automobile League and the president of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association in joint conference.) Such license is to be issued and signed by the president and secretary of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and is not transferable. The Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association reserves the full right to revoke any, or all licenses at any time it shall deem such revocation essential to the best interests and greatest safety of those who frequent the drives.

"Rule 3. Every automobile using said drives shall be provided with a suitable brake or brakes, to enable such vehicles to be brought immediately to a dead standstill and locked, and shall also be supplied with a bell, and with suitable lamps on each side of the vehicle which shall be kept lighted during such time after night as such vehicle shall be in use.

"Rule 4. While using said drives automobiles shall go in such direction on the different portions of the drives as shall be indicated by signs placed along the same.

"Rule 5. Upon meeting or passing a horse, the person having charge of the automobile shall reduce its speed to the equivalent of a horse's walking gait, and, if the driver of the horse shall, by raising the hand or by some other intelligible signal, indicate a request for said automobile to stop, the operator of said automobile shall at once bring his vehicle and the engine to a full stop, and shall get out and assist the driver of the horse by leading the horse past the automobile, or by such other act as may seem necessary to enable the vehicle to pass safely.

"Rule 6. No automobile shall run on any of said drives at a speed exceeding eight miles per hour, and shall only run at such a speed on those parts of the drives where there shall be an unobstructed view of the roadway at least for 300 feet in front of such vehicle.

"Rule 7. In crossing connecting roads and drives and at turns and windings in the road and where, for any reason, there shall not be a clear and unobstructed view of said roadway for at least 300 feet in front of such vehicle, the person having charge of the power of such vehicle shall decrease the speed thereof to four miles per hour or less, and where the roadway shall not be visible for 50 feet or more in front of said vehicle, shall sound a bell at intervals of not more than ten seconds.

"Rule 8. Subject to the above rules automobiles will be allowed upon the drives controlled by said association on the following days:

"On all drives west and south of the city of Madison, on Tuesdays after the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, and on Thursdays before the hour of 12 o'clock, noon.

"On all drives north and east of the city of Madison on Wednesdays before the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, and on Fridays after the hour of 12 o'clock, noon."

On April 2, 1904, the above rules were modified as follows:

"Automobiles are wholly excluded from that portion of the east system of drives, commonly known as Farwell drive, from the entrance on the Hoven land through Maple Bluff to a point north of Frank Wootton's cottage where the road, extending from the Westport road across Mr. Woodard's farm, intersects the lake shore drive proper. In exchange for the above restriction, automobiles are allowed on the west system of drives on the first and third Sundays, and on the east system on the second and fourth Sundays, of each month, until nine o'clock in the morning only."

It was thought that few people would wish to use the drives before nine o'clock on Sundays, and in case any one should, one of the two systems of drives would, at all times, be free from automobiles.

Tenney Park.

At the date of the last annual report there had been expended on Tenney Park, exclusive of any money appropriated by the city for maintenance the sum of \$15,158.30. There was added to this park during the year five lots lying in Willow Park subdivision, between Sherman avenue and Lake Mendota. These were purchased by the city and paid for out of the \$35,000 park fund. There was paid for three of these lots, 50, 51 and 52, \$3,750; for the other two, 48 and 49, \$3,000, making \$6,750 for the five. These lots add 250 feet to the lake shore of Tenney Park. This park now has lake shore frontage of about 700 feet, the only Mendota lake shore owned by the city, and it furnishes the only access to this lake for the public, aside from street ends.

It was a condition of the purchase of these lots, imposed by the common council, that this association should assume the burden of properly filling them. This work was nearly completed last year at a cost of \$969.05 for 3,626 loads of filling. This filling was obtained from the dredging of the upper end of the river. The filling will be completed this spring, the ground properly graded and covered with about three inches of good soil, and then seeded. The cost of this filling and of the lots, added to the above \$15,158.30, makes \$22,877.35 as the total cost of the park up to date.

The addition of this 250 feet of lake shore was much needed, and it was good business judgment for the city to make the purchase. Some criticism was indulged in at the time of the price paid. But the best evidence of the value of property is what it sells for in cash. Shortly after the city bought lots 48 and 49 for \$3,000, the same company from which the city purchased sold the adjoining lot, 47, for \$2,000. The fact is, the city paid for these two lots less than they could have been sold for, at the time, to other parties.

Park Maintained by City.

There was appropriated by the common council last year the sum of \$500 for maintaining the park. This money was paid to our association and expended under its supervision. An itemized statement of such expenditure has been filed with the city clerk. The amount expended was \$493.01.

Park Seats Needed.

The number of people who use this park is rapidly increasing, and the time has come when some appropriate seats should be purchased and suitably placed in the park. It is hoped that these will be secured the present season either through city aid or that of some generous patron of the park.

An Additional Foot Bridge for the Park.

Such a bridge is much needed at a point about opposite the seventh ward school house, so as to connect directly with the large open space in the park, and thereby furnish opportunity for play and recreation to the school children and others. It was hoped and expected that such a bridge would be constructed last season. We trust that in some way this much needed bridge may be secured the present year.

Samuel A. Nielson, Park Superintendent.

During the past three years, Dr. Samuel A. Nielson has acted, under the appointment of the directors, as superintendent of the park. He has kindly consented to act in the same capacity for the present year. His services have been so intelligently rendered that it is hoped when the Yahara river improvement is completed he may be persuaded to take under his supervision the superintendence of the parkway along either bank of the river.

The Yahara River Improvement.

The nature of this improvement is well understood. The report of last year contained a carefully prepared statement of what had been done toward securing this improvement up to that time. We desire in this report to bring the record down to date. Those who subscribed over \$21,000 last year for this work are entitled to know how their money has been expended and what is being accomplished.

Contract Between the City and the Association.

The only portion of this improvement that the city bound itself to perform was the erection of a new bridge across the river on Williamson street. It is conceded by all that a new bridge at this point is demanded, independent of this im-

than one thousand members of this association, have reason to be grateful to these railway companies for their generous aid, so freely given.

Purchasing of Lands by the City for Parks and Playgrounds.

On May 8, 1902, the then directors of this association, Willett S. Main, D. K. Tenney, Halle Steensland, Charles N. Brown, Ralph C. Vernon, Carl J. Hausmann, and John M. Olin, petitioned the common council to appoint a committee to investigate the desirability and feasibility of securing some lands in different parts of the city for public parks and playgrounds, and to report to the council the result of their investigation. In pursuance of this petition, a committee was appointed May 9, 1902, consisting of the mayor, J. W. Groves, and Aldermen Charles N. Brown and Frank Smith, of the council, and of L. S. Hanks, M. J. Regan, J. C. Schubert and John M. Olin. This committee made its written report, signed by all members except Alderman Smith, who was absent from the city, on the 8th day of May, 1903, recommending the purchase of certain lands named and the payment therefor by the issue of long time bonds, to the amount of \$35,000. On the 17th day of June, 1903, the council, by unanimous vote of the seventeen members present, voted in favor of issuing bonds to the amount named. Alderman Smith, the only absent member of the council, would have voted for the issue had he been present. There was realized by the city the sum of \$35,218.38. There has been expended of this money in the purchase of lands thus far \$20,635, leaving unexpended \$14,583.38. Most of the money unexpended has, however, been appropriated by the council to the securing of certain other pieces of land. In purchasing lands, the council followed, in the main, the recommendations of the committee.

Kendall Park.

On May 28, 1903, I received from Judge J. H. Carpenter, of this city, a letter, which, omitting date and address, was as follows:

"I have your favor of the 27th inst. In reply will say: I will donate and deed to the city of Madison for park, playground and kindred purposes only, lots 7, 8 and 9, of block 170, of said city, on the following conditions:

"*First.*—The city to secure and dedicate for like purposes, on or before July 15, 1903, lots 10, 11 and 12 of the same block.

"*Second.*—The city to improve the entire six lots by grading, setting out trees, etc., on or before the end of the year 1904.

"*Third.*—Permit me to name the entire tract."

The generous offer of Judge Carpenter was accepted by the council on the conditions named. Later the council purchased said lots 10, 11 and 12, paying \$2,000 therefor out of the park fund. This park comprises one and one-half acres, exclusive of streets, and has been named by Judge Carpenter "Kendall Park," in memory of the name of his deceased wife. The property donated by Judge Carpenter is worth not less than \$2,000.

Burr Jones Field.

On May 4, 1903, Hon. Burr W. Jones, of this city, generously proposed to convey to the city lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, and the undivided half of lot 7, in block 133, in the city of Madison, for park and playground purposes. The offer was accepted and title to the property was conveyed as proposed. The city purchased the other undivided half of lot 7 and all of lot 12, in said block, for like purposes, thus making six lots extending from East Washington avenue to Mifflin street, and comprising the same area as Kendall Park. The city paid for the lot and a half purchased by it, out of the park funds, \$1,735. The whole tract has been named by the common council "Burr Jones Field," and the council agreed, by resolution, to fill and put said land in shape for park and

playground purposes on or before the close of 1904, if possible. The property donated by Mr. Jones is worth not less than \$4,000.

Monona Lake Park.

For a number of years the plan of securing for the public the open lake shore on Spaight street, in the Sixth ward, has been under consideration. The desirability of doing so is conceded by all. This is one of the places the committee reported in favor of securing, and the council took prompt and favorable action to that end. There was set aside of the \$35,000 park fund, \$8,000 for this purpose. Title has been vested in the city to all of this open shore, except as to four lots. It is a question whether any one, other than the state, has any title to these lots. This question will soon be determined, it is hoped, through condemnation proceedings or otherwise. When this is done, there will be secured the foundation for the most beautiful small park in the city. It will be, including the end of Patterson street, about 600 feet in length, and can be made about 125 to 150 feet wide by filling out to the proper dock line. This would make a park of about an acre and a half. The city has paid out of the park fund toward securing title to this land \$5,300. Through the efforts of William R. Bagley, there has already been subscribed toward a fund to improve this land for park purposes, \$1,100, and he expects to secure an additional \$900. These subscriptions are by those owning lands in this immediate vicinity, and are very liberal in amount.

Playground Adjoining Triangle.

The city has purchased for playground purposes lots four and five, in block twenty-nine. These lots extend from West Wilson street to that part of Lake Monona known as "The Triangle." The city paid for these two lots, out of the park fund, \$3,700. The city has also leased from the Illinois Cen-

tral Railway Company lots 1, 2 and 3 in the same block, lying south of the lots purchased and between them and the lake end of Bedford street. This street end is not used, and could be made a part of the playground. Hence, the city has control of a piece of land 396 feet fronting West Wilson street and extending to Lake Monona. There are in this tract a little less than two acres of land. It is crossed, however, by the St. Paul Railway track. A fence should be constructed on either side of the track, thereby making two playgrounds, in a part of the city where they are much needed and will be much used.

"Bog Hollow" Playground.

The Illinois Central Railway Company owns an open piece of ground in the eighth ward, bounded by Bedford street on the west and Dayton street on the north. This has been used for years, except during wet seasons, as a playground, and has been commonly known as "Bog Hollow." It is exceedingly well located for playground purposes. The city endeavored to purchase a part of this land, but the company was unwilling to sell. It has, however, leased, without charge to the city, for park and playground purposes, a part of this land, having a frontage of 200 feet on West Dayton and extending back toward the railway right-of-way to the south a distance of 254 feet along Bedford street, the part leased comprising some over an acre of land. This is admirably located for playground purposes. Under the terms of the lease, the city is to enclose the land with a fence. It is hoped that the city will take immediate steps to do whatever filling and grading that may be necessary to put both this tract and that adjoining the triangle in shape for use as playgrounds. We feel that when this is done, the extent to which the lands will be used for purposes of play will furnish a convincing argument, if any were needed, of the wisdom of the city in securing these and other pieces of land for park and playground purposes while yet possible to do so. The need of

Governor's Island Park



Report of the Officers

of the

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive
Association

For the Year Ending April 11, 1905

With

Report of the Annual Meeting

Held April 18, 1905

10 MADISON PARK AND PLEASURE DRIVE ASSOCIATION.

For the year 1897.....	10,160 23	
For the year 1898.....	2,171 32	
For the year 1899, excluding gifts for Tenney Park	\$ 3,231 50	
Gifts for Tenney Park, exclusive of the \$1,500 appropriated by the city.....	5,778 00	
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For the year 1900.....	5,313 20	
For the year 1901.....	5,286 00	
For the year 1902.....	5,409 00	
For the year 1903, for the general work of the association	\$ 5,036 75	
For the year 1903, for the Yahara river improvement	20,621 24	
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For the year 1904, for the general work of the association	\$ 5,665 50	
For the year 1904, for the Yahara river improvement	4,658 50	
	<hr/>	10,324 00
For the year 1904, gift of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Vilas for the purchase of land for Henry Vilas Park.....	18,000 00	
For the year 1904, special subscription for improving Henry Vilas Park.....	10,171 00	
For the year 1904, special subscription for improving Monona Lake Park.....	1,100 00	
Amount contributed by D. K. Tenney for constructing foot bridge in Tenney Park.....	368 00	
Amount contributed by Julius Zehnter for same purpose.....	50 00	
Amount contributed by Prof. Owen in 1892, in addition to the above.....	3,000 00	
Total, exclusive of 1905.....	<hr/>	\$116,189 10

Interest Very General

Nothing shows better the general and permanent interest in the work of the association than the amount subscribed and the number who contribute from year to year.

Amount Subscribed to Date for 1905

a. For the General Work of the Association		
1 subscription of \$50.....	\$	50 00
69 subscriptions of \$25 each.....		1,725 00
1 subscription of \$18.....		18 00

MADISON PARK AND PLEASURE DRIVE ASSOCIATION. 11

6 subscriptions of \$15 each.....	90 00
1 subscription of \$12.50.....	12 50
124 subscriptions of \$10 each.....	1,240 00
448 subscriptions of \$5 each.....	2,240 00
34 subscriptions of \$3 each.....	102 00
2 subscriptions of \$2.50 each.....	5 00
108 subscriptions of \$2 each.....	20 00
3 subscriptions of \$1 each.....	3 00
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702	\$5,555 50

b. For Extra Work of the Association the Present Year

1 subscription of \$500.....	\$ 500 00
6 subscriptions of \$200 each.....	1,200 00
7 subscriptions of \$100 each.....	700 00
1 subscription of \$75.....	75 00
2 subscriptions of \$50 each.....	100 00
26 subscriptions of \$25 each.....	650 00
6 subscriptions of \$20 each.....	120 00
18 subscriptions of \$15 each.....	270 00
66 subscriptions of \$10 each.....	660 00
201 subscriptions of \$5 each.....	1,005 00
8 subscriptions of \$3 each.....	24 00
3 subscriptions of \$2.50 each.....	7 50
14 subscriptions of \$2 each.....	28 00
23 subscriptions of \$1 each.....	28 00
5 subscriptions of \$0.50 each.....	2 50
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392	\$5,260 00

c. For Improving Henry Vilas Park

Gift by William F. Vilas for this purpose.....	\$ 10,000 00
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d. For Improving Brittingham Park

Gift by T. E. Brittingham for this purpose.....	\$ 8,000 00
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e. For Addition to Tenney Park

Gift by D. K. Tenney for this purpose.....	\$ 5,000 00
Gift by Mrs. Anna C. Thornton and daughter Mary for this purpose	500 00
Gift in land by John Corscot for this purpose worth....	100 00

Purchase of an Additional Team

Last year the directors, after careful consideration, purchased a team of horses for work upon the drives for \$375.00. The experiment has proved satisfactory. Upon the recommendation of our foreman, an additional team four years old has been purchased this spring for \$250.00. The purchase was made through Mr. E. C. Hammersley, who charged nothing for his services. The ownership of these teams by the association will enable it to do its work more efficiently and independently. During the winter season these teams might be employed by the city, the city merely meeting the expense of keeping the teams.

Construction of an Additional Tool House

During the past winter the association constructed upon the city lot an additional tool shed. The one owned by the association was not of sufficient size to house all its tools and machinery. Most of the lumber for this new shed came from the barn or shed purchased last fall for \$35.00 from the Hausmann Brewing Company. The shed was constructed by our foreman.

Rules to be Observed by All

Each year the drives, and grounds through which they pass, are being frequented by a larger number of persons. This is as it should be. But this increased use demands increased care and caution on the part of each. There are certain things that ought never to be done.

1. The trees, shrubs, vines and flowers growing along the drives or in the grounds through which they pass, whether native or cultivated, should be let entirely alone. This statement, it will be observed, covers wild flowers. If these drives are to be a source of enjoyment to all, the only safe rule for each is to "keep hands off." Any other rule will

result in the extermination of the choicest of the wild flowers and the mutilation of the trees, shrubs and vines.

2. No one should ever drop or scatter any paper or litter of any kind along the drives. Nothing gives a public street, or drive or park, a more neglected and unkempt appearance than the scattering of newspapers, lunch boxes, etc.

3. Those using the drives and grounds for picnicing purposes should see to it that no paper, egg-shells, or parts of lunch boxes are left to disfigure the grounds. All such litter should be carefully picked up, taken back home, and there burned.

4. No one should ever throw a lighted match or part of a lighted cigar into the leaves along the roadside. One such careless act might destroy the finest portion of the drives and adjoining woods, and result in damage that twenty years would not repair. Last fall some careless person started a fire in the woods near the rustic bridge, which burned over some three acres before it could be extinguished. This fire has left a scar that will not be effaced for many years.

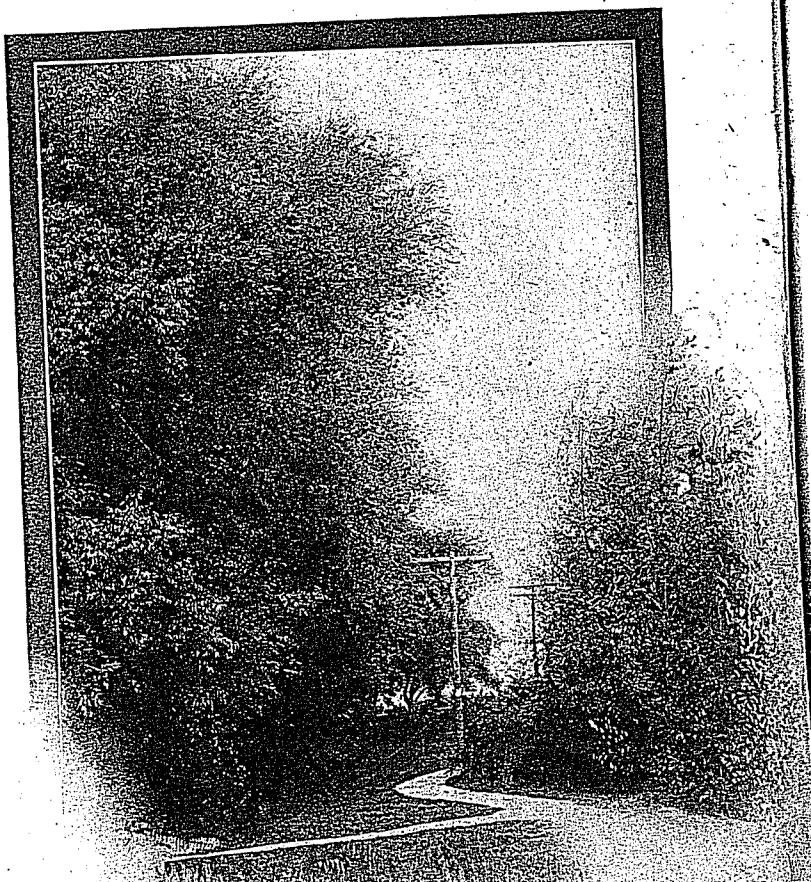
5. These drives are narrow, and often pretty well crowded with teams. Under such circumstances, it is good manners, if one does not wish to drive as rapidly as the person that may be following, to turn aside and allow such person to pass. Such courtesy will always be appreciated.

6. Each person using the drives and parks should act, in a sense, as a special policeman. He should feel perfectly free to report any act prohibited by the rules of the association. Each member of the association is a partner in this work. He has a right to see that the work which his money assists in maintaining is not needlessly injured or mutilated.

Tenny Park

Up to the date of the last annual report, the total cost of Tenny Park, exclusive of any money appropriated by the city for maintenance, was \$22,877.35. During the past year

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the filling of the five lots purchased by the city, as an addition to the park, in 1903, was completed at a cost of \$128.53, making the cost to the association of filling these five lots \$1,092.58. There was also expended last year, in covering these five lots with a top dressing of good dirt and in leveling up some uneven places in other portions of the park, an additional \$204.00.

New Foot Bridge for Tenney Park

A new steel concrete bridge was constructed last year across the lagoon just opposite the seventh ward school house at a cost of \$418.00. The money for this bridge was generously donated by two of our citizens, D. K. Tenney giving \$368.00 and Julius Zehnter \$50.00. The bridge was much needed and will add much to the usefulness of the park. It will also add to the picturesqueness of the park, especially after the growth of the vines and shrubs, which are to be planted at either end of the bridge.

Park Seats Needed

The number of people who use this park is rapidly increasing, and the time has come when some appropriate seats should be purchased and suitably placed in the park. The generous patron of this park, Hon. D. K. Tenney, is intending, the present season, to furnish these seats.

Addition to Tenney Park

There lies southwest of Tenney Park and between it and the North Side subdivision a marsh comprising about twenty-one and one-half acres. Of these, nineteen and one-half were owned by Mrs. Anna C. Thornton and her daughter, Mary Thornton, and the other acre by James A. Steinle, William Harbort and John Corscot. It is known as the Thornton marsh, and is similar in character to the land out of which Tenney Park was constructed. Ever since the land

was secured for Tenney Park, it has been the hope of many that, in some way, this remaining marsh could be secured as an addition to the park.

About the first of November, 1904, an option was secured on the nineteen and one-half acres owned by Mrs. Thornton and daughter, for \$8,500. On November 5, 1904, Hon. D. K. Tenney made to the directors of this association a communication in writing, offering to give to the association \$5,000 toward the purchase of this land, on certain conditions named. On November 8, Mr. Tenney's proposition was accepted by a unanimous vote of the directors. Contracts were then entered into with Mr. Steinle and Mr. Harbort, wherein they agreed to convey to the association the land owned by them in exchange for an equal area of land on the southwesterly side of the Thornton tract, while Mr. Corscot generously agreed to donate to the association the piece of land owned by him. Along the southwesterly side of the Thornton tract there has been platted one row of building lots, extending from Sherman avenue to East Johnson street. These lots are 132 feet in depth. In front of them is platted a street 66 feet in width, designated as Marston avenue, in memory of Mrs. Tenney, whose maiden name was Marston. The east 332 feet of this 132 foot strip has been conveyed to Mr. Steinle and Mr. Harbort in exchange for an equal area of land conveyed by them to the association, while the westerly 250 feet of this 132 foot strip has been conveyed to Mr. Tenney. The remaining portion of the strip is owned by the association. It comprises fifteen lots, each 50 feet wide and 132 feet long. These lots will all front Marston avenue and the park when completed.

After deducting the land for this row of building lots and one-half of Marston avenue, there will be left of the additional land purchased not less than fifteen and one-half acres. There is a two rod strip along the southwesterly side of the present park owned by the association that has not been filled or improved. Hence, when the land recently

purchased is improved and also this two rod strip, there will be added to the present park area some sixteen and one-half acres. Any one who observed the number of people who used Tenney Park on any pleasant afternoon last fall, and especially on Sundays, will appreciate that the city will, in the near future, demand all of this land for park purposes.

Land Purchased, How to be Improved

The improvement of this land, when made, will undoubtedly be according to a design furnished by some competent landscape architect. But the topography is such as to suggest naturally the treatment to be adopted, which will probably be about as follows: Another lagoon will be constructed, connecting with the present lagoon near Sherman avenue. This will follow, in the main, the line of the old river bed of the Yahara river, extending at places to the southwest, so as to come quite near Marston avenue, and at the eastern end will connect with the present lagoon not far from East Johnson street. At the outlet of the present lagoon into the Yahara river will be constructed, some time, a cement arch bridge over Water street, with a clearance of some six feet. Thus all the lagoons in the park will be connected with the river, and boats and launches can pass from either lake into the river, and thence into the lagoons. Another connection will be made with Lake Mendota by an open cement culvert, which can pass across the southwest portion of the five lots purchased by the city last year as an addition to Tenney Park, and thence under Sherman avenue, emptying into the new lagoon, and thus furnishing an abundance of clear fresh water.

Tenney Park, when so improved, will comprise some thirty-three acres, and will constitute one of the most beautiful and unique small parks to be found anywhere in this country. It will also be one of the most accessible "both by land and water." The street car line will be within 250 feet of the corner of the park on East Johnson street. Sher-

man avenue divides the park at the westerly end. On the northeasterly side is Water street, now Thornton avenue, on the easterly side is Johnson street, and on the southwest-erly side the boundary of the park will be marked by Marston avenue. All of these parts of the park will be equally accessible by water. Anyone residing on either Lake Mendota or Lake Monona (or even Lake Wingra after the completion of Henry Vilas Park) can, by boat or launch, pass from either lake into the lagoons, and thus reach any portion of the park, those coming from Lake Mendota passing through the lock.

Land Purchased, How Paid For

Mr. Tenney sent his check before it was needed for \$5,000, and Mrs. Thornton and daughter, because of their interest in the park and Madison as their former home, generously donated \$500. The remaining \$3,000 was raised by a loan of that amount, secured by a mortgage on the land purchased, excepting, however, the portion that was platted. At first the plan was to raise the larger part of this \$3,000 by private subscriptions from those more especially benefited by securing this addition to the park. This plan was later abandoned because it was thought it would seriously interfere with the raising of the \$10,000 needed for the work of the association the present year. The directors were offered \$3,000 for the three lots owned by the association, but it was deemed unwise to sell these lots at this time for this amount. It is believed that when this land is improved, these lots can be filled and disposed of in such a way as to net to the association a large part of the money that will be needed for the improvement.

Cost of Tenney Park up to Date

From the foregoing, it appears that there has been expended for Tenney Park, exclusive of the cost of maintenance, the sum of \$32,127.88. Of this amount, there has been

contributed by Hon. D. K. Tenney \$10,468, by the city \$9,600, and by this association through its members, including the \$3,000 borrowed, \$12,059.88. Of the amount contributed by the city, \$1,200 was used to fill a portion of East Johnson street, \$1,500 toward filling the original park, and \$6,700 to purchase, in 1903, five lake shore lots as an addition to the park. Besides the money donated by individuals, generous gifts of land were made by the Willow Park Land Company, the Hausmann Brewing Company, and by Mrs. Thornton and daughter. The value of the land so donated is not included in the above statement as to the cost of the park.

Thornton Avenue

Tenney Park, when completed, will be constructed mostly out of land formerly owned by Col. C. C. G. Thornton, for many years a prominent citizen of Madison. In 1897, Mrs. Thornton and her daughter gave five acres of land for the park, and sold six acres at the reasonable price of \$250 per acre, and in the succeeding year sold an additional acre at the same rate. The contract price of \$8,500 for the additional nineteen and one-half acres is \$1,500 less than the association was offered for the land shortly after securing the option. By reason of the gift of \$500, the land has cost the association but \$8,000. It was very appropriate that the common council should change the name of Water street to Thornton avenue, in recognition of this generosity toward the park of Mrs. Thornton and her daughter, and in memory of Col. Thornton, who, with his family, made this city his home for many years.

Cost of Yahara River Improvement to Date

There was expended by the association, on account of this improvement, up to April 1, 1904, the sum of \$14,867.05. There has been expended since that date, as shown by the treasurer's report, \$11,214.35, making a total paid by the

As in previous years, this report is sent to all contributors for the past year and to all subscribers for the present year. Only the names of those who paid prior to April 10 appear in the report of the treasurer, the report being closed at that date. Those paying later, including the subscribers for the present year, will appear in next year's report.

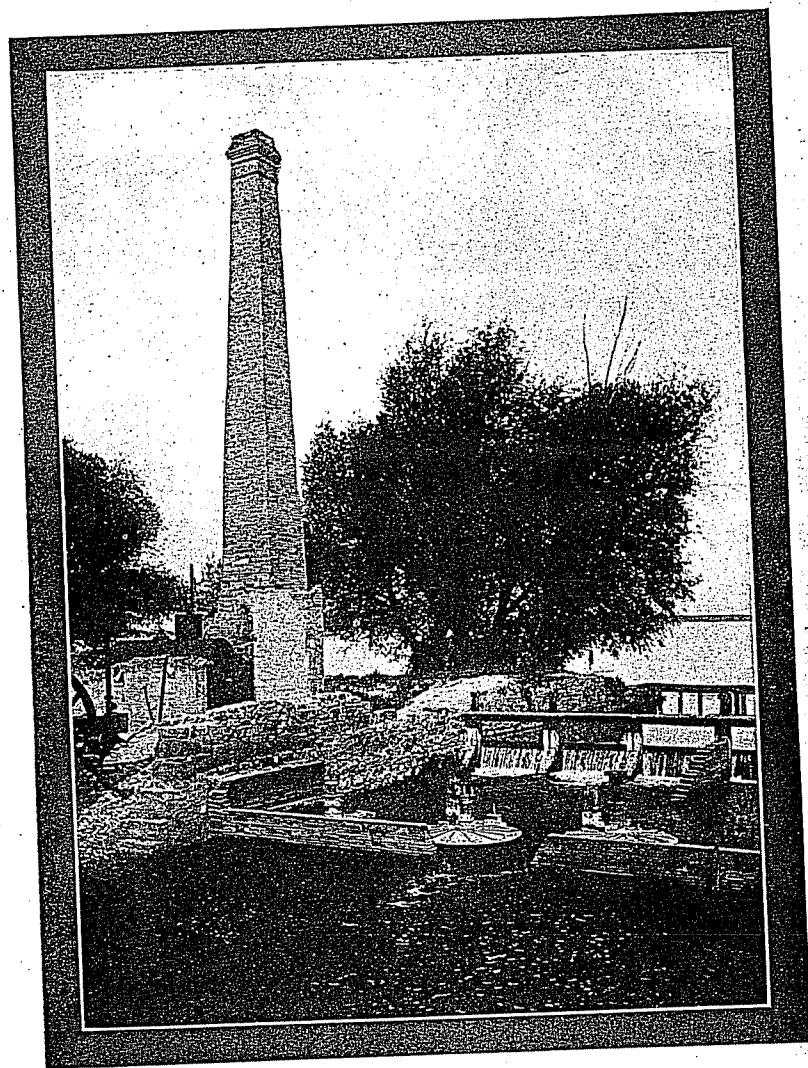
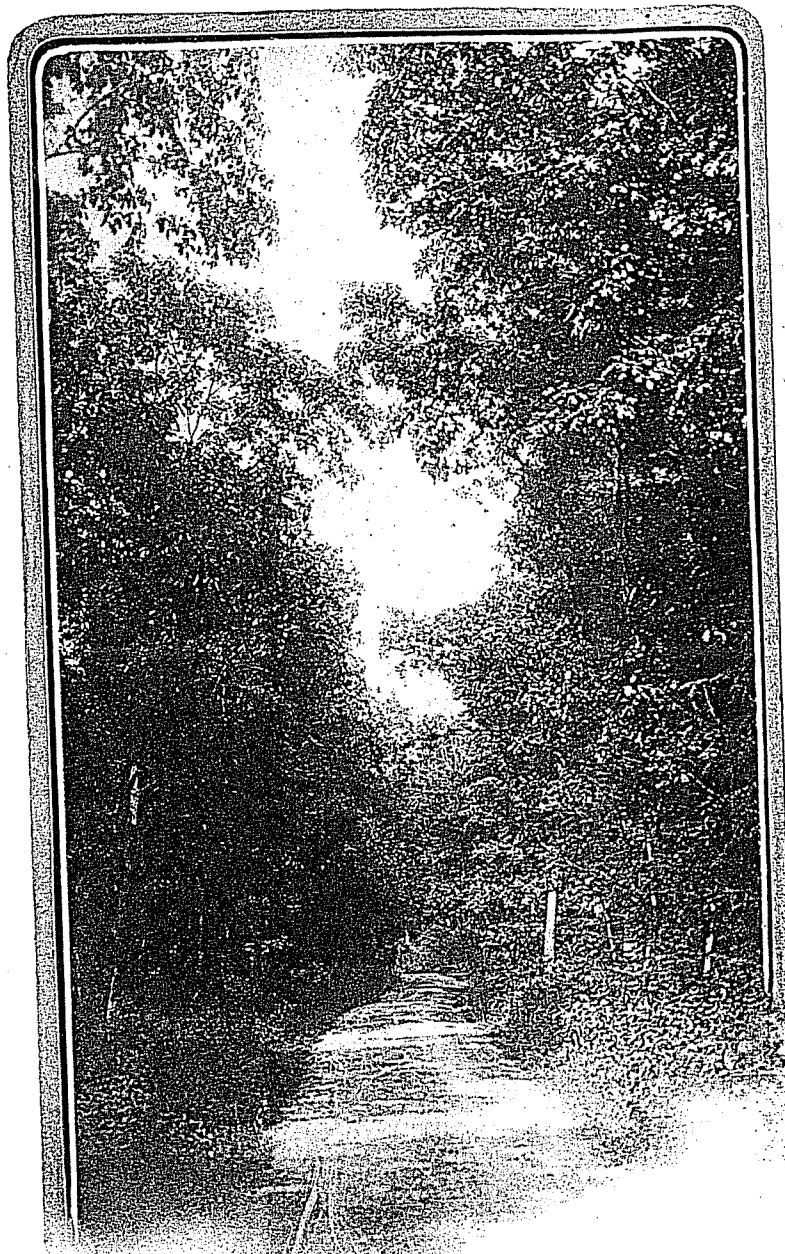


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Lake Mendota Drive, Black Hawk



Report of the Officers

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For the Year Ending April 16, 1906

With

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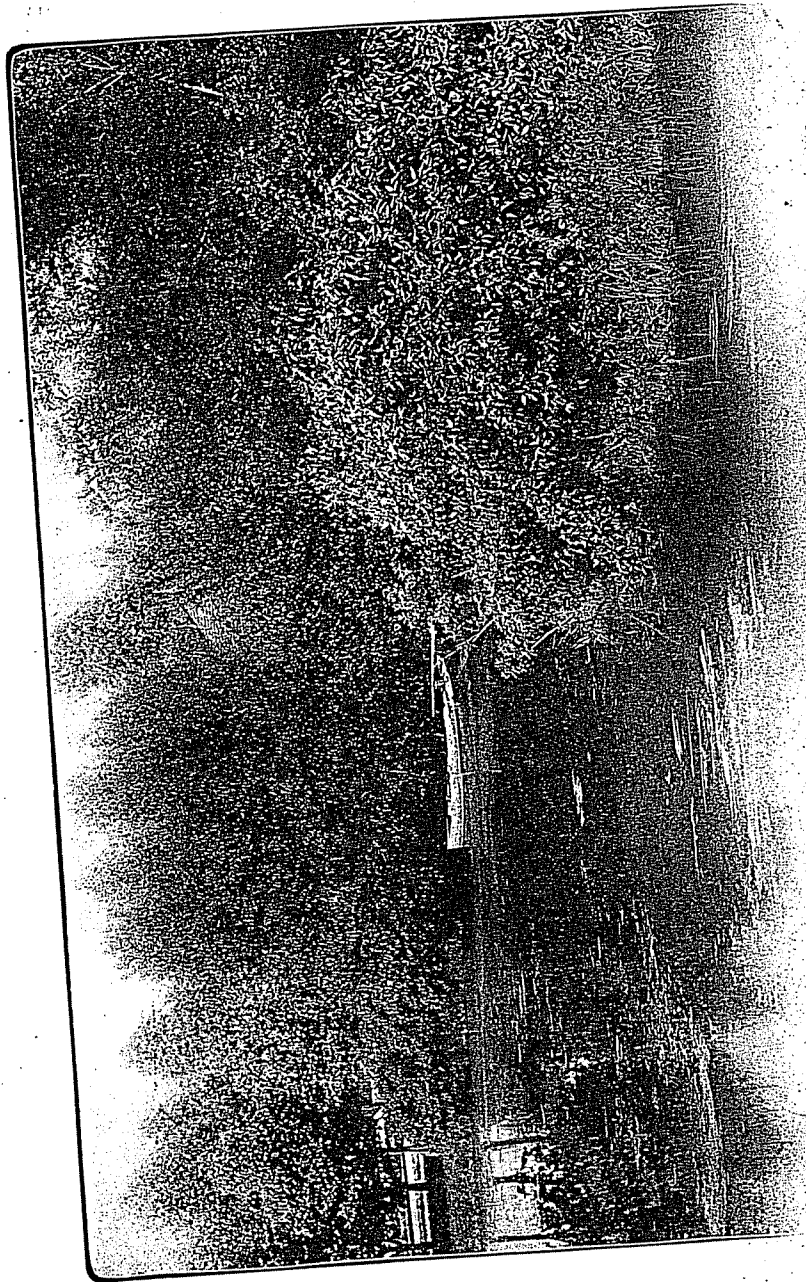
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Attention is specially called to paragraphs one and two above. There has been, in the last ten years, a decided gain in public sentiment in favor of protecting for the enjoyment of all the trees, shrubs and vines planted by the association, or that grow wild upon the grounds under its control. However, sentiment in favor of protecting that which is thrown open to the use and enjoyment of the public is a thing of slow growth. There is still much room for improvement, especially in the way of protecting the native wild flowers,

vines and shrubs. An illustration will make plain what is meant. There have been planted in places along the drives the native wild blackberry, for the beauty of its blossom in the spring and for the fine coloring of its foliage in the fall. Unfortunately for these purposes it bears fruit. Because of this, the vines have been tramped down so as to remind one at such times very much of a fowl that has been deprived of a large portion of its feathers. Thus the purpose for which the vine was planted is largely lost. The same is true of the wild grape vine that grows along the drives. This is often torn from the tree that supports it merely to gather the fruit it bears. These are given as illustrations merely. Such acts of vandalism are usually committed by those who contribute nothing toward the support of this association, and the question arises, how can the association protect itself against such lawlessness? By reason of the large area over which the work extends, it is not easy to efficiently police all the drives and parks. But one thing can be done. Every member of this association can act, in a measure, as a policeman as to any act of lawlessness that comes under his observation. He can speak to the vandal or thoughtless one, report the wrongful act to the police, to the park superintendent, or to some member of the board of directors, and when the evidence is sufficient and the act wilful, prosecution should follow. The membership now numbers over a thousand, distributed throughout all parts of the city and representing all classes of citizens. They can, by active co-operation, do more than all other agencies to create a public sentiment that will not tolerate such acts of vandalism.

Tenny Park

The last annual report, pages 19-20, contains a statement of the amount that had been paid out for this work up to April 18, 1905, exclusive of cost of maintenance. This sum was \$32,127.88. During the past year the association has



expended on account of this park \$974.80. Of this amount, \$90 has been paid as interest on the \$3,000 mortgage given to secure a part of the purchase price of an addition to the park of some fifteen acres. There was also expended for drawing screenings for a path through the park the sum of \$131.82. These items added to the above sum of \$32,127.88, makes \$32,349.70 as the amount of the permanent investment in said park. This sum does not include, however, the value of lands donated for the park.

The city appropriated last year for the maintenance of Tenny Park \$500. Hence, the association contributed out of its general funds during the year, on account of this park, \$474.80 in excess of the amount paid the association by the city.

Through the generosity of Hon. D. K. Tenney, there were furnished and placed in the park last year twelve comfortable park seats, at a cost to him of \$98. This makes \$10,566 contributed thus far by Mr. Tenney toward this park.

There was constructed last fall a new foot path through this park extending from a point on Thornton Avenue, near the foot bridge that connects the avenue with the island, through to the foot bridge opposite the Lapham School in the seventh ward. The path is so laid out as to come quite near, at some places, the edge of the lagoons, thus affording a number of picturesque bits of water scenery. Some planting will be done this spring along this path, which will in time add much to its attractiveness.

Addition to Tenny Park, How and When to be Improved

The use of Tenny Park increases rapidly each year. On many days, especially on Sundays, it is crowded with people. It is very desirable that the land purchased one year ago, as an addition thereto, should be improved at as early a date as possible. With this purpose in view, a suggestive design for such improvement has been made, as shown in the map on the wall, of Tenny Park and the Yahara River

Parkway (page 56 hereof). The dotted lines marks the division between the improved and unimproved portions of the park. This design is meant to be suggestive, though its main features will undoubtedly be preserved.

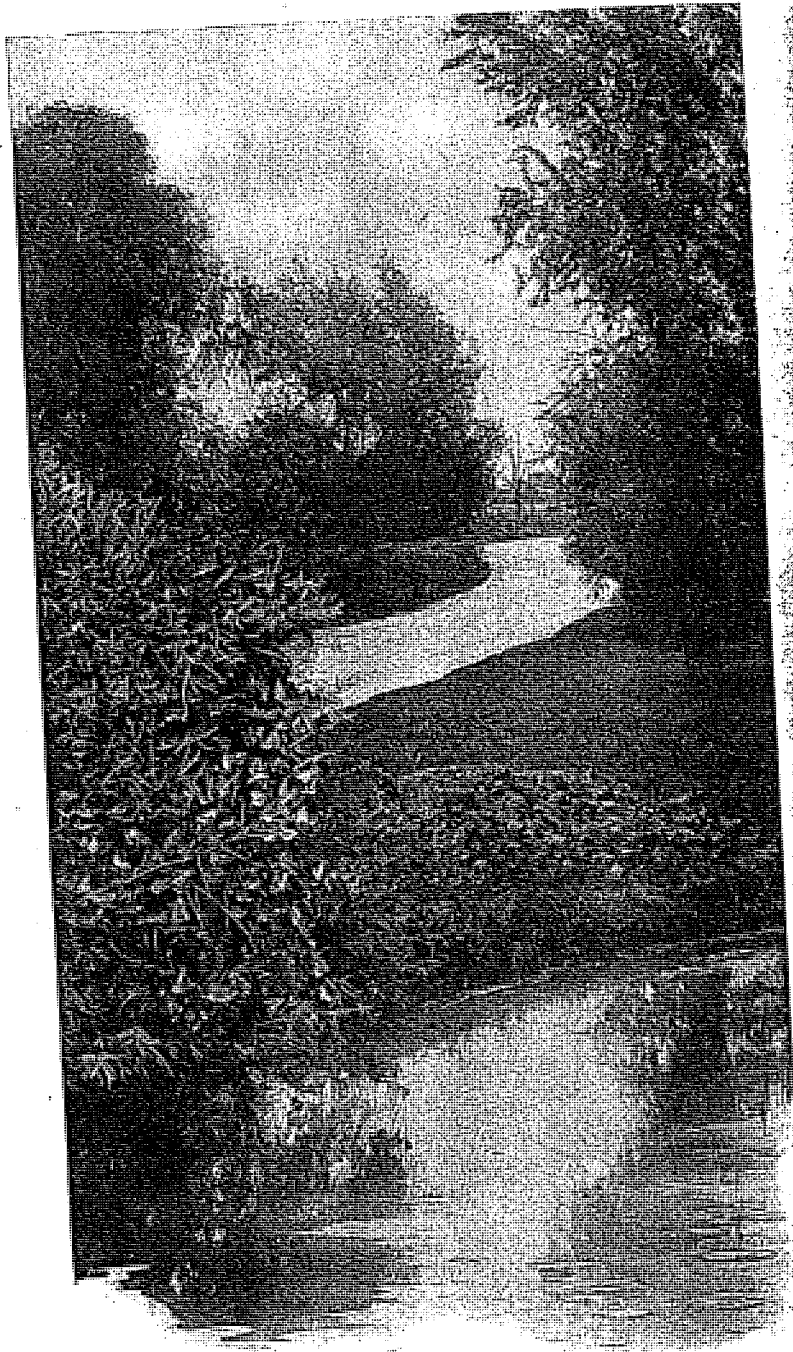
At my request, Mr. H. E. Clarke, of the La Crosse Dredging Company, has recently made tests of the land to be improved, to determine the best method of doing the work, and also of the bottom of Lake Mendota, to ascertain whether sand exists in sufficient quantity within a workable distance to be pumped into the area to be filled. He finds that, out from the shore some two hundred feet, there is a layer of material from five to seven feet deep, suitable for pumping. Mr. Clarke thinks that the improvement can best be made by using the excavator or orange peel to construct the lagoons and the sand pump to complete the work by filling from the lake. Later an exact survey will be made to determine the number of cubic yards of filling needed to bring the park area to the required height. We shall then have a basis upon which to make a contract for the work that will be fair to the association and the contractor.

But from what source is this association to get the necessary money with which to make this improvement? We cannot raise it by general voluntary contributions from our members, and we do not wish at this time to call upon the city for more aid than is absolutely necessary. When this land was purchased, a row of building lots was platted fronting Marston Avenue. This was necessary in order to give a proper park boundary. The east 332 feet of these lots were conveyed to William Harbort and J. A. Steinle, in exchange for an equal area of land owned by these parties in that portion of the tract absolutely needed for the park. Of the other lots, the association owns fifteen and D. K. Tenney five, lying nearest Sherman Avenue. Mr. Tenney has very generously offered to give to the association these five lots to aid in improving the park. For the two nearest Sherman Avenue he has already refused \$2,500 in their present con-

dition. With this gift from Mr. Tenney, the association would own twenty lots, each fifty by one hundred and thirty-two feet, extending from Sherman Avenue toward East Johnson Street for a distance of one thousand feet. The plan is to fill these twenty lots to a depth of not less than four feet, at the same time that the park area is improved, and use the proceeds from their sale to meet the expense of the improvement. A conservative estimate places the value of these lots, as soon as the improvement is made and the park is planted, at not less than \$1,000 each. If those owning the marsh lots lying to the southwest will join in a general movement to have such lots filled, at the same time, then these twenty lots will be worth not less than \$1,500 each. They will, when the improvement is completed, be very unusually located, as is seen from a glance at the map. They will front upon an avenue, with a park strip of varying width just beyond, and just beyond this park strip will be clear running water kept fresh from Lake Mendota and connecting with the Yahara river and the three lakes, Mendota, Monona and Wingra, and later, let us hope, with the other two, Waubesa and Kegonsa. Property thus located, when improved, cannot but command a good price. A plat of these lots establishes a building line.

It is hoped that sufficient money can be realized from the sale of these twenty lots to meet the expense of the improvement. It is possible that this improvement can be undertaken next year, provided some person of means will advance the money needed as the work progresses, taking security on the twenty lots, with a resolution adopted by the council to the effect that the city will make good the difference, if any, between the cost of the improvement and the amount realized from the sale of the lots. Under such an arrangement the association would not need to sacrifice by selling the lots at less than their fair value, and as presently advised it is my opinion that the total cost of the improvement can be met by the proceeds from the sale of the lots.

In Tenney Park



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biles owned by non-residents. They are either not familiar with the rules under which automobiles are permitted upon the drives, or, if cognizant of such rules, violate them with impunity.

Tenney Park

The last annual report, pages 21-23, contains a statement of the amount that had been paid out for this work up to April 16, 1906, exclusive of cost of maintenance. This sum was 32,349.70. During the past year the association has expended on account of this park \$605.92. Of this amount, \$180 was paid as interest on the \$3,000 mortgage given to secure a part of the purchase price of an addition to the park of some fifteen acres. Hence, the total cost up to date of the park, exclusive of money paid for maintenance, and exclusive of value of lands donated, is \$32,529.70. Of this amount, Hon. D. K. Tenney has contributed \$10,566.

The city appropriated last year for the maintenance of Tenney Park \$500. Hence, the association contributed out of its general funds during the year, on account of this park, \$105.92.

Addition to Tenney Park, How and When to be Improved

In the fall of 1904 the association purchased from Mrs. Thornton and her daughter the remainder of the so-called Thornton marsh, comprising about nineteen and one-half acres, for \$8,500. Hon. D. K. Tenney contributed \$5,000 toward the purchase, Mrs. Thornton and daughter donated \$500, and the association paid the balance of the purchase price through a loan of \$3,000. This land lies immediately adjoining Tenney Park on the southwest. Along the southwesterly side of this tract there has been platted one row of building lots, extending from Sherman avenue to East Johnson street. These lots are 132 feet deep and 50 feet in width. In front of them is platted Marston avenue, 60 feet in width,

the plat being known as Parkside Subdivision. Originally five of these lots nearest Sherman avenue were deeded to Mr. Tenney. Recently Mr. Tenney deeded these lots to the association to be sold and the proceeds to be used in improving the park. The association now owns twenty of these lots, extending from Sherman avenue east one thousand feet.

A contract has been entered into between the association and the La Crosse Dredging Company, whereby this company agrees to improve this addition to Tenney Park the present season, including the filling of the twenty lots and of Marston avenue, according to a design already prepared by our landscape architect, for the sum of \$13,500. For this sum the park is to be completed ready for a top dressing of good soil sufficient in depth to grow good grass. Before the contract was let, a careful survey was made to determine the number of cubic yards of filling needed to bring the park area and the street and lots up to a certain height above city datum. The height of the filling in the park is to be not less than 2.5 feet above city datum, after all settling has taken place. This is an average of at least one foot above the present improved portion of Tenney Park. The height of the filling on Marston avenue and the lots abutting upon the same is to be 5.5 feet above city datum after all settling has taken place.

Expense of Improvement, How Met

At the time of the purchase of this land the question arose whether the directors should accept an offer of \$3,000 for the fifteen lots, or borrow this amount of money and retain the lots until they could be sold to better advantage. It is fortunate for the association that a majority of the board decided in favor of holding the lots. Within two weeks after they were put upon the market Mr. W. D. Curtis, one of the directors, succeeded in negotiating a sale of all of these lots, twenty in number, at \$1,000 each, the price fixed

by the board. Thus the association will realize from the sale of these lots \$20,000, or enough to pay the Dredging Company the contract price of \$13,500, and the \$3,000 due on the mortgage, and leave a balance of \$3,500. Mr. Tenney has generously offered to contribute an additional sum of \$2,500 toward completing the park. Hence, we shall have at our disposal a fund of \$6,000 with which to cover the filled area of the park with good top soil and seed and plant it. It is hoped that this sum will be sufficient. If so, there will be secured for the city an addition to Tenney Park of between fifteen and sixteen acres without expense to the city and without calling upon the members of the association for any subscription, the total cash outlay of \$7,500 being borne by Mr. Tenney. We doubt whether any better showing than this exists as to the handling of real estate in this city.

Improvement, How to be Made

A design for the improvement has been made, as shown in the map of Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway. The dotted lines mark the division between the improved and unimproved portions of the park. This design shows that another lagoon will be constructed, connecting with the present lagoon near Sherman avenue. This will follow, in the main, the line of the old river bed of the Yahara river, extending at places to the southwest, so as to come quite near Marston avenue, and at the eastern end will connect with the present lagoon not far from East Johnson street. At the outlet of the present lagoon into the Yahara river will be constructed, some time, a cement arch bridge over Thornton avenue, with a clearance of some six feet. Thus all the lagoons in the park will be connected with the river, and boats and launches can pass from either lake into the river and thence into the lagoons. Another connection will be made with Lake Mendota by an open cement culvert, or open waterway, which will pass across the southeasterly end

of that portion of Tenney Park that lies between Sherman avenue and Lake Mendota, thus furnishing an abundance of clear fresh water.

Tenney Park, when so improved, will comprise some thirty-three acres, and will constitute one of the most beautiful and unique small parks to be found anywhere in this country. It will also be one of the most accessible "both by land and water." The street car line will be within 250 feet of the corner of the park on East Johnson street. Sherman avenue divides the park at the westerly end. On the northeasterly side is Thornton avenue, on the easterly side is Johnson street, and on the southwesterly side the boundary of the park will be marked by Marston avenue. All of these parts of the park will be equally accessible by water. Anyone residing on either Lake Mendota or Lake Monona or Lake Wingra can, by boat or launch, pass from either lake into the lagoons, and thus reach any portion of the park, those coming from Lake Mendota passing through the lock.

Filling of the Adjoining Marsh

We are all familiar with the smaller of the two marshes in the eastern part of the city. It adjoins Sherman avenue and lies southwest of North Baldwin street. This whole marsh is to be filled by the same dredging company at the expense of the lot owners. There are over 150 lots to be filled. The owners of practically all of these lots have signed an agreement with the Dredging Company whereby they will secure the filling at not to exceed twenty cents per cubic yard, and the price may be a cent or two lower, depending upon the total number of cubic yards of filling. It is estimated that it will take not less than 200,000 cubic yards.

This improvement is directly connected with the improvement of the addition to Tenney Park. The material for both these improvements must be pumped largely from Lake Mendota. This requires the construction of a strong and

expensive plant, one which the company did not feel justified in building unless it secured a contract for filling both the park and the adjoining marsh. The filling of the marsh will follow that of the park, and is to be completed on or before the close of 1908.

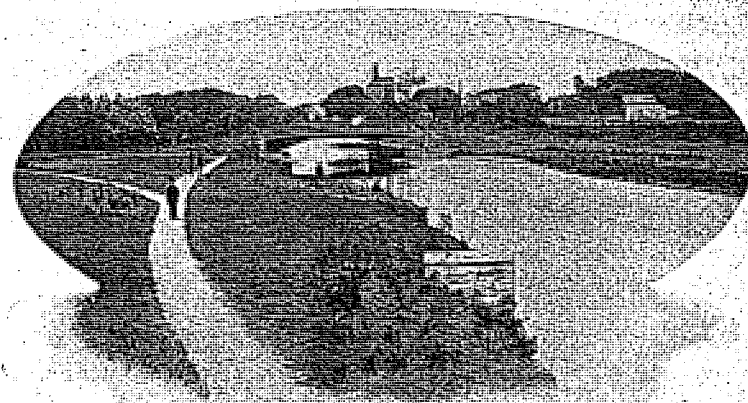
The filling of this marsh will be of great value to the city. It will convert the whole marsh into good residence property, a thing much needed in that portion of the city; and will at once add much to the city's assessed valuation. This is equally true of the twenty-seven lots to be filled comprising the Parkside subdivision.

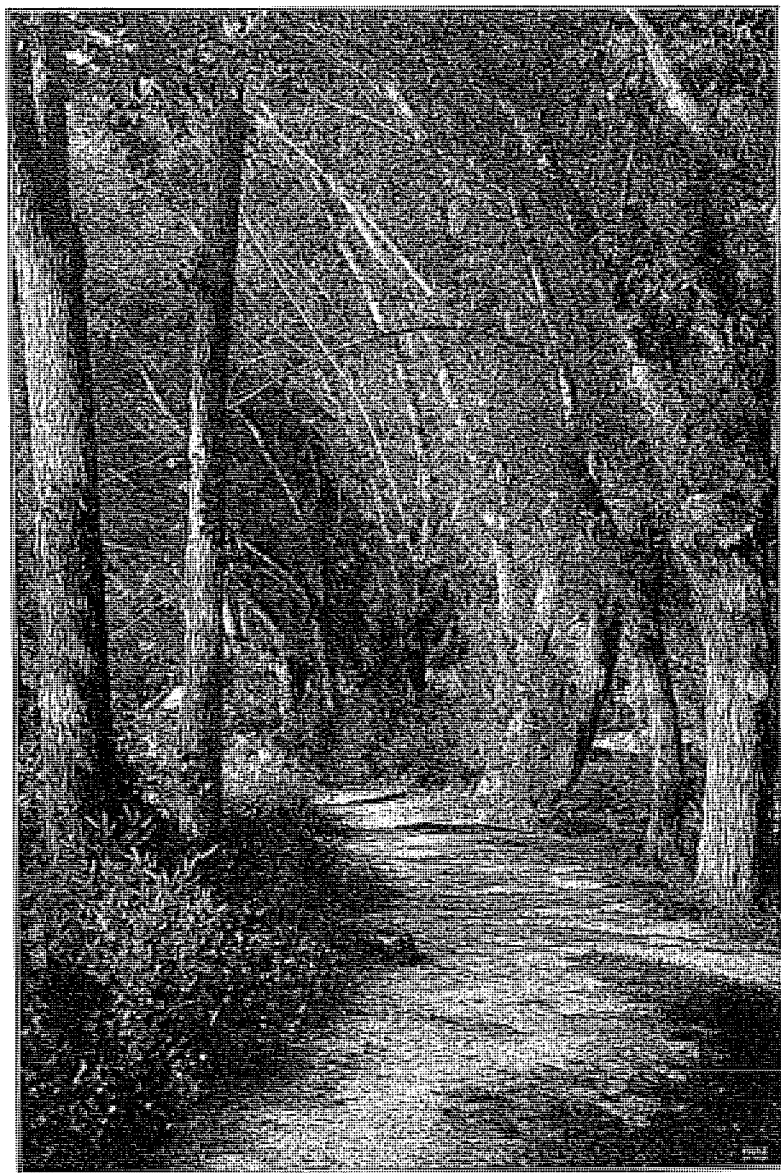
It will also be of value to the city and to many owners of land on Lake Mendota to have constructed in that lake a good strong pumping plant. Undoubtedly a number of such owners will improve this opportunity of securing filling in large quantities at a low cost.

Yahara River Improvement

This improvement was begun four years ago this spring. It was a large undertaking, and has cost a large amount of money for a city the size of Madison, but I doubt if any citizen can be found who would say that the improvement is

Yahara Parkway





The Willow Walk, Tenney Park.

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adam would cost per running foot. There was constructed about 2000 feet. This cost the association in labor and material, \$654.98, thus leaving unexpended of this fund \$265.02. This will be used the present season to further extend the macadam road.

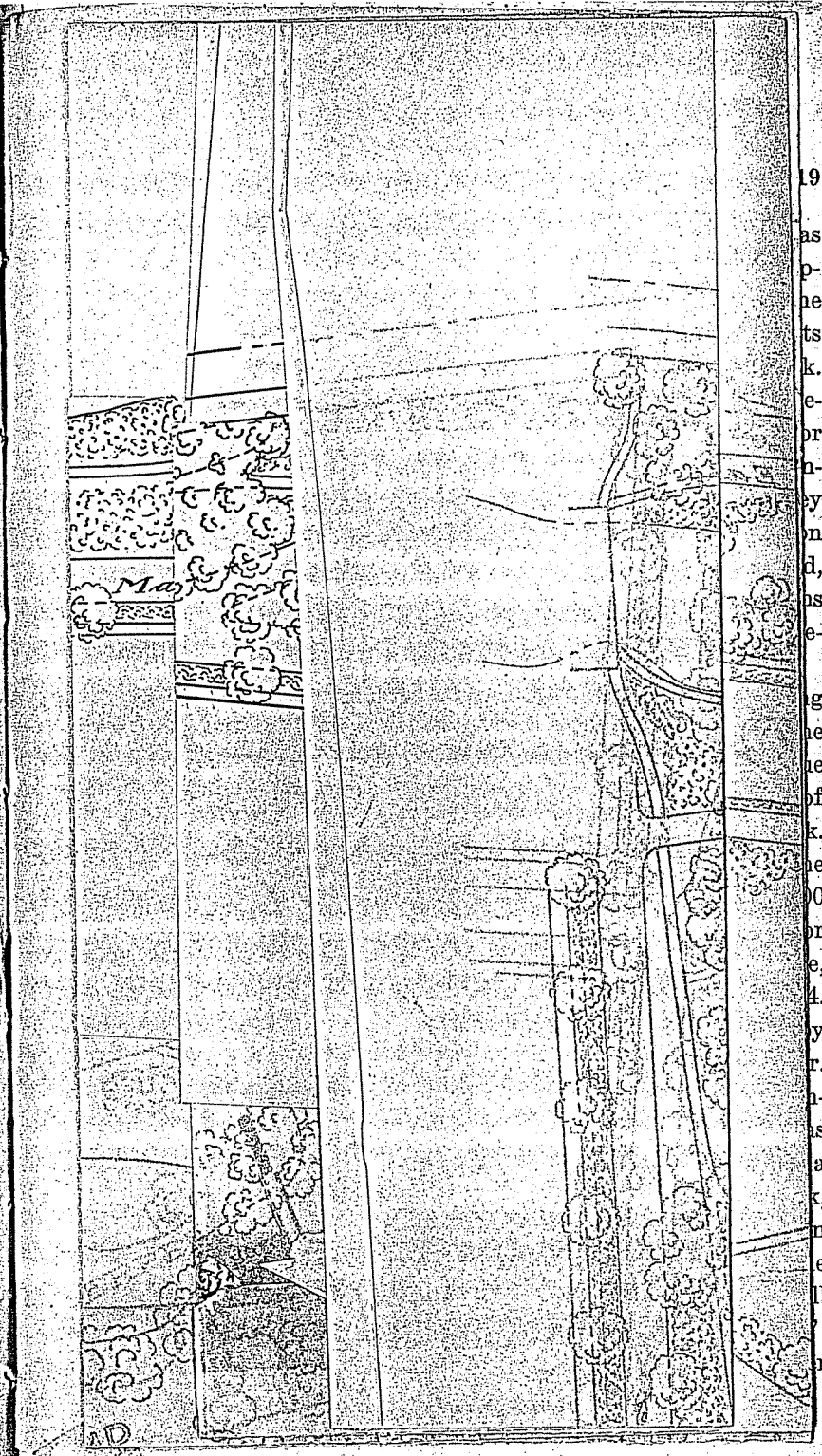
Tenney Park

The last annual report, pages 21-25, contains a statement of the amount that had been expended on account of this park up to April 23, 1907, exclusive of cost of maintenance. This sum was \$32,529.70. This item includes, however, \$3,000 borrowed to complete the purchase price of the land for the addition to Tenney Park. Deducting this item, the present cost of the completed portion of this park was, at the date of the last report, \$29,529.70.

During the last year the same force of men have had in charge the maintenance of Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway, and it has not been easy to keep, with accuracy, a separate labor account for each. For a number of years there has been appropriated by the city each year \$500 for the maintenance of Tenney Park, and I assume in this report such sum was sufficient for the purpose for the past year, and that whatever was paid in excess of this sum was not for maintenance but for permanent improvements. On this basis, nothing is added the present year to the cost of the completed portion of the park.

Tenney Park Addition

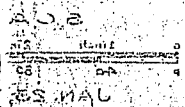
For a statement concerning this addition up to April 23, 1907, see last annual report, pages 21-22. Work was commenced on this improvement by the La Crosse Dredging Company about the 1st of June, last year. The company found the work exceedingly difficult on account of the unfavorable character of the soil encountered, and the contract has proved a losing one for the company. But no complaint has been



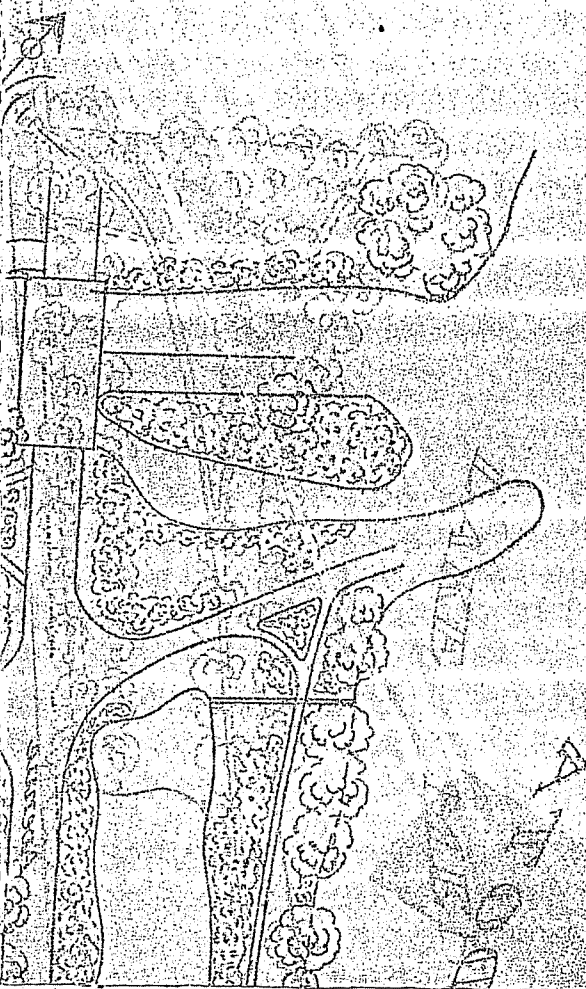
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made by the company, and the work has progressed as rapidly as was possible. The company has moved its pumping plant into Lake Mendota, and it will soon complete the filling for the park, and then will proceed to fill the lots and streets in the marsh lying to the southwest of the park.

The money for this improvement thus far has been secured from the sale by the association of twenty lots for \$20,000. Of these lots five were donated by Mr. D. K. Tenney and the other fifteen by the association. Mr. Tenney should receive credit for an additional \$5,000 contribution to this park, the amount for which the five lots were sold, making his total contributions up to date for both portions of the park \$15,566, exclusive of the pledge of \$2,500 referred to in previous reports.

There has been paid thus far to the La Crosse Dredging Company on its contract \$7,289.80, to O. C. Simonds for the design of this addition to the park, \$215.00 and for blue prints and maps, \$23.11, making a total up to date of \$7,527.91 expended on account of this addition to the park.

The total cost to date of the last annual report of the completed portion of the park, after deducting the \$3,000 item as above, was \$29,529.70, exclusive of money paid for maintenance, and exclusive of value of lands donated. Hence, the cost of both portions of the park to date is \$37,361.94.

There is found at page 19 hereof a new map prepared by Mr. Emil T. Mische, combining his work with that of Mr. Simonds and showing Tenney Park as it will be when completed, and also the Yahara River Parkway as far east as Johnson street. This portion of the parkway is really a portion of Tenney Park. When so included, Tenney Park, including water surfaces, contains 45 acres. It will, when all completed, be one of the most beautiful and unique small parks to be found anywhere in this country. It will also be one of the most accessible "both by land and water." The street car line will be within 250 feet from the corner

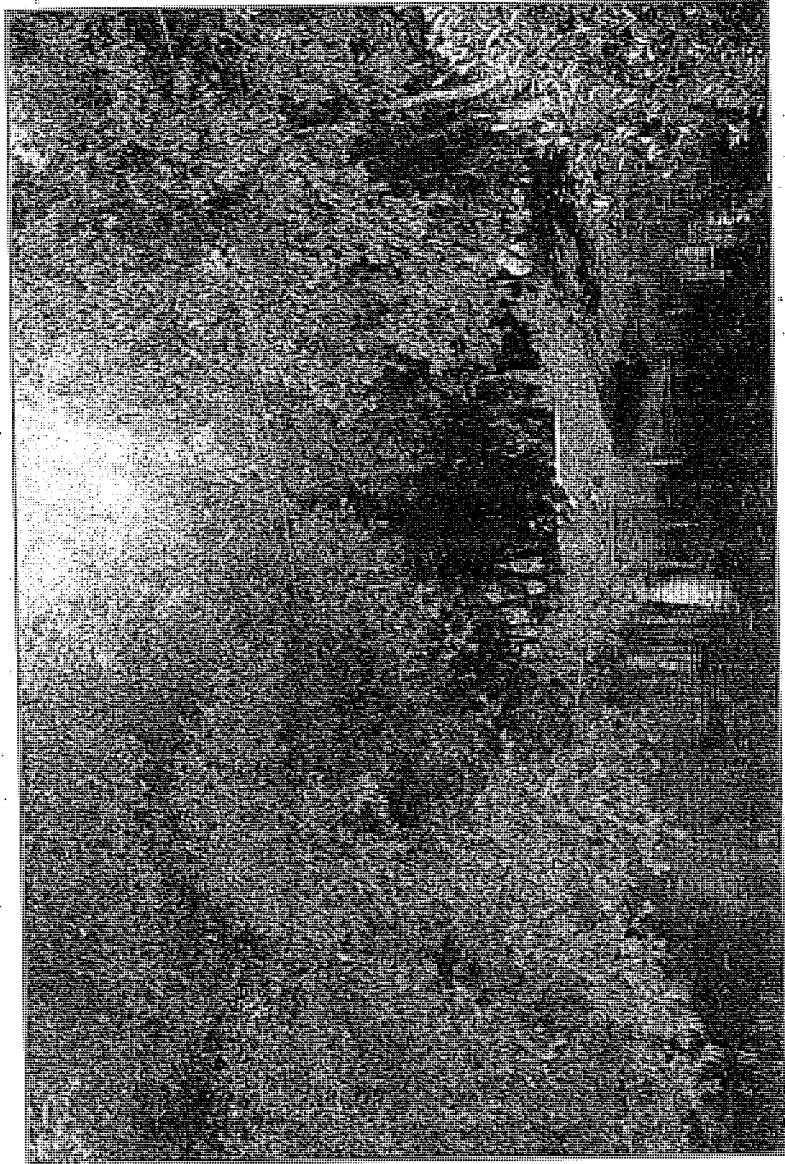
of the park on East Johnson street. Sherman Avenue divides the park at the western end. On the northeast side is Thornton Avenue, on the southeast side is Johnson street, and on the southwest side the boundary of the park will be marked by Marston Avenue. All of these parts of the park will be equally accessible by water. Any one residing on either Lake Mendota or Lake Monona or Lake Wingra can, by boat or launch, pass from either lake into the lagoons, and thus reach any portion of the park, those coming from Lake Mendota passing through the lock.

It is hoped that during the present season, not only will the filling of the park be completed, but that the surface may be brought to a proper grade and covered with top soil and seeded, ready for planting in the spring of 1909.

Purchase of Additional Land for Tenney Park

One of the most important matters touched upon in Mayor Schubert's message, is the following:

"I also want to call your attention at this time to the urgent need of more lake shore property for Tenney Park, and it looks to me as though this were the proper time to take hold of the matter. My attention has been called to the fact that the erection of an ice house is contemplated on some of this property in the very near future, and if this is true this council, in view of the other improvements being made on adjacent property, the addition of over \$20,000 worth of new taxable property, the vast amount of money given by D. K. Tenney and what he is still doing for this park, should purchase enough more of this lake shore to at least square this park, and I shall in view of this condition urge upon you by all means to take a firm stand in this matter and have in mind that this is the only piece of ground that the city has set aside for public use bordering upon Lake Mendota."



Tenney Park, The Lagoon.

A glance at the map of Tenney Park shows clearly the land referred to. It comprises seven 50 foot lots, being numbers 41 to 47 inclusive, of the Willow Park subdivision.

This land is much needed to secure a proper boundary to Tenney Park. Moreover, it will add to the park 350 feet of lake shore. The ultimate value of this land to the city is very great. As stated by Mayor Schubert, Tenney Park now comprises the only part of the lake shore of Mendota which is owned by the city.

But there is another sufficient reason for securing this land as an addition to the park. The plan, we are informed, is to erect the coming fall upon two of these unfilled lots an ice house. We all know what this would mean. It would largely destroy the park. The city cannot afford, in justice to itself and in justice to the public spirited citizens, especially Mr. D. K. Tenney, through whose contributions this park has been secured, to allow this. Already there has been expended on Tenney Park and the Yahara river improvement over \$127,000, and the completion of the addition to Tenney Park will call for an additional fifteen to twenty thousand dollars, making an outlay in all, in round numbers, of some \$150,000, including the contribution of the railway companies in raising their tracks. Under these circumstances, to permit the erection of an ice house or ice houses, at the head of this park, fronting Sherman Avenue, which is a part of the boulevard drive, would be most disheartening. Should such a thing as this be done, I, for one, should feel that there was no encouragement for citizens to give of their money and time to the service of the city. It would go far toward stopping all future contributions to the city in aid of park or drive work. I am sure the membership of this association will stand firmly by the Mayor in the position he has taken favoring the securing of these lots as an addition to Tenney Park.

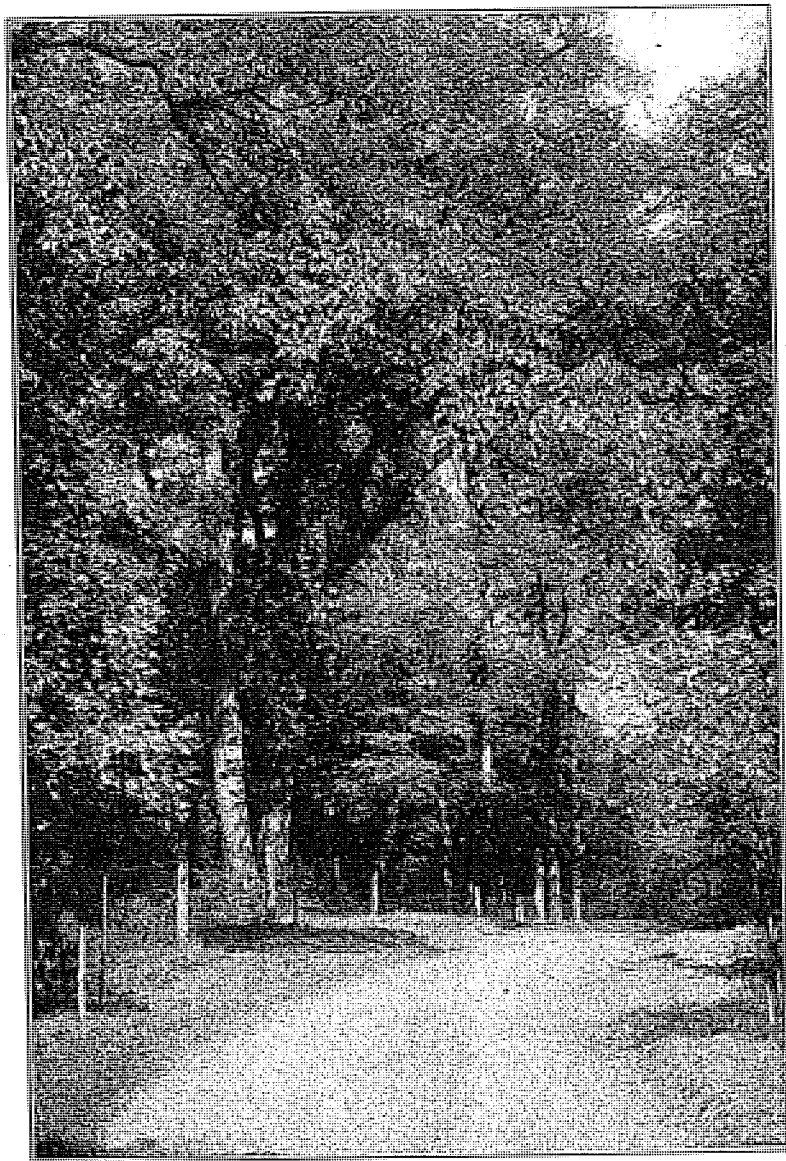
It should be stated in this connection that an agreement is to be signed by all owners of property fronting Sherman Avenue and lying between Brearly street and Tenney Park, which will forever hereafter prohibit the erection upon any of this property of any building, or the carrying on of any trade or manufacture that will be injurious or obnoxious to this section as a resident district.

Yahara River Improvement

The last annual report, pages 25-32, contains a statement as to this improvement up to April 23, 1907. Its total cost up to that date, exclusive of the Williamson street and Steensland bridges, was \$89,788.07. The city appropriated last year for the maintenance of Tenney Park and this parkway \$2,000. There was expended by the association out of its general funds \$2,594.00, being \$594.00 in excess of said appropriation. At least this amount was expended in making permanent improvements on the river parkway. The shrubs and trees planted, aside from labor, cost \$244.35, and there was paid \$111.66 for screenings and crushed stone. Adding the sum of \$594.00 to the \$89,788.07, above, makes the cost of this improvement to date, \$90,382.07, distributed as follows:

Total Cost to Date of Yahara River Improvement

Amount expended by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company	\$30,300 00
Amount expended by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company	16,262 98
Amount of filling donated by the above companies in addition to the above prior to 1906, 1,000 cubic yards, estimated	500 00
Amount of filling donated in 1906 by above companies to construct crossings, estimated	2,000 00
Amount contributed by voluntary contributions of the citizens of Madison	34,844 35
Amount paid by Hon. George B. Burrows	708 60
Amount contributed by the city of Madison prior to 1906	4,266 14
Amount contributed by the city of Madison in 1906	1,500 00
Total	\$90,382 07



CAPITAL AVENUE, STEENSLAND

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more plainly the democratic character of the association and the general interest in its work than this large number of small subscriptions. It is something that counts strongly for the welfare of a city of the size of Madison that over one thousand of her citizens (for the separate subscriptions represent more than one thousand different persons) have combined together in one organization to make, by voluntary contributions, Madison a better and more beautiful place in which to live.

Total Voluntary Contributions for Seven Years \$181,012.34

If we include the gifts for Steensland Bridge, Kendall Park, Burr Jones and Olive Jones Fields, the voluntary contributions in money and lands by the members of this association for the past seven years are as follows: For 1903, \$31,657.99; for 1904, \$20,324.00; for 1905, \$34,601.25; for 1906, \$21,341.08; for 1907, \$15,741.25; for 1908, \$29,966.32; and for 1909, \$27,380.00, making a total for the seven years of \$181,012.39, or an average per year of \$25,858.91.

Planting Trees, Shrubs and Vines

During the seven years preceding the annual meeting of April 27, 1908, the association planted 106,271 trees, shrubs and vines. During the year 1908 the association planted 34,568 trees and shrubs, thus making for the last eight years a total of 140,839. Of the trees planted last year, 25 were purchased and 249 were obtained from the nursery of the association. Of the shrubs planted, 9,110 were purchased from outside nurseries, 399 were obtained from the nursery of the association and 24,550 were collected in this vicinity. The largest proportion of the purchased stock was planted in Brittingham Park. The trees and shrubs purchased cost, delivered at Madison, \$864.59. Of this amount \$772.84 was for plants for Brittingham Park, and \$91.75 for plants in

Henry Vilas Park. The shrubs purchased, being 9,100, cost delivered 91½ cents each.

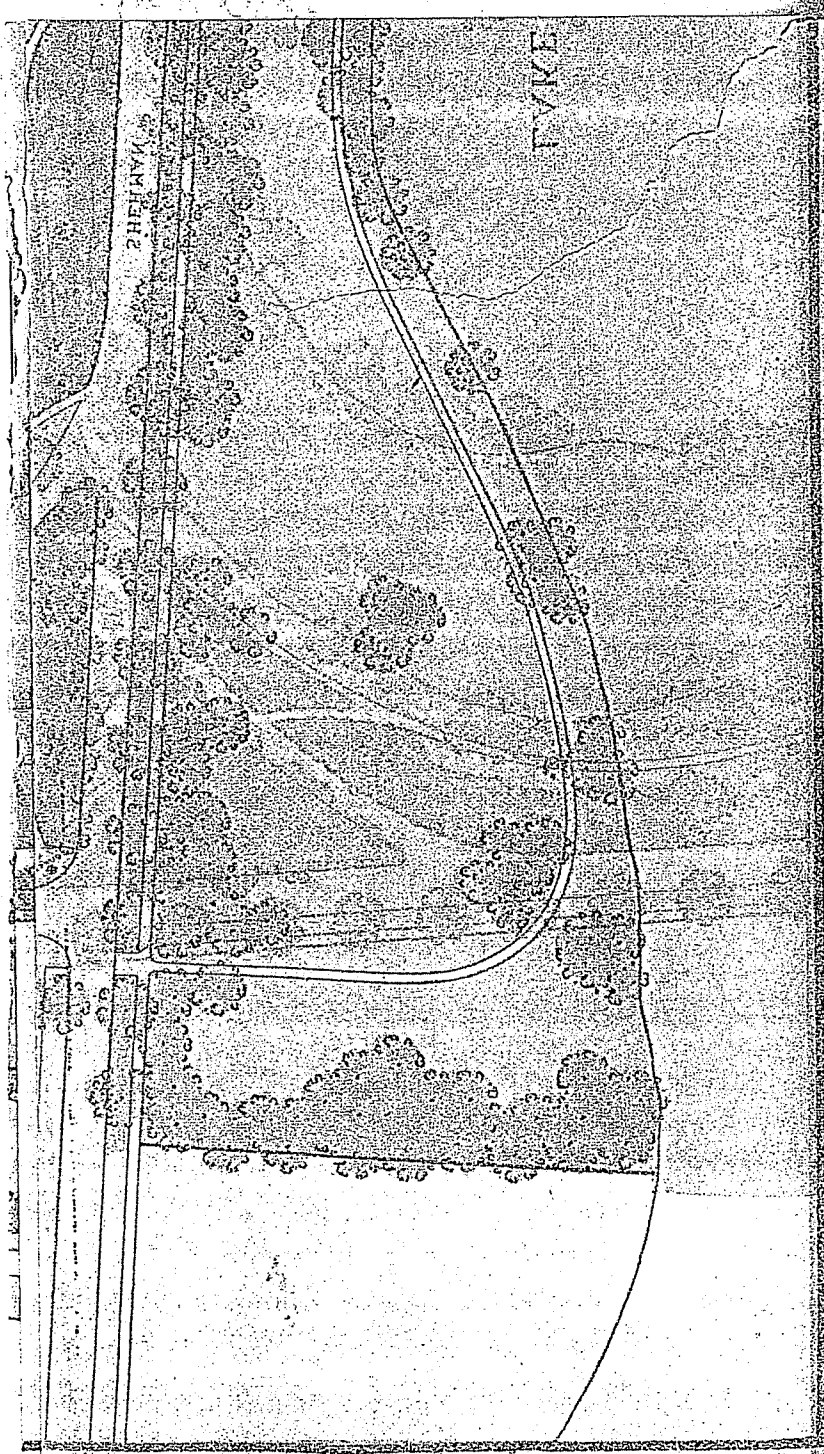
The first part of the season was very favorable and, although the last part was exceedingly dry, but little damage was done, practically all of the plants living and making a good growth for the first year.

A large amount of planting is to be done the present season, mostly in Tenney Park Addition, and in a portion of Brittingham Park. The contract price for the trees and shrubs, numbering 13,989, purchased for this season's planting, is \$1,509.00, delivered at Madison, or an average of under 11 cents each. The higher price this year, as compared with last year is due to the purchase of a much larger number relatively of trees this year than last. Besides the plants purchased, a large number will come from the nursery of the association, and a still larger number will be collected in this vicinity.

Tenney Park

The last annual report, page 18, contains a statement of the amount that had been expended on account of the completed portion of this park up to April 27, 1908, exclusive of the cost of maintenance. This sum was there stated to be \$29,524.70. This statement was erroneous, since it contains an item of \$5,500 paid for land for the addition to the park. Deducting this sum, there is left as the cost of the old or completed portion of the park up to date \$24,029.70.

During the past year a force of three men have had in charge the maintenance of Tenney Park, Yahara River Parkway and Orton Park. There was set aside for this purpose, of the funds contributed by the city for park maintenance last year, \$2,300.00. An accurate account was kept of all money thus expended during the year. It aggregates \$1,758.30, or \$541.70 less than the amount set aside for the maintenance of this portion of the work. But the associa-



tion was compelled, during the year, to use of its general funds \$500.00 for the maintenance of Henry Vilas Park. Hence, there remains on hand \$41.70 to be used the present season to maintain Tenney Park, Orton Park and Yahara River Parkway.

Tenney Park Addition

For a statement concerning this addition up to April 27, 1908, see last annual report, pages 18-23. The cost of this addition up to that date was \$7,527.91.

There was paid out during the year in the improvement of this addition \$14,281.44. Included in this item is \$7,189.29 paid the La Crosse Dredging Company; \$4,212.12 paid to men for labor of men and teams; \$875.51 paid for top soil; \$215.00 paid for interest on note and mortgage of \$3,000.00; \$501.93 paid for tiling, cement, pipe, etc.; \$171.71 paid for lumber; \$305.41 paid for gravel and crushed stone; \$146.38 paid for marsh hay for mulching for planting the present spring.

The city, acting in accordance with Mayor Schubert's annual message of one year ago, purchased, during the season, seven lots, being lots 41 to 47 inclusive, of Willow Park Subdivision, extending from Sherman Avenue through to Lake Mendota, thereby adding to the park 350 feet of lake shore and about 2.1 acres in area. The city paid for these seven lots \$19,670.75. Hence, this addition to the park has cost, up to date, \$41,480.10. Of this amount, the city has contributed the \$19,670.75 for the seven lots and an additional \$3,000 toward purchasing the nineteen acres of marsh from Mrs. Thornton and daughter. Hon. D. K. Tenney has generously contributed \$7,500 in cash, besides five of the twenty lots sold. The remaining funds, thus far expended, came from the sale of twenty lots for \$20,000, all of which has been paid in full except \$535.00, and this will be paid the present spring.

It is seen from the above that the cost of the completed and new portions of the park to date is \$65,509.80. Of this amount the city has contributed up to date \$32,270.50, or practically one-half. D. K. Tenney has contributed \$12,968.00 in cash besides five out of the twenty lots that were sold, and the balance has been contributed by the voluntary gifts of the members of this association.

Plan for Completing Addition

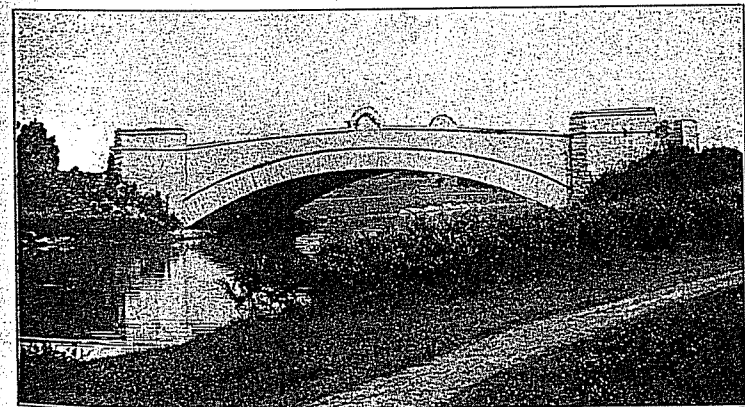
There is found at page 19 hereof a new design of Tenney Park, prepared by our landscape architect, Mr. John Nolen, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. It modifies in certain respects the design of Mr. Emil T. Mische, our former landscape architect, as is seen by consulting page 19 of the 1908 report. It should be said, however, in justice to Mr. Mische, that most of the important changes suggested by Mr. Nolen were favored by Mr. Mische, but the association had not, at that time, the funds with which to make the changes. This design, as prepared by Mr. Nolen, shows Tenney Park as it will be when completed, and also the Yahara River Parkway as far east as Johnson Street. As is seen by a comparison of the two designs, the old lagoon along the southwesterly side of "Wood Island" has been filled so as to make but one large island in the park, comprising about 10.2 acres.

The small lagoon between Sherman Avenue and the lake has also been filled, thereby increasing the park area between the avenue and Lake Mendota, and making of this area, including the seven lots purchased by the city, 4.2 acres with a water frontage on Lake Monona of some over 66 rods or 1,100 feet. A new connection between the waters in the main lagoon and the lake, at a point just above the spillway, or rapids, was constructed by the laying of a twenty-four inch tile pipe some 300 feet in length, at a cost of some \$700.00. This furnishes a much more ample water

supply for the lagoons. A wading pool for small children has been constructed out of a portion of the filled lagoon on the southwesterly side of "Wood Island." This wading pool is supplied with fresh water by means of a pipe connecting directly with Lake Mendota, and an overflow pipe conducts the water from the wading pool into the park lagoon. This wading pool is admirably located, is sufficiently screened, and will furnish an absolutely safe place for young children, and will add much to the usefulness and enjoyment of the park.

Work that Should be Done in this Park the Present Season

That portion of the addition to the park lying east of Sherman Avenue, should be planted, the present spring, with trees and shrubs according to the design, and the portions not planted should be covered with top soil and seeded. There must be erected at once in this portion of the park two sanitary houses and two drinking fountains. There must also be constructed four bridges, three foot bridges in the park proper and one wagon bridge on Thornton Avenue at the outlet of the lagoon into the Yahara River. Plans



STEENSLAND BRIDGE, YAHARA PARKWAY

and specifications have been prepared by Mr. Icke, the city engineer, for all of these bridges and for the two sanitary houses, Mr. George B. Ferry acting with Mr. Icke, however, as consulting architect. It will be remembered that Mr. Ferry acted in this capacity in the construction of the Steensland Bridge. These bridges will be constructed of reenforced concrete, faced with Madison stone, thus giving to the bridges the appearance as well as the strength of solid stone structures. It is felt by the directors that too great care cannot be used in the construction of these bridges and all buildings erected in the parks to secure proper artistic effect as well as durability. The three foot bridges have a span of about fifty feet each, and each is to be fourteen feet in width in the clear. The bridges are to be so constructed as to permit of the passage under them of row boats and launches so that not only the lagoons may be used for boating within the park, but there may also be free access to the lagoons from the Yahara River, thereby connecting directly the park and its lagoons with both Lakes Mendota and Monona.

The seven lots purchased by the city, lying between the avenue and the lake, are to be filled this spring and then covered with not less than three inches of good top soil.

What These Improvements will Cost

It is not possible to state with exactness just what these improvements will cost. The following estimates will be helpful, however, in bringing before the association and the city the exact situation:

The planting and mulching of the trees and shrubs, including amount paid for those purchased and labor of collecting plants in this vicinity will cost not less than \$2,000.00. It will cost at least another \$2,000.00 to complete the covering of this portion of the park with good soil and the seeding

of the same. The two sanitary houses and drinking fountains will cost, as estimated by Mr. Icke, \$3,230.00. The four bridges will cost, according to Mr. Icke's estimate, \$14,700.00, of which \$12,000.00 is for the three park bridges and \$2,500.00 for the wagon bridge. To fill the seven lots between the avenue and the lake and cover the same with top soil and construct the necessary paths or walks will cost not less than \$2,700.00. These different items aggregate \$24,600.00.

Resources for Making These Improvements

There were issued, as already stated, on October 1, 1908, \$30,000.00 of park bonds for the purpose of purchasing the seven lots and completing Tenney Park. But there was paid out of this fund \$515.00 to Dow & Sons on account of Brittingham Park improvement. The city paid for the seven lots \$19,670.75, and \$3,000.00 due on a note and mortgage given by the association, in 1905, to secure a part of the purchase price of the nineteen acres purchased from Mrs. Thornton and daughter as an addition to the park. The association carried this indebtedness, paying the interest thereon, until the principal was paid out of the above fund by the city in January, 1909. After deducting these items, there is left, of this park fund, as available for completing the park, \$6,887.58. There is in the bank to the credit of this fund for this improvement \$1,495.79. In this last item is included \$1,000 contributed by the Willow Park Land Company, this being a part of the special subscription made by land owners in this vicinity toward completing the park, the total of such special subscription being \$1,875.00. Hence, there will be available for this work, besides the \$1,000.00 included in the \$1,495.79 item above, the sum of \$875.00, being the remainder of this special subscription. There remains unpaid on the twenty lots sold, \$535.00. Hence, there

is available, at the most, for the completion of this park, as outlined above, \$9,793.37. The cost of making the improvements as estimated above is \$24,600.00, thus showing a shortage of \$14,806.63.

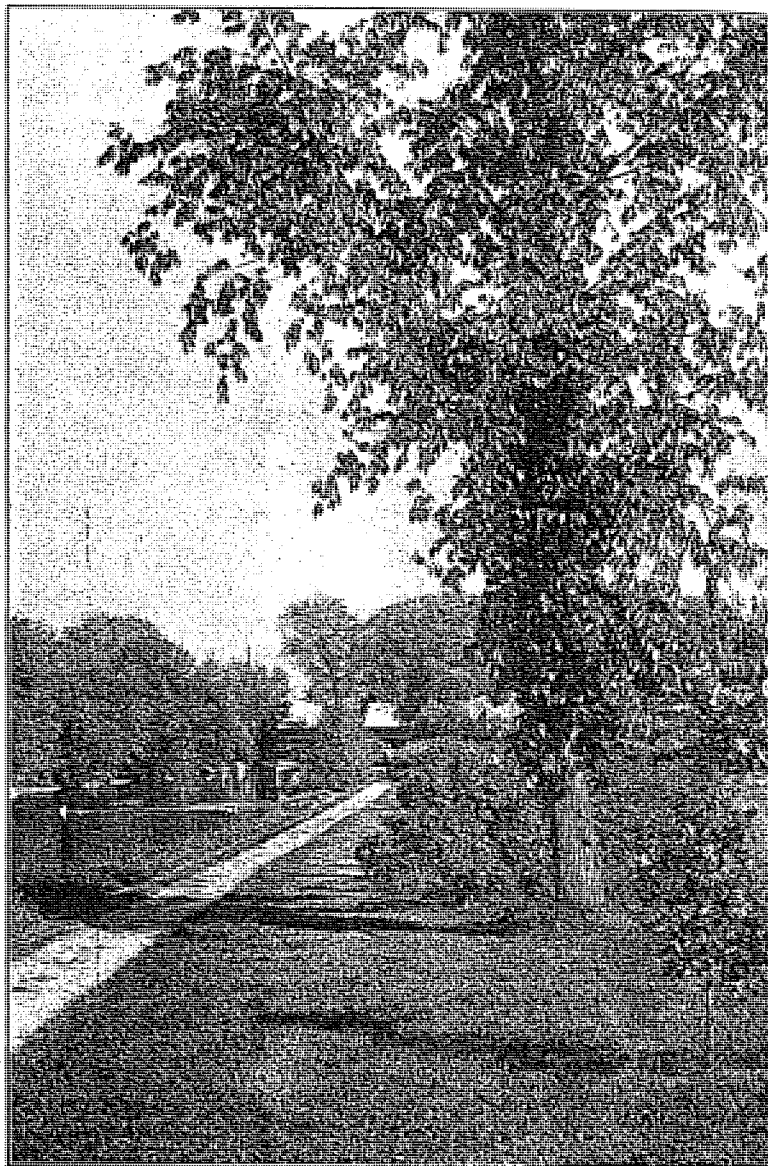
What the Best Interests of the City Demand

The question arises, what should be done by the city under the circumstances? A careful consideration of the situation leaves no doubt, I think, as to what the answer should be. There are many and very weighty reasons why Tenney Park should be completed without delay. The amount of money already invested demands this. The needs of the people in this part of the city demand it. Justice to Mr. Tenney, who has contributed so generously toward this park, demands it. Mr. Tenney has passed the seventy-fifth mile-stone. I am sure I voice the sentiments not only of the directors, not only of the thousand or more members of this association, but of the citizens of Madison generally, when I say it is the wish of all that this park should at this time be put in a completed form so that its patron may have the satisfaction during his remaining years of witnessing the enjoyment of others that will come through the general use of this park. Moreover, no other one thing will so help the general park work as the completion of this park. The people of this city need an object lesson. The difficulty with the park work just now is that no one of the parks is yet in a completed condition. None of them are, as yet, provided with water, or the ordinary conveniences absolutely essential to the use and enjoyment of a park. This unfortunate condition of things has already existed too long with reference to Tenney Park, and has seriously interfered with its use and enjoyment, especially by women and small children.

The money available will just about meet the expenses of completing the park, as outlined above, exclusive of the

bridges. But these bridges are an absolute necessity. Without them much of the park will be inaccessible. They should all be constructed at one time. A more favorable contract can be secured in this way. If the construction of these bridges is postponed, their construction at a later date will involve tearing up and disfiguring the park in many places. The planting and some of the grading cannot be completed until these bridges are completed. In this connection it should be remembered that the common council has ordered the macadamizing, the present season, of Marston Avenue and its park connections, and that portion of East Johnson Street which adjoins the park. The city's portion of the cost of these improvements is \$7,065.00. Hence, including these items and the item of \$9,793.37 now on hand available for completing this work, there will have been expended, exclusive of the bridges, by the close of this year, on account of this park, including both the old and the new portions, through the joint efforts of the city, Mr. Tenney, and the members of this association, \$82,368.17. (Nor does this include any of the cost of any part of the Yahara River Parkway opposite this park.) Of this amount, the city will have contributed a trifle over one-half. Moreover, this amount does not include the value of lands donated by the Thornton estate, by the Hausmann Brewing Company and by the Willow Park Land Company. If the value of these lands be considered, the city's contribution would fall considerably below one-half not including the cost of the Yahara River Parkway opposite and forming a part of the park. This must have cost an additional \$15,000.00, all paid by voluntary contributions.

But the point I wish to make is that with an investment of from \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 in this park aside from lands donated and cost of Yahara River Parkway it would be poor business judgment for the city, at this time, to



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fail to provide the necessary funds to construct these bridges. These funds should be provided by a bond issue. These bridges, constructed as proposed, will endure as long as the park endures, and the expense of erecting them should be provided in the same way that the city provided funds for buying the seven additional lots. The mistake the council made was in not providing for a bond issue of at least \$40,000.00 instead of \$30,000.00. Mr. Nolen, at the time, urged upon the council to make the amount \$40,000.00, and gave excellent reasons for naming the larger sum. The annual interest on the bonds necessary to complete these bridges, say \$15,000.00, would be \$600.00. The city would receive at once in increased taxes by reason of the construction of these bridges much more than sufficient to meet this annual interest charge. Already the city has been the financial gainer by the construction of this park, but once complete this park as designed and the effect upon real estate values will be immediate and pronounced. The greatest benefit to the city by way of increased revenues from increased values is yet to come. Especially is this true, when one considers the effect upon values by the filling of all of the low marsh ground by private owners southwest of the park.

I have no hesitancy in saying that this park, when completed as designed, will be one of the most beautiful, useful and unique small parks to be found anywhere in this country. This is the opinion of men competent to judge, who have especially examined the situation. It will comprise, with that portion of the Yahara Parkway improvement, which lies opposite the park, some 47 acres, including water surfaces, and will be one of the most accessible of parks "both by land and water." Its location is unique. Lying, as it does, several feet below the waters of Lake Mendota, there is furnished the unusual opportunity of plenty of

fresh water passing through the lagoons and then into the river. The street car line is already within 250 feet of the corner of the park on East Johnson Street, and will undoubtedly soon be extended along the east end of the park on that street. Sherman Avenue divides the park at its westerly end, leaving 4.2 acres between the avenue and the lake with a frontage on the lake of 1,100 feet. On the northeast side is Thornton Avenue, and on the southwest side the park is bounded by Marston Avenue, to be macadamized the present season. All parts of the park will be equally accessible by water. Any one residing on either Lake Mendota or Lake Monona or Lake Wingra can by boat or launch pass from either lake into the lagoons, and thus reach any portion of the park, those coming from Lake Mendota passing through the lock. Such a park so located, when completed, with proper park buildings and conveniences, with its excellent boating facilities, with its opportunities for fishing, and I trust bathing under proper regulations, will constitute one of the most valuable assets of the city of Madison, and the question is whether the addition at this time of \$600.00 to the annual interest tax of the city should be a sufficient objection to further delay the completion of the park, especially when it is remembered that the city will be more than repaid by increased receipts from taxes upon lands in this locality. Moreover, these bridges can all be built at one time under one contract much cheaper than separately, not to mention the injury to the park by constructing these bridges during a series of years.

Yahara River Improvement

The last annual report, pages 23-26, contains a statement as to this improvement up to April 27, 1908. Its total cost up to that date, exclusive of the Williamson Street and Steensland Bridges, was \$90,382.07, distributed as follows:

Total Cost to Date of Yahara River Improvement

Amount expended by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company	\$30,300 00
Amount expended by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company	16,262 98
Amount of filling donated by the above companies in addition to the above prior to 1906, 1,000 cubic yards, estimated	500 00
Amount of filling donated in 1906 by above companies to construct crossings, estimated	2,000 00
Amount contributed by voluntary contributions of the citizens of Madison	34,844 35
Amount paid by Hon. George B. Burrows	708 60
Amount contributed by the city of Madison prior to 1906	4,266 14
Amount contributed by the city of Madison in 1906	1,500 00
Total	\$90,382 07

The cost of the cement bridge, on Williamson Street, of \$6,042.00, is not included in the above, nor the \$10,000.00, cost of Steensland Bridge, for the reason that these expenses can hardly be charged against this improvement since new bridges at these points were a necessity, aside from this improvement, though they might not have been secured at so early a date.

In the spring of last year, the planting of the park strip lying between Winnebago Avenue and the lake and between the river and Riverside Street was completed, the ground all seeded, and a row of elm trees planted on either side of Riverside Street, from Winnebago Avenue to Lake Monona, or rather to the terminus of Riverside Street.

The Yahara River Parkway was maintained last year by the same force of men that had in charge Orton Park and Tenney Park, and the funds for this work were furnished by the city, as stated on page 17 hereof.

Bridge on Rutledge Street

"Perhaps no one thing would so help the work of this association just now, or yield larger returns to the city upon the money invested, than the construction of a bridge across

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Respectfully submitted,
E. G. Murray, Chairman
Robert O. Stewart
James McGovern
Henry M. Groves
Geo. Quinn, Jr.
Officers, Committee

Annual Report

of the

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

For the Year Ending April 25, 1910

With
Report of Annual Meeting

Held April 25, 1910

George H. Smith, Secretary, Fred M. Nelson,
Frank W. Galt, Fred W. Hart and G. M. De

own raising than could be obtained from trees shipped here from a distant nursery.

This year we have been able to supply the city of Madison with a quantity of unusually fine trees for planting along newly improved streets on which the trees set last year had died. We were able to furnish them for one-half of what it would have cost to procure inferior trees elsewhere.

Tenney Park

From the last annual report it appears that there had been spent up to that time, in the improvement of the old portion of Tenney Park, exclusive of the cost of maintenance, \$24,029.70. There have been no improvements in this park such as should be properly charged to maintenance, so that the sum represents the total cost of the old portion of the Park.

Tenney Park Addition

Up to the time of the last report there had been paid on account of the improvement of the addition to Tenney Park the sum of \$41,480.10. Since that time there has been expended upon this improvement the sum of \$8,880.74. This makes the total cost of the addition to the park \$49,360.84, and brings the total cost of the whole park up to \$74,390.54. Of this sum the city has contributed for the purchase of lots \$32,270.50 and \$6,887.58 for construction. Mr. Tenney has contributed \$12,968. The remaining \$22,209.46 has been contributed by private individuals, subscribers for the work of the association.

Work Accomplished During the Last Season

Not all of the work outlined in last year's report has been completed. The greater portion of the park was covered with top soil upon which grass has now begun to make

a fine showing. A considerable portion of the planting was completed and the remainder is now being done. The sanitary nearest Sherman avenue has been erected and the drinking fountain at the corner of Sherman avenue and Marston avenue.

Work to be Done the Present Season

In addition to completing the planting and seeding of that portion of the park between Sherman avenue and Johnson street it is hoped to complete that portion of the park between Sherman avenue and Lake Mendota. This was filled last year with clean sand pumped from the lake and for this reason seems to offer ideal facilities for a sand playground for the children. Plans for such a playground and for the covering and seeding of the remainder of that portion of the park are being prepared by Mr. Nolen and it is proposed to carry out the work along such lines as he shall suggest.

The lagoon affords ideal facilities for an enjoyment always dear to children—a swan boat. It is believed that such a boat upon the lagoon would pay for itself besides affording untold delight to the little ones. The sand garden, the wading pool and a swan boat certainly ought to make the park popular with the future citizens of Madison.

Bridges in Century Park

None of the bridges mentioned in last year's report have been completed, although, as there stated, plans had then been made by the city engineer, acting in connection with Mr. Ferry of Milwaukee, for the four necessary bridges. As pointed out in last year's report it was impossible for the association to use any portion of its funds for the erection of the bridges, so that in order that they might be erected the work would have to be done at the cost of the

city. The matter has been taken up with the city authorities and was presented to the common council. On June 25, 1909, the finance committee of the council to whom the matter of the erection of the bridges during the year 1909 was referred, reported a resolution which was adopted by the council with but three dissenting votes. The resolution recited that the committee recognized the desirability of completing Tenney Park during that season, including the erection of four bridges, but that owing to the pressing demands upon the funds of the city it was considered best to postpone the erection of the bridges until 1910. The committee was careful in the resolution to say that the passage of that resolution was not to be construed as an evidence of opposition to the park work on the part of the common council, it being the sense of the council that Tenney Park should be completed at as early a date as was practicable under all the circumstances.

Buildings for Tenney Park

To complete the park so that it may serve the public satisfactorily several things are necessary. One of these is a pier to provide a convenient landing place for those coming from Lake Mendota by boat. This pier should be built, if possible, in the form of a breakwater so placed that it would afford a shelter to boats and launches. Such a breakwater, with the curving shore of the park and the point beyond the Yahara, will make a harbor in which boats can find shelter when landing or when waiting for the lock to be opened. There should be some simple shelter upon or adjacent to the pier for those waiting for boats

In time a regular park pavilion should be erected on the island opposite the Marston avenue entrance to the park as well as an ornamental pavilion on the point built out into the lake at the entrance to the lock. Perhaps it is not nec-

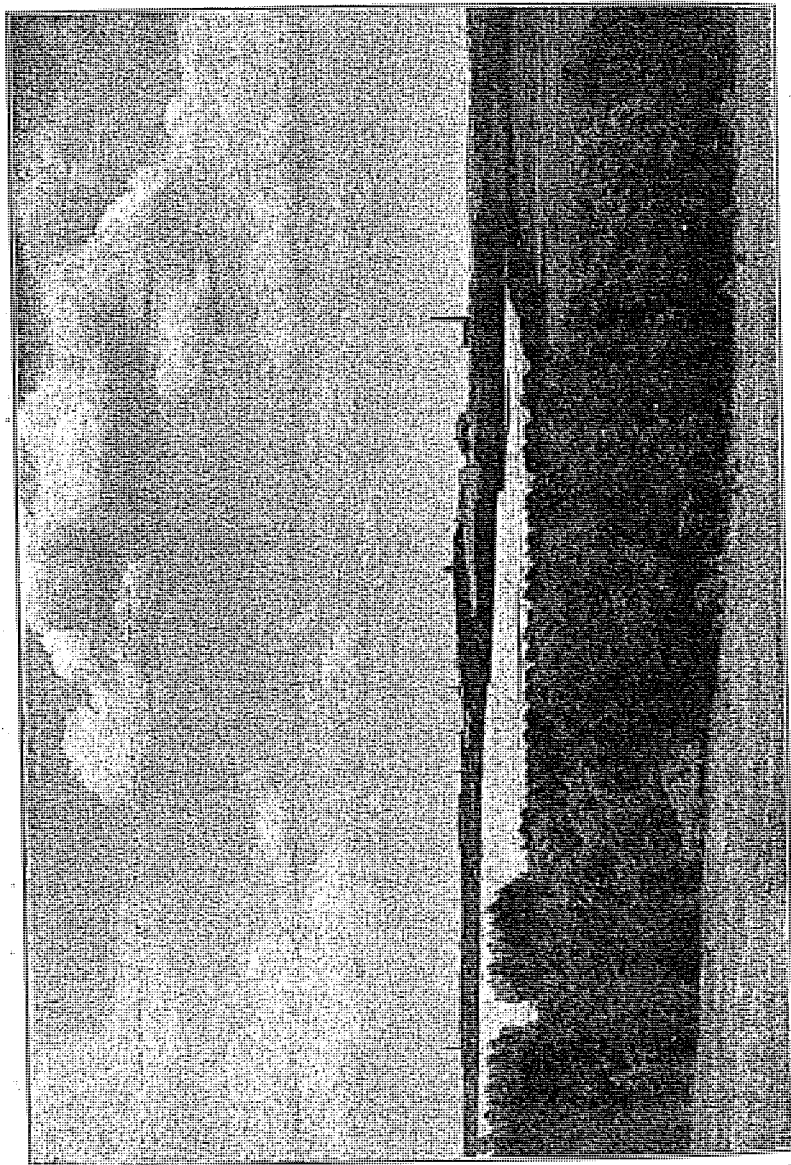
essary to build both of these at once but at least one of these should be built the present season. In time there must be a band stand, but this can wait. These buildings as well as the bridges must be paid for by the city and the expense will probably have to met by an issue of bonds. The bridge, the pier and one pavilion should all be made at one time as they can thus be made more cheaply and with less injury to the park and with less interruption of its use. Mayor Schubert in his annual message to the council has urged the necessity for the speedy completion of this park and it is hoped that the work may be taken up and the park completed during the present season.

Henry Vilas Park

The cost of this park, exclusive of maintenance, but including the cost of macadamizing Burr Oak Drive, has been \$66,895.59. Of this amount the city contributed \$5,900, Senator and Mrs. Vilas, \$35,000, and the remaining \$25,695.59 has been contributed by members of the association.



HENRY VILAS PARK



CITY OF MADISON AND UNIVERSITY BAY

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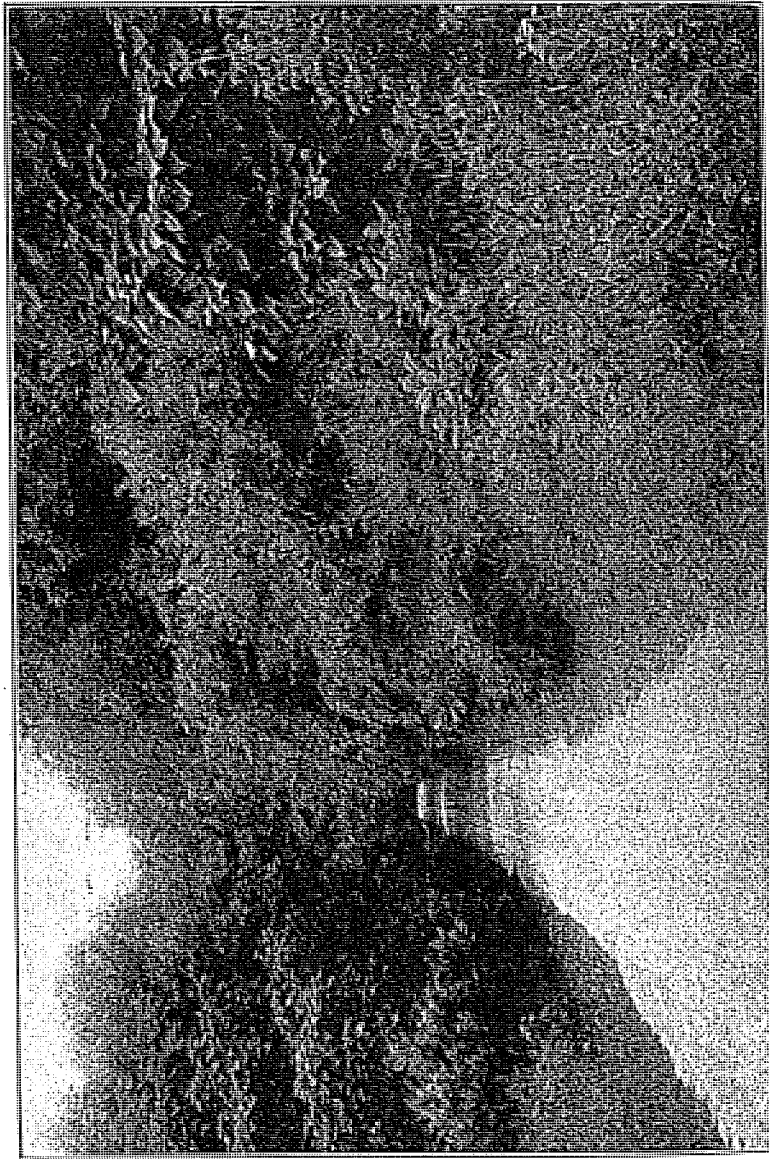
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LAKE MENDOTA DRIVE

landing place upon a commodious harbor where boats and launches may safely ride out the wildest gale. This is an advantage which boatmen will not be slow in realizing. Up to this time there was no landing place upon this portion of the lake except upon private property or upon some street end.

The work of filling was necessarily attended with some inconvenience to the property owners in Mendota Beach by reason of the construction of the lagoon across the course of the old road and also by the destruction of the temporary bridge by an unprecedented flood. The directors believe, however, that the improvement in the driveway by reason of easier grades and better construction will compensate the lot owners for the annoyance necessarily caused during the performance of the work. The top of the bridge was put on early this spring, stone for the road across the filled portion was hauled during the winter and the road will be put in shape for travel very early this season. During the summer the filled portion of the driveway and the park areas will be covered with good soil and will be planted during the coming season according to plans already prepared.

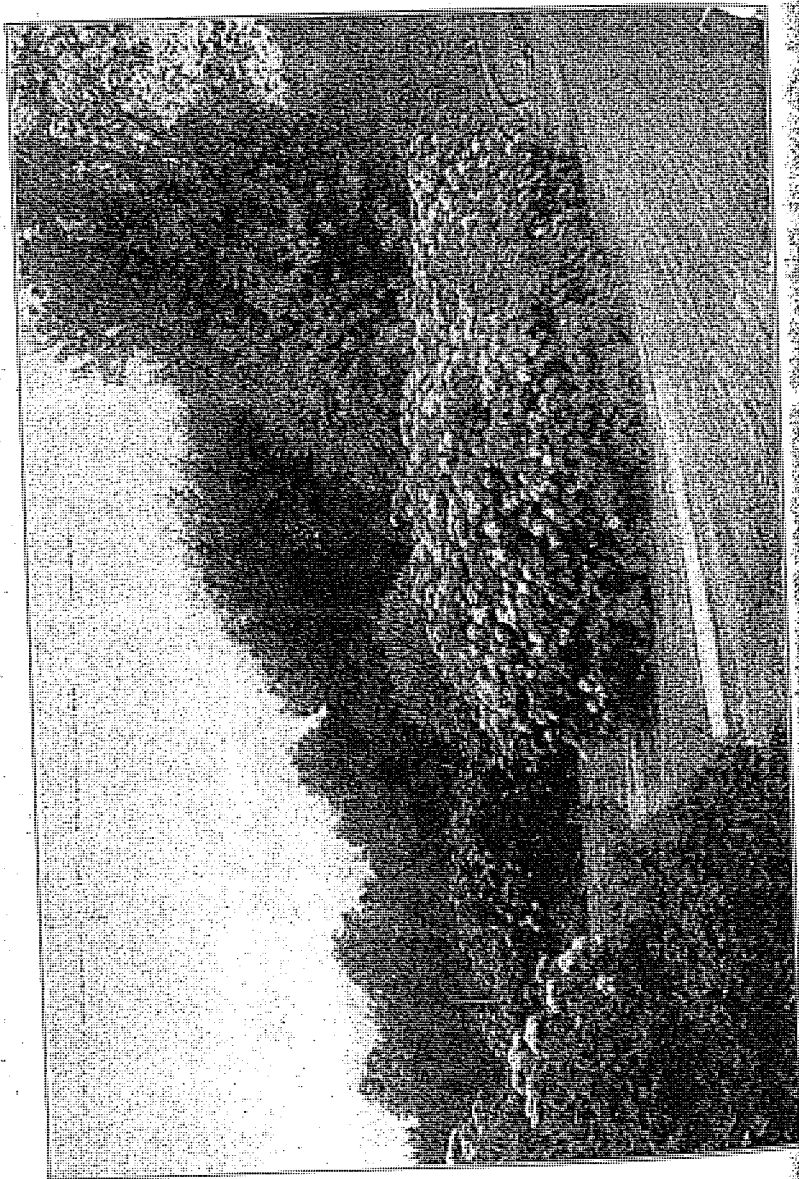
Tenney Park

The addition to Tenney Park was practically completed during the past season with the exception of the seeding and planting. The area between Sherman avenue and the lake was covered with good soil taken from Burrows Park with the exception of a portion left for a children's sand garden. Trees and shrubbery for the planting have been ordered and when the planting and seeding is done the work will be completed so far as the ground is concerned. It still lacks, however, anything in the way of a shelter or a pier. It also lacks the

three bridges which are necessary to its completion and its proper enjoyment. The meager funds at the disposal of the association make it impossible for the association itself to pay for the construction either of the shelter or of the bridges and it will be necessary for the city to come to the aid of the association in this matter. The total cost of the park up to this time is \$78,647.82. Of this sum, the city contributed \$32,270.50 for purchase of lots and \$6,887.58 for construction. Mr. Tenney contributed \$12,968. The remainder has been largely contributed by private individual subscribers for the work. It is unfortunate that after the expenditure of nearly \$79,000 that the city should not be in the situation to spare the sum necessary to complete the park so that it may adequately and conveniently serve its purpose.

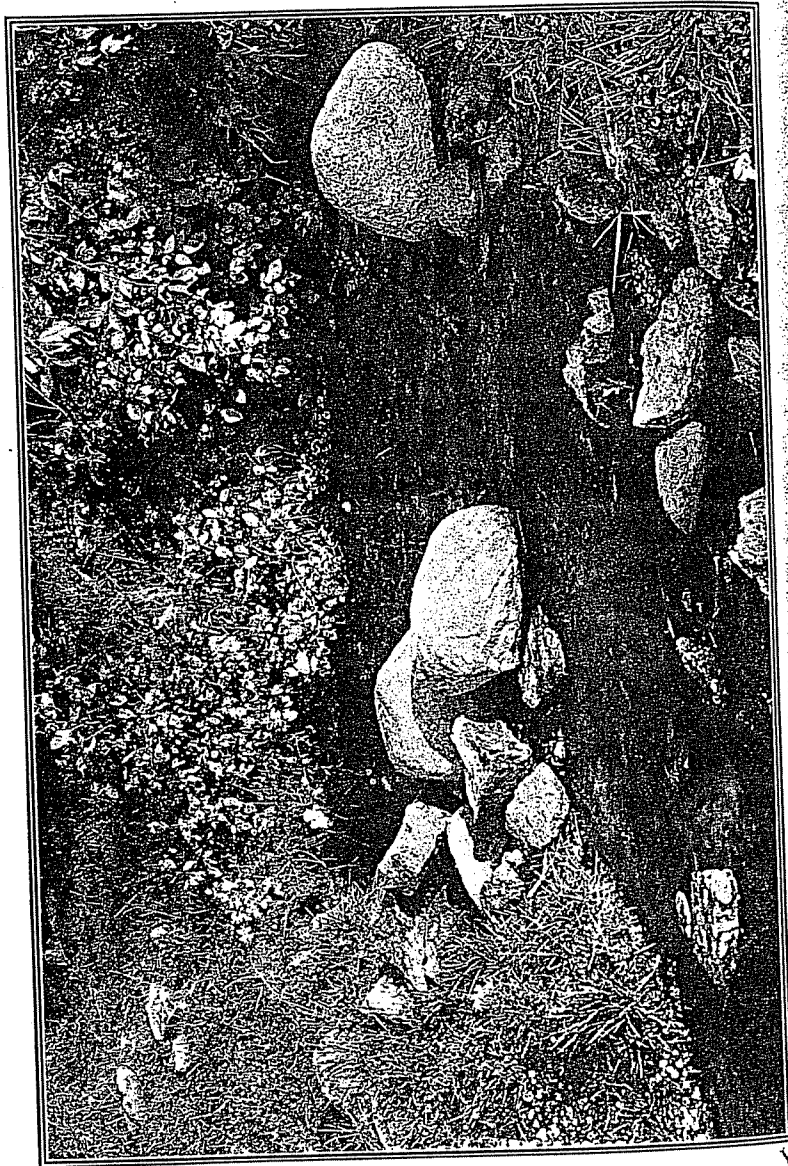
Mention should here be made of a circumstance which has caused the directors of the association the keenest regret. While the construction of the addition to Tenney Park was in progress and it had become apparent that the bridges above referred to would be necessary, Mr. Olin, the then president of the association, interviewed Mr. Tenney, in whose honor the park was named, and stated to him the necessity for the construction of bridges. A difference of opinion arose between Mr. Olin and Mr. Tenney as to the number, location and style of the bridges. He verbally offered to Mr. Olin to donate a steel bridge to be located at a point designated by him. The matter was considered by Mr. Olin and referred to Mr. Nolen, our landscape architect, and was brought up before the board of directors. Mr. Nolen advised the board that a steel bridge would not be in keeping with the park and would be an eyesore and Mr. Olin and the directors of the association heartily concurred in his opinion. The directors felt

that the association was under many obligations to Mr. Tenney and in order that no unpleasantness should result from the rejection of his offer no formal action was taken by the board of directors but the matter was allowed to sleep quietly. Some months afterwards the project was revived, apparently at the request of one of the members of the common council and a letter addressed to the alderman in question was presented to the council. The letter contained the offer by Mr. Tenney that he would erect a steel bridge across the lagoon to the island, provided that the city would agree never to consider the matter of the erection of further bridges by public taxation. At the time the letter was presented representatives of the association were present in the council chamber and made strenuous objections to the acceptance of the offer, stating the fact that they believed that such a bridge as contemplated would be a serious disfigurement to the park. The matter was referred to a committee of the council but was never considered by the committee. Some months afterwards at the request of the alderman to whom the letter was addressed the matter was recalled from the committee and a vote taken upon the question, eight aldermen voting for the unconditional acceptance of the offer, one alderman voting for it conditionally and eight aldermen voting against it. At the next meeting of the directors of this association the matter was very carefully considered. The opinion of the city attorney was obtained and that together with a communication signed by the directors was presented to the common council. In that communication the directors represented that they were advised by Mr. Nolen, the landscape architect employed by the city, that the erection of such a bridge would be a serious injury to the park. The communication further stated that the association



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was the owner of the property, holding it in trust for the city, and that so long as it was acting as such trustee it had the absolute right to say what structure should be erected in the park. This was in accordance with the opinion given by the city attorney. The directors stated in the communication that they felt the kindest regard for Mr. Tenney and that they fully appreciated that it was his generosity to which the city owed the park but that they felt that as a matter of principle they could not allow anyone to dictate what should or should not be erected in the parks under their control because of the dangerous precedent which it would establish. After the presentation of the communication a motion was made to reconsider the vote accepting the gift and this motion prevailed. As before stated, the directors regret that the issue should ever have been forced upon them and regret it particularly because of the source from which the offer came. Mr. Tenney has ever been the good friend of the association and he was the first person to come forward with a contribution which made a park possible within the city limits. They feel that it is most unfortunate that they were obliged to oppose the wishes of one for whom they had such kindly feelings and to whom they felt such a burden of obligation. They felt, however, that the interests of the public demanded that they should resist with firmness an attempt which seemed to them fraught with the gravest dangers to the welfare of the system of city parks. They felt that it was time that they should let the public understand that nothing could be erected in any park, so long as it was under their control, which they were advised and themselves believed to be a menace to its beauty and to its usefulness.



SPRING, SOUTH SHORE, LAKE WINGONA

The Uses of Our Present Parks

JOSEPH C. SCHUBERT.

I feel that a few words should be said in reference to the parks and to the use that is being made of them, other than the report made by the secretary, and looking somewhat to the future. But before going on, I wish to read what the secretary said in last year's report: "It is certain that the use of the parks is rapidly increasing. Each pleasant summer afternoon and evening and every Sunday, the parks are thronged with visitors, especially families with children. There can be no doubt that the parks are becoming better appreciated and more generally used. The drives are more for those who ride, but the parks are for the masses who have no carriages. The automobilist can get his fresh air and his wider outlook in the country, but the men and women with no vehicle but the baby carriage must rely upon the parks for their glimpse of nature. It is highly gratifying that the parks seem to be serving this class more and more."

When the matter of parks was first brought before the citizens of Madison, and it was suggested that a park be made of the marsh then known as the Thornton marsh, it looked as though we were overdoing the matter of parks right from the start, and that it was not necessary to have so large a piece of ground for this purpose, but after the development of that piece of marsh and later the first addition, and still later the second addition, which brought the park to its present size, we all felt that we would have a large park for Madison. Later when we thought of that large tract on the west end of the city, Henry Vilas Park, and now also

with the first addition thereto, we almost banished the thought from our minds as to the future need of more parks.

But, as these several pieces of park land, including Brittingham Park, were brought into use by the people, with the increase of population year by year of the city, a few changes are very noticeable to those who observe closely the use of the parks, and I am beginning to be convinced that when our expert park men such as Emil T. Mische and John Nolen said that as Madison grew in size these parks would simply be neighborhood gathering places and playgrounds, they were right, and so just let us stop and see if to a limited degree this is not already true.

Tenney park used to be used, for instance, on a Sunday as a picnic ground by small parties and a somewhat scattered people walking along its winding paths with here and there a few benches occupied, but last season saw a great change in its uses. There was no more room for picnic parties at times but instead, thousands of people surged around and thronged every part of the park with the river full of boats until it almost became dangerous without special guards, and so they, too, were provided at other times. The large turf areas were used by children and adults at various games, with scarcely room enough at times, and also a fair patronage of the wading pool that had been put into operation, and so in the final plans for the second and last addition to this park, a sand area of about 100 square feet is also provided and will be in use for the little children. Now, the only incentive for all this change was a little music on a Sunday afternoon a few times during the season.

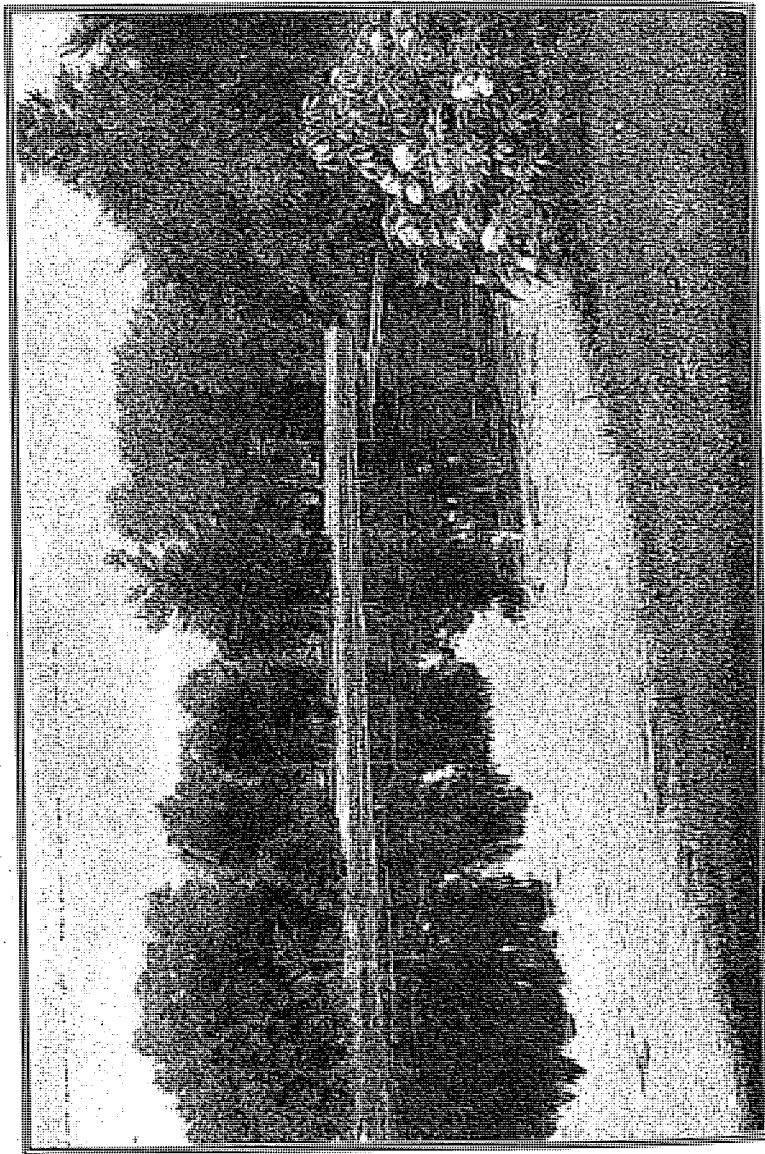
And so, just imagine what the condition would be when, after a few years years and this park is com-

pleted, and we should want to make the park popular. Then let us go over to Brittingham Park, with its beautiful and useful bath house and, a little further down the shore, the boat house. The drive along the water's edge, winding in its way for about three-quarters of a mile, its walks and magnificent planting of flowering shrubs, were to be its strong attractions, and so they are. But what of its real use and that which stood out so plainly last season, its playground at the foot of Monona street, and its ten to fifteen hundred bathers every fine day, both young and old, with the many boys who play ball, and all this where Monona street would have cut through the park had not the council acted wisely.

And now to Henry Vilas Park, and today our only hope for enough ground so as to enable us to have enough to spare for a few wild deer, kindly given to the association by Mr. T. C. Richmond, and then perhaps a few sheep to graze upon its beautiful meadows and a place for perhaps a very few years for those small picnic parties that used to occupy Tenney Park on Sunday.

So the use of Madison parks and the thought of a much diminished capitol park brings us only too soon to a realization that this work was begun none too soon and that a most serious consideration must be given to the uses of these various parks and unless the city will soon provide more playgrounds in other parts of this city, more and more of this park area must be used for playground purposes.

It must be remembered that our parks are not as yet finished products, and the use that is being made of them today is only a mere intimation of what is in store for the future; and even in their rough form, with no shelter, bridges or piers, it is sometimes hard to know just which way to turn. And at this point I want



LAGOON IN TENNEY PARK.

to call your attention to the fact that with the action of the council at its February meeting, in taking away the money necessary with which to keep Mr. John Nolen to advise with us, we shall be handicapped in such a way that it will be felt by all who are interested in the parks and in the city, for at no time was the services of experts more needed than at a time when we are compelled to shift from side to side to meet the increasing demands of a growing city. Now just a word as to the use of the waters of the parks and the Yahara river. No place affords better shelter and fishing than do these waters and one has but to walk along the banks of the Yahara to be convinced of this fact.

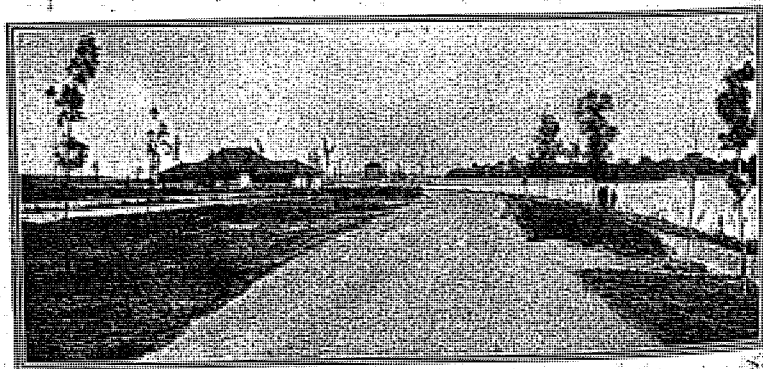
If we are to meet the growing use of these waters, much must be done and done soon in order to keep pace. We must open up the lagoons of Tenney Park to admit of free passage to and from the waters of the Yahara and we must create more frontage on the river by widening at some points and by dredging a loop between the Steensland bridge and the bridge of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway and into the property now owned by the city and unused at the present time; this would then make it possible for many more boats and would also improve the travel of boats up and down the river.

The more waterways we improve the more boats of all kinds will come into use. The dredging of the Yahara between Lakes Monona and Waubesa will act as an incentive, and by the time this work is done, which will be about two years, the number of boats will have increased about one-third, meaning a proportional increased use of the Yahara between Lakes Mendota and Monona. We must also take notice of the fishing within our parks; and to me this is very important, not alone that it adds to the use that is being made of the

parks. Every day from sunrise until sunset you will see men, women and children fishing from the banks of the lagoons and river, and all along the water front of Brittingham Park and Henry Vilas park; not only for amusement but to provide themselves with fish for food. This good fishing was brought about by the deepening of the water in taking out the materials for filling.

If we could get the combined weight of these fish, the catching of which was made possible by the building of the parks and the improving of our waterways, you would find that they would amount to several tons; thus a use of our parks by the people of the city who need it most, which is represented in dollars. Putting the average value of fish per pound at eight cents would mean a few thousand to say the least.

Now, in conclusion, let me urge the unanimous support, by every patriotic citizen, of the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Let us observe closely the use of our parks and drives, that we may be able to work this problem out to the best possible advantage of all concerned.



BRITTINGHAM PARK

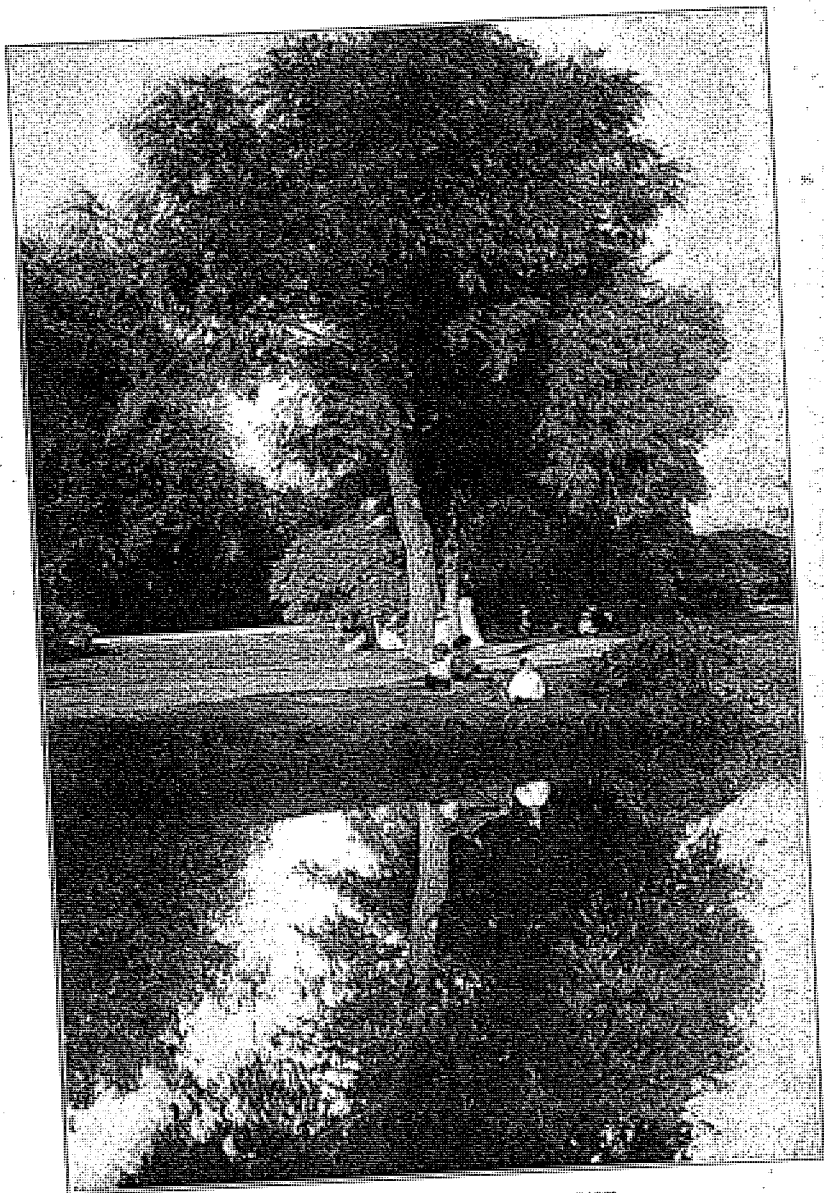
Treasurer's Report

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the association for the past year.

Receipts

1910.			
Feb. 1.	Balance from last annual report.....	\$2,005 35	
	Stewart bequest.....	2,272 66	
			\$4,278 01
	Interest to Dec. 30, 1910, on Stewart bequest.....		90 91
	Collected on 1904 subscriptions—		
	J. M. Sexton.....		5 00
	Collected on 1906 subscriptions—		
	H. L. Krehl.....		5 00
	Collected on 1908 subscriptions—		
	D. D. Bryant & Son.....	\$10 00	
	F. A. Kremer.....	10 00	
	Sinaiko Bros.....	25 00	
	O. L. Oldenburg.....	5 00	
	Kentzler Bros.....	25 00	
	J. P. Hyland.....	5 00	
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	Collected on 1909 subscriptions—		
	J. E. Klein.....	\$5 00	
	A. E. Gilmore.....	5 00	
	John D. Hayes.....	5 00	
	E. W. Keyes.....	25 00	
	T. P. Nelson.....	5 00	
	Ben F. Oakley.....	8 00	
	Geo. W. Reynolds.....	5 00	
	C. G. & G. C. Riley.....	12 50	
	J. F. Schadauer.....	3 00	
	E. B. Skinner.....	3 00	
	J. F. Janicek.....	1 00	
	Geo. H. Keenan.....	5 00	
	T. E. Starry.....	5 00	
	A. C. Lerum.....	5 00	
	L. W. Rosen Co.....	5 00	
	J. G. Moore.....	5 00	
	W. E. Morgan.....	5 00	
	A. R. Whitson.....	5 00	
	J. J. Luetscher.....	5 00	
	A. D. McConnell.....	5 00	
	M. E. McCaffrey.....	5 00	



SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN TENNEY PARK

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her, 1911, the directors voted to pay one-third the cost of macadamizing this strip of road upon condition that the Town of Madison and property owners interested would pay the remaining two-thirds. The matter was taken up at the last town meeting of the Town of Madison and the Town then voted to pay its portion of the cost. Subscription papers are now being circulated among the property owners interested and the remaining one-third will undoubtedly be subscribed.

Tenney Park

The planting and grading of the addition to Tenney Park was entirely completed during the last season so far as the ground work of the park is concerned. The cost of the new work done during the past year was \$1,002.74. This makes the total cost of the park up to date \$79,650.00.* Of this sum the city contributed \$32,270.50 for the purchase of land and \$6,887.58 for construction. Mr. Tenney's contribution was \$12,968.00. The remainder of the cost was contributed by private individuals and taken from the general funds of the Association.

Although the ground work of the park is completed it still lacks one thing which is absolutely essential and several other things which are of the greatest importance if the park is to be completed as it should be. No park to which such numbers of people resort as resort to Tenney Park is at all complete unless it has some sort of a shelter to protect people against storms. In case of a sudden summer shower the only place to which the people can resort for shelter is the public comfort station. There should be some sort of a

* This sum does not include the cost of the improvements of Marston Avenue which lies along one side of the park or of Sherman Avenue which intersects it.

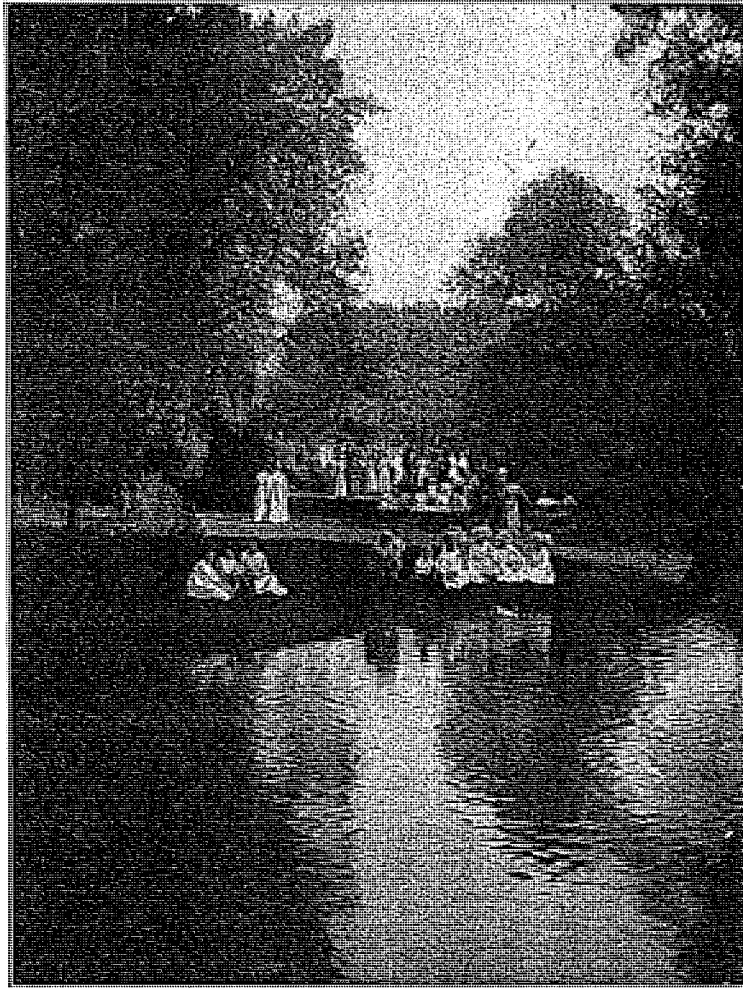
shelter built immediately, either in connection with a pier and landing or on the island near the center of the park. Inasmuch as a pier would seem to involve the necessity of a sheltered waiting place it would seem most advisable to build a shelter upon that portion of the park lying between Sherman Avenue and the lake. When funds are available another shelter should be built at the other end of the park which might be utilized as a waiting room for persons intending to take the street cars. Former reports of the Association have called the attention of the public to the necessity and desirability of a pier and the necessity for proper bridges across the lagoons so that the public may have ready access to all portions of the park. As has been before stated the funds of the Association are only sufficient to adequately maintain the parks and provide such minor improvements as are found to be absolutely essential. If the improvements contemplated are made they will have to be made either by the city of Madison or by special contributions devoted to that express purpose.

Henry Vilas Park

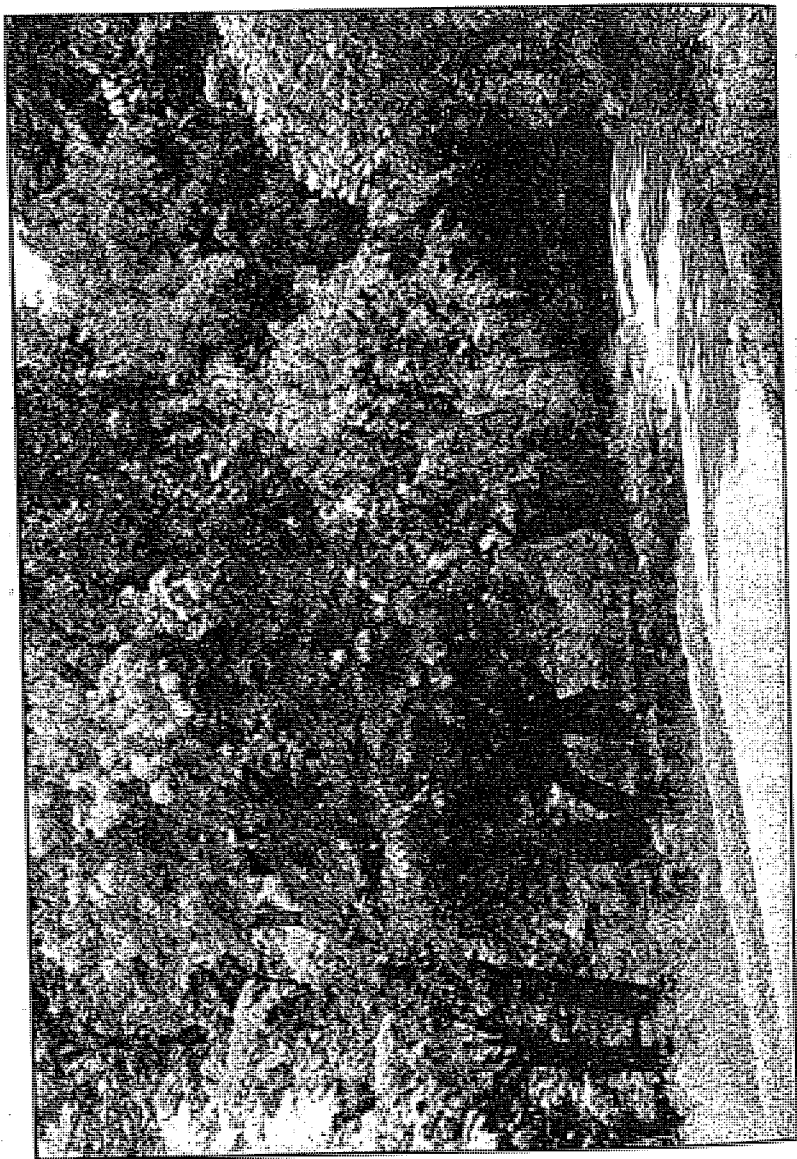
The amount expended in new work in Henry Vilas Park during the past year was \$1,397.27. This makes the total cost of the park to date \$68,754.66. Of this sum the city contributed \$5,900 including the cost of macadamizing Burr Oak Drive, and Senator and Mrs. Vilas \$35,000. This, however, does not include the \$25,000 contributed by Mrs. Vilas for the purchase of additional land as an addition to the park.

Addition to Henry Vilas Park

Practically nothing has been done during the last year towards securing the land necessary to extend



TENNEY PARK. WADING POOL



PARWELL DRIVE

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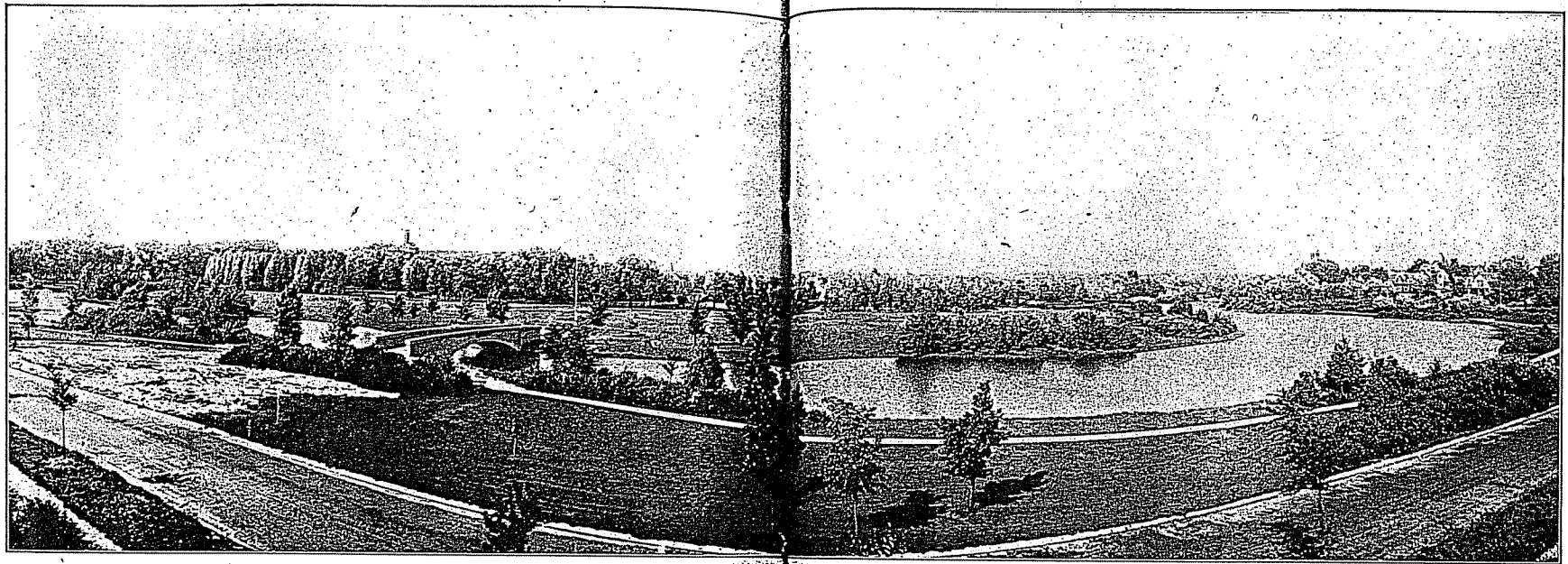
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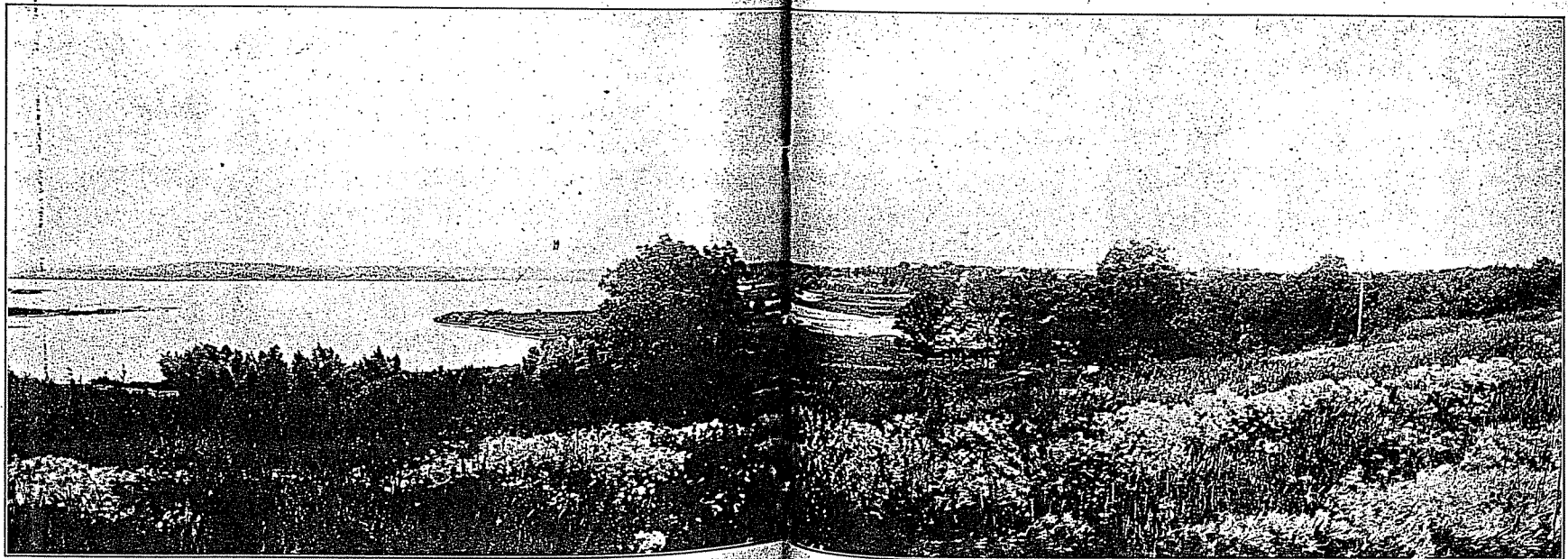
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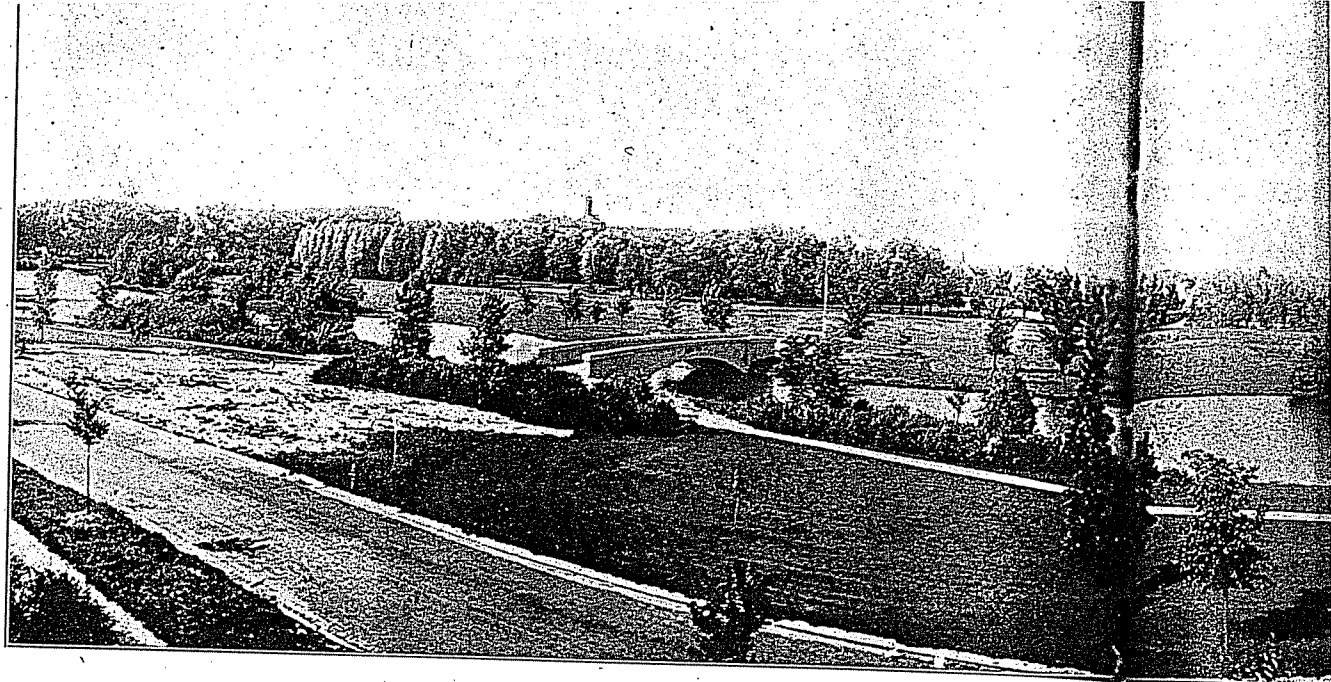
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PANORAMA OF TERRY MARSTON BRIDGE



HENRY MARSTON BRIDGE



PANORAMA OF TENNESSEE MARSTON BRIDGE



HENRY WILSON EXPOSITION

Tenney Park

SOON after the organization of the present board of directors Mr. D. K. Tenney came to the office of the president and found there not only the president but Mr. Mautz, another of the directors. In his bluff way he addressed the president and said, "You are running this Park and Pleasure Drive business now, are you?" The president assured him that he and Mr. Mautz were both directors and were trying to get acquainted with the needs of the association. "Well," he said, "You ought to have a bridge leading onto the island at Tenney Park." "Yes," we replied, "That is one of the urgent needs and can you tell us how it can be secured?" "Yes," said Mr. Tenney, "if you will build a reasonable bridge and yet one that is entirely suitable to the location, I will pay for the bridge." Assurances were at once made to Mr. Tenney of the appreciation felt at his most generous offer. Mr. John F. Icke was asked to submit a design and to prepare proposed plans and specifications for a reinforced concrete arch bridge, using crushed Madison sand stone with the cement washed out for the finish. Such a design was submitted, considered and finally presented with an estimate of the cost to Mr. Tenney. The bridge as to its lines and its finish was submitted to and approved by Mr. O. C. Simonds and the design, plans, specifications and estimate were submitted to Mr. Tenney. He approved of the same and directed the board to secure bids for its construction. The contract for its erection

was let to Mr. George Nelson at a cost of \$3,321, Mr. Tenney endorsing the contract and agreeing to make the payments as they should fall due. This bridge was substantially completed in the late fall of 1912 and it is the most important new piece of work accomplished in Tenney Park during the past season.

With the completion of this bridge at the contract price Mr. Tenney's contribution to Tenney Park will amount to \$16,289, more than half as much as the city contributed for the purchase of the land for this park. In token of appreciation of this additional gift of Mr. Tenney the board adopted and on Mr. Tenney's seventy-ninth birthday presented to him through its secretary the following testimonial:

"MADISON, Wis., Dec. 31st, 1912.

MR. D. K. TENNEY, Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir: At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association held on December 30th the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

1. The members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association learn with interest that on December 31st Mr. Daniel K. Tenney of this city will have reached the age of seventy-nine years, and they desire to congratulate Mr. Tenney upon the fact, and to express the wish that the New Year about to be ushered in may bring him happiness, and that he may be spared yet many years of usefulness.

2. Mr. Tenney has taken so keen an interest in the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association through all its years of existence, and has always manifested his appreciation of its work, and has so generously aided in the Association's efforts to make Madison a more beautiful and attractive city, that we

feel that the city of Madison as well as Mr. Tenney is to be congratulated upon this occasion.

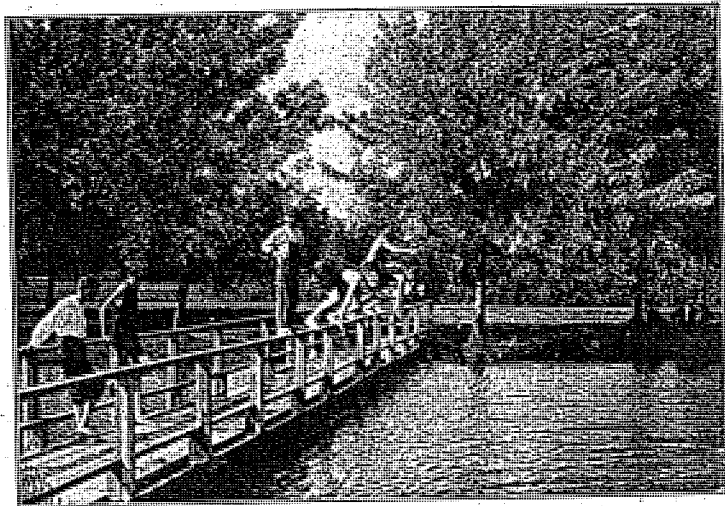
3. Mr. Tenney's interest in the work of the Association and in the efforts of other philanthropic institutions of the city has never been ostentatious, but always substantial and effective and his name will long be remembered as one of the city's most public spirited citizens.

4. Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to present to Mr. Tenney upon his birthday a copy of these proceedings."

Considerable grading and planting were done in the new portion of the park and particularly that adjacent to Sherman Avenue. Tenney Park was the first of our parks to be built and the time has arrived when it is necessary to do much pruning and trimming. Nearly the entire park force were kept busy during the winter months pruning and trimming in Tenney Park and today this matter of effective pruning is a real problem in all the parks.

In its tax budget for 1913 the city council provided \$1,000 for re-laying and top dressing Thornton Avenue. This avenue is becoming an exceedingly important thoroughfare. At present it is constructed too close to the Yahara and it is narrow. Before doing any substantial work upon Thornton Avenue a large amount of grading should be done, widening the traveled track and pushing it several feet to the south. The material for doing this work can probably be had by cutting down the north side of the traveled track and moving the dirt across to the south side, thus making a six or eight foot walk between the traveled track and the Yahara and at a somewhat lower elevation than the traveled track. With the rapidly growing use of automobiles it is found that many of the roads and drives that were laid out when the parks were first constructed

are narrow with sharp turns and plantings that cut off the view of approaching vehicles. One of the problems at this time in connection with all the drives and roads of the Association is the suitable re-grading, widening and re-laying of the roads and drives with graceful curves, more open vistas adjacent to the traveled track so as to better accommodate the automo-



FOOT BRIDGE, TENNEY PARK

biles which without question are today using the drives and roads and parkways of the Association in larger numbers than are horse drawn vehicles.

Bath House at Tenney Park

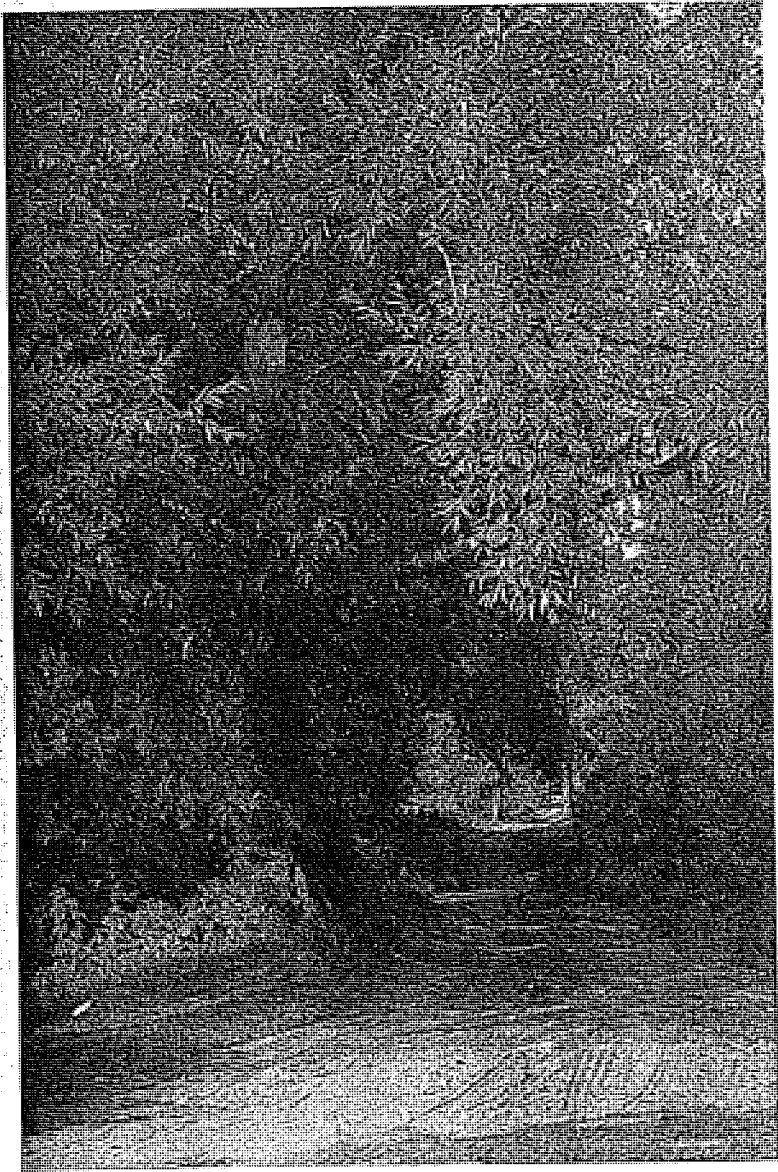
Another provision in the tax budget for 1913 is \$5,000 for a Lake Mendota bath house. The committee appointed by resolution of the city council considered various locations for this bath house and finally decided in favor of a site in Tenney Park. Overtures were made to the directors of the Association for their co-

operation in the location and design of this bath house. Plans are being drawn and during the present season there will be located in Tenney Park a bath house of pleasing design constructed in harmony with the surroundings. This will prove a great attraction to the park.

There still remains the urgent need of a shelter house in this park. Such needs were presented to the common council by your board of directors when they were making up the budget for 1913, but owing to other pressing demands it was not deemed advisable by the council to make provision for the construction of a shelter house during the present year.

Burrows Park

Prior to the organization of this board of directors a contract had been made with the La Crosse Dredging Company for the filling of the low portion of Burrows Park, but after a searching examination of the probable income of the board for the current year it was the opinion of the board that there were no funds in sight with which to pay for such dredging should it be done. It was recognized by all that it would be desirable to fill at the present time when the owners of adjoining lands were raising their levels to a suitable point above the lake and when the filling could be done at the low cost of 15 cents per yard that it would be unfortunate if the low land in this park were left unfilled and a gathering spot for the drainage of surrounding lands. At the direction of the board the president presented a communication to the finance committee of the common council. No filling had been done at this time and it was the sense of the board that the contract for the filling must be cancelled unless provision could be made by the common council to meet the expense.



DRIVE, EDGEWOOD VILLA

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ham Park. The abutting property owners promise to build this stretch during the present season.

Tenney Park

1913 → The bath house was built in Tenney Park during the past season and the management of this bath house has been transferred to the association. The concerts at Tenney Park attract large numbers of people to the park. The expense of this entertainment is entirely met by profits from the refreshment stand which is managed in this park, as in Henry Vilas Park, by employees of the association.

A shelter house for Tenney Park is an urgent necessity. Drinking water should be brought onto the island and additional toilet facilities be provided preferably in connection with a shelter house.

Yahara Parkway

Much work was done the past year on the Yahara Parkway and its entire length from Tenney Park to Lake Monona is in better condition than it has been since its first construction.

An urgent necessity in connection with this parkway is that a harbor for water craft be built either at some point along the Yahara or in Lake Monona near the mouth of the Yahara or in Lake Mendota near the lock. The tying of boats to piers in the channel is unsightly and objectionable from every standpoint.

Thornton Avenue from Sherman Avenue to Williamson Street is a main thoroughfare of the city and should be permanently improved at the earliest possible date. A budget provision was included for top dressing this Avenue through Tenney Park but the street committee of the city felt that this whole thoroughfare from Sher-

man Avenue to Williamson Street along the water's edge should at an early date be permanently constructed and so little was done on Thornton Avenue in Tenney Park. It is hoped that the city will speedily provide for the permanent improvement of this roadway.

Burrows Park

The city included in the budget for 1914 a provision for the payment of the balance to the La Crosse Dredging Company \$200 for filling Burrows Park. An additional budget provision for \$500 was made for top dressing the sand fill in Burrows Park.

The city tax budget for 1914 includes specific provision for maintenance of Orton Park, Washington Oval, the Madison General Hospital grounds, Lakeside Park, Kendall Park, Olive Jones Field, Owen Parkway, Evergreen Park, Burr Jones Field; also a provision for a retaining wall for the Sixth Ward Park, an area opposite Rogers Street in the sixth ward with one hundred twenty feet of water frontage on Lake Monona.

The city has been liberal in providing means for maintaining all ovals, triangles, parks and park areas within the city limits and park areas and parkways outside the city limits that are reasonably adjacent to or an extension of the city parkways or drives.



JOHN M. OLIN
President Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association 1894-1910

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formance of the functions of this association by a municipal body, it to have all the powers of this association and notable powers in addition thereto.

A committee consisting of the president of the association, Mr. Sam T. Swansen and Mr. John C. Prien was appointed to secure if possible the passage of the bill embodying the recommendations of the association. Senator Otto Bossard introduced the bill and after various hearings it was passed and became law as Chapter 180 of the Laws of 1915. This measure will be found in full in this annual report. While the measure was pending it seemed to those in charge as well as to the directors that the affairs of the association should remain in *statu quo* until it was finally determined whether the bill would become law. For that reason no annual meeting was held in 1915 other than the meeting in January at which the proposed legislation was agreed upon. Chapter 180 became a law on June 1, 1915. This law contains a comprehensive plan for the organization of the City of Madison into a park district and offers a method for adding territory outside the city to the park district for park purposes. The law is permissive in nature and can be brought into use and made effective only upon the adoption of the city council of an ordinance to carry it into effect. The committee having in charge the legislation communicated to the common council the fact of the passage of the law and submitted to it the question of what action it should take in the premises. Although the law has been upon the statute books for almost a year and has received much consideration on the part of members of the council, it has not as yet been taken advantage of and so our association is still charged with the duties and responsibilities of administering Madison's park program under our present organization. Because of much interest manifested by members of the city council in the New Park Act and the earnest consideration they are giving it it is altogether probable that action to carry it into effect will be taken at an early date.

The activity of the association looking towards the support of the parks and drives through taxation rather than by voluntary contribution has not been fruitless. For the first time the city council in the tax budget for 1916 provided \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of drives outside the city limits and provided further \$2,000.00 additional, *conditioned upon a like amount being subscribed for this work outside the city limits.* Without any personal solicitation and promptly upon the usual call for subscriptions there has come in to date by postal card subscription the sum of \$2,467.00 making certain the appropriation by the city of this additional \$2,000.00.

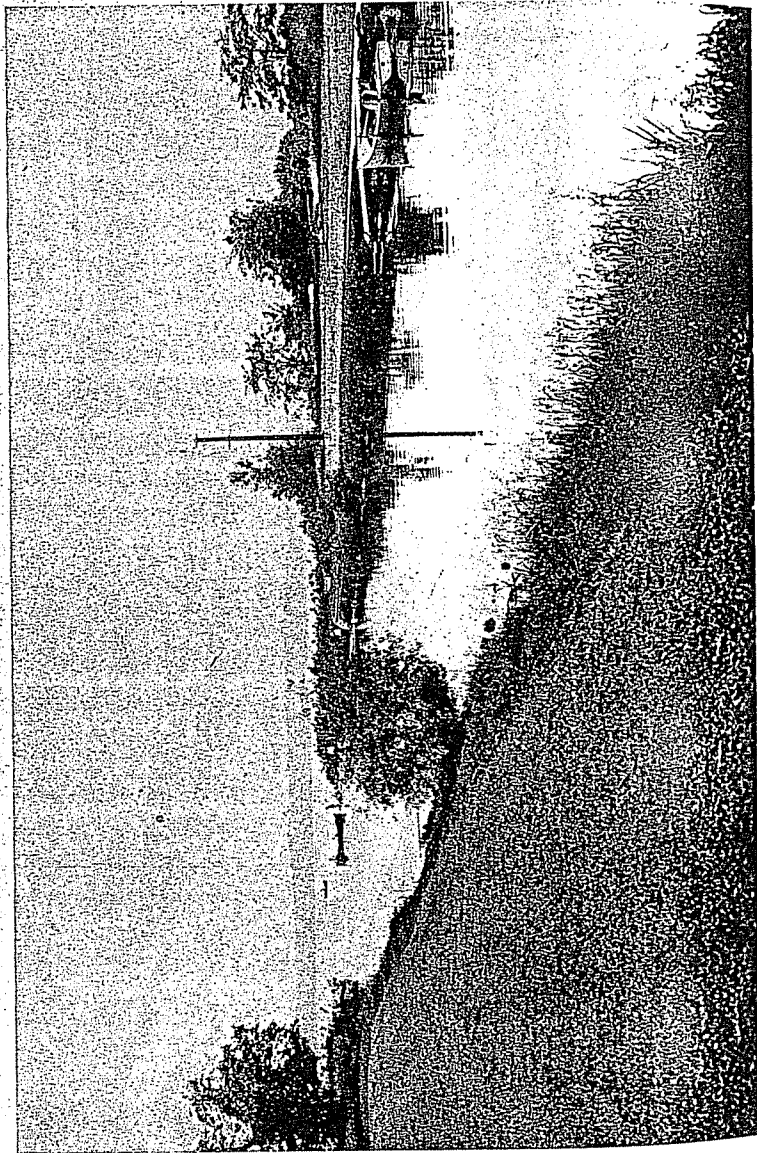
Tenney Park



NO new buildings or structures have been erected in Tenney Park during the last two years. Concerts have been held weather permitting on alternate Sundays throughout the summer seasons of 1914 and 1915. The bath house has proved quite inadequate to its demands and provision has been made for 240 additional lockers. The number using this bath house exceeds an average of three hundred per day throughout the bathing season. A bubbler fountain has been installed on the island in Tenney Park, a much needed improvement. During the winter season of 1915 and 1916 electric lights were installed and the lagoons scraped and kept flooded for skating throughout the winter months. Six tennis courts have been built. A shelter house continues an urgent necessity in Tenney Park. Stone have been removed from the bathing beach. Two high dives and a new pier have been constructed.

Hon. D. K. Tenney

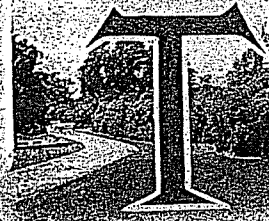
We must record the death on the 10th day of February, 1915, of Hon. D. K. Tenney whose liberal benefaction made this park possible. In his will he remembers it with



VIEW UP RUTLEDGE STREET BRIDGE, YAHARA PARKWAY

a bequest of \$500.00 annually. It would seem desirable that this bequest from Mr. Tenney should be used from time to time in some significant way in connection with this park. The most urgent need at present is a bridge from Sherman Avenue to the island. Mr. Tenney during his life time gave us Marston Bridge and shall we not use his bounty to build from Sherman Avenue to the island "Tenney Bridge"?

Yahara Parkway



THE urgent need for protecting the banks of the Yahara is every year becoming more apparent and in the budget of 1916 provision is made for a start towards building concrete retaining walls, \$500 being set aside for this purpose. This is the beginning that the city is making towards the

protection of the banks of the Yahara throughout their entire length.

A design has been approved and a resolution has passed the common council providing for the construction of a bridge across the Yahara at Rutledge Street and the city has secured in the replatting of land east of Rutledge Street an open course for an extension of Rutledge Street on to Hudson Park and Elmside. The permanent improvement of this street will not come this year but it should come in 1917 and when completed will constitute a most attractive park drive along the north shore of Lake Monona from the Yahara easterly to Lake Side Park.

We cannot report a new permanent improvement of Thornton Avenue as we had hoped to do by this time. At one time during the make up of the 1916 budget the improvement of Thornton Avenue was provided for but later changes in the budget dropped this important thoroughfare out of the street improvement work for this year. No street improvement in the city is more significant in connection with the park drives than that of Thornton Avenue.



SPRING HARBOR BRIDGE

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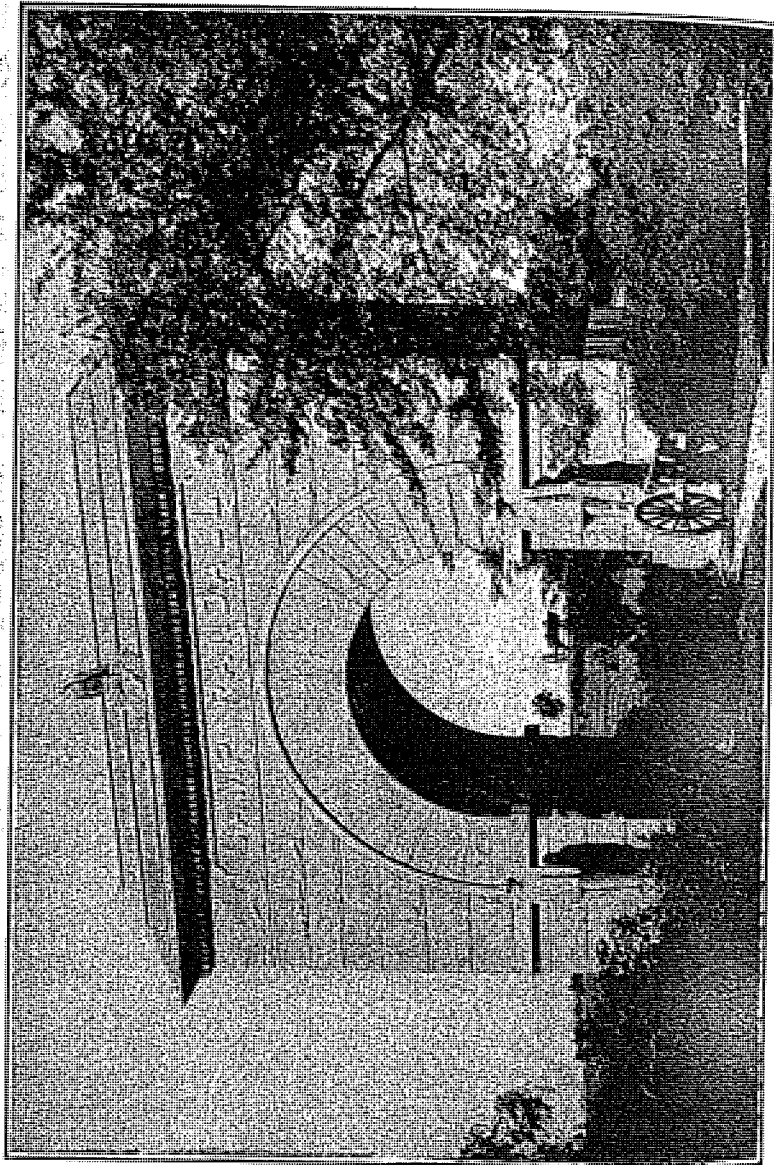
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ENTRANCE TO MEMORIAL PARK, DEDICATED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR WHO CAMPED ON THESE GROUNDS

President's Report

1917 (1916-1917)

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the association the expression of the board was unanimous that the next published report of the association should cover two years of the association's activities as did our last report. Pursuant to the direction of the board the financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1916, has been mailed to every member of the association, together with the call for this meeting. No further published report will be made this year.

The members of the association are, however, entitled to know something more in detail of the work of the association for the past year and its plans for the future. Your directors have administered in addition to the subscription fund, included in the treasurer's report which you have received, the city's park budget of \$51,608.27.

Tenney Park and Nahara Parkway

No new structures have been erected in Tenney Park during the past year. The Tenney Park bathhouse has been supplied with sixty-eight additional new lockers, and for the season of 1916 was accommodated with one hundred lockers moved from Brittingham Park bathhouse for the season's use. This bathhouse was taxed throughout last summer's season much beyond its capacity. Many days it was used by more than fifteen hundred people. The total attendance for ten weeks is stated at 53,078 or an average daily attendance of 756 throughout the season.

The tennis courts built in Tenney Park were so popular that parties came at daylight to secure their use and parties were in waiting to use the courts throughout the day.

The temporary wooden bridge from Sherman Avenue to the island has been rebuilt this spring. It is hoped that a permanent bridge can be constructed here at an early date as the need is great.

The snow was kept clear from the ice in the lagoon in Tenney Park the past winter, and these protected ice fields proved a great attraction and were freely used for skating. By use of the new ice planers it has been possible to reduce the rough places in the ice and make attractive skating fields no matter how rough and uneven the surface when first frozen.

Rutledge Street Bridge

A bridge of pleasing design of concrete has been completed across the Yahara at a cost of \$10,497.00 as a part of the city's improvement of Rutledge Street. With the completion of this improvement through the Groveland plat to Lake Front Park a new and delightful drive, only a short distance from Lake Monona's shore, will be opened to the public.

No part of the city is developing more rapidly than the portion of the city in the vicinity of this drive. The city already has about five acres of land and some two thousand feet of water frontage at Lake Front Park, and the opportunity to secure an additional half mile of lake shore frontage is still before the council in the Olbrich offer. The people at the east end of the city are earnestly desirous that the city purchase the land offered by Mr. Olbrich and the experience of the city in providing and developing park lands would seem to amply justify its taking over this area.

Brittingham Park

Brittingham Park has been maintained the past year at an expense, exclusive of the boathouse and bathhouse maintenance, of \$4,084.01. The bathhouse was not opened to the public during the past season on account of the condition of the lake. The boathouse was open to the public and used by increased numbers.

The drive extending from Brittingham Park along the lake shore to the Chicago & North Western tracks at South Madison

has never been formally taken over by the association but at a recent meeting of the board of directors the park foreman, at the request of the owners of property adjacent and of a committee of citizens from South Madison, was directed to exercise police jurisdiction over this drive and to maintain it as a park drive in so far as his powers and the means at the disposal of the board would permit. An outlet from the easterly end of this drive to Lakeside Street has been promised by South Madison people. During the present season Brittingham Park will be restored to its natural beauty and usefulness by grading and reseeding the portions torn up in the building of the sewer main.

Henry Vilas Park

This park continues to be the park that draws the largest number of people and requires the largest expenditure both by way of development and for maintenance. There was expended in this park last year, exclusive of the zoo, \$11,249.08. New construction consisted of the final payments upon the two bridges from the mainland to the island and the building of a drive from the bird house to the bridge and for a distance of about four hundred feet along the lake shore to the eastern boundary of the park.

The zoo in Henry Vilas Park has continued to develop in advance of provisions made for its maintenance and construction. There was expended on the zoo last year \$15,603.06, a sum of \$8,075.65 in excess of the budget provision for last year. More than \$7,500.00 of city funds was expended in the erection of structures, dens, cages, fencing, and pools for the housing and use of the birds and animals that are now cared for in this park. The feed item in the zoo for last year was \$2,829.11, being \$1,808.11 in excess of the budget provision, which for 1917 is \$4,336.00. With the increased cost of feed it will be a problem for the park board to keep within the provision. The expenditure of this increased amount seems justifiable, for the people of the city are thoroughly interested in the zoo, and, therefore, the council is anxious that it shall be maintained. Individuals in the city are willing to make liberal contributions towards it.

We all recall the inspiring address of Dr. Charles H. Vilas at our last annual meeting on the enjoyment and instructional

President's Report

1918 (G.M. 11918)

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

This meeting marks the twenty-sixth anniversary of the work carried forward by the public spirited citizens of Madison, at first through committee and in 1894 incorporated as the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. The city council has not as yet seen fit to take advantage of Chapter 180 of the Laws of 1915 which authorizes it by ordinance to create of Madison a park district and to take over the work of this association as a regular municipal function. The city has preferred rather to make available to this voluntary organization the funds to be expended on parks, drives and playgrounds in and about Madison. The published report will this year cover two years of the work of the association and will contain the financial statements of the treasurer for the two fiscal years 1916 and 1917. The report of the board of directors made at the annual meeting in 1917 appears in full and covers the work done in 1916 and outlines the work for 1917. It will not be necessary in this report of the work for 1917 to go into detail on matters covered in the report of one year ago. The program outlined in that report has been carried forward but some of the plans therein announced have not yet been fully completed.

Skating rinks have been maintained in Tenney Park, at Brittingham Park and at Lake Front Park. The Rutledge Street bridge has been completed and a splendid piece of concrete street has been built from beyond this bridge through Groveland plat to Lake Front Park. The hope for such a street along the northern shore of Lake Monona has been expressed for many years and no improvement which the city has made has contributed so much to pleasure driving within the city limits as this improvement of Rutledge Street, the Rutledge

Street Bridge and boulevarded street on Lake Front Park along the north of Lake Monona. The public highway near Lake Monona and on its south side has now been surfaced with concrete from Lakeside Street along the westerly side of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and then by a viaduct over the railroad right-of-way at Harloff's crossing and on through the Town of Blooming Grove to the McFarland road. These with well oiled macadam roads heretofore constructed along the east side of Lake Monona complete a delightful driveway encircling Lake Monona.

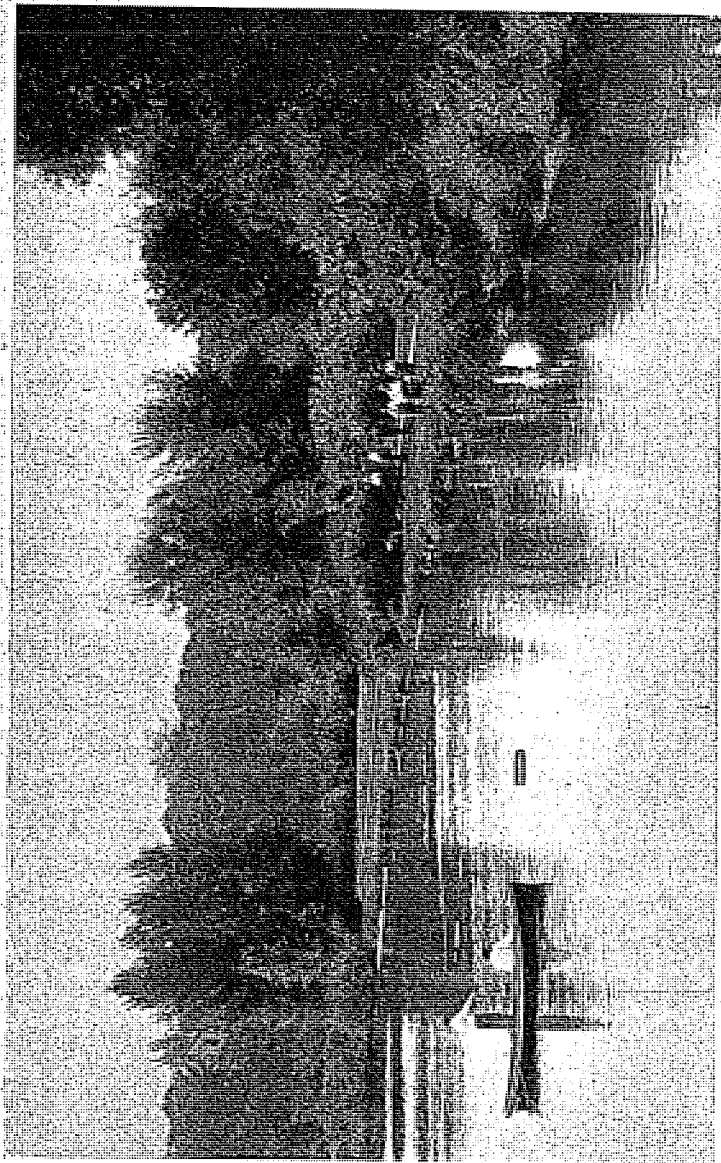
Tenney Park

Through the munificence of Mr. Daniel K. Tenney whose death is recorded in our last published report the city has received the sum of five hundred dollars and is assured of a like contribution annually. This fund at the suggestion of Mayor Sayle has been set aside by the council to be accumulated and used in the construction of a memorial bridge to Mr. Tenney extending from Sherman Avenue across to the island in Tenney Park. It will be a fitting memorial and a complement to Mars-ton Bridge, the gift of Mr. Tenney during his lifetime.

Tenney Park bathhouse has been vastly over taxed. The large numbers using this bathhouse and beach, reaching fifteen hundred per day at times, testify to the great popularity of bathing as a recreation and constitute a most urgent call upon the city to provide additional beaches and additional bathing facilities. It is not uncommon on summer evenings to find people in their bath robes taking the car from the Fair Oaks part of the city, coming down to the square, changing cars and going out to Tenney Park for a swim and similarly clad to take the car back to the center of the city and out to the east end on their way home. It would seem with Lake Monona lapping the shores of Lake Front Park and the Morrison Street Park at the eastern portion of the city that prompt steps should be taken to supply this large and rapidly increasing population with bathing facilities.

Lake Front Park

Reference was made in the report of one year ago to the possibility of securing an additional half mile of lake shore



CASTING, TENNEY PARK LAGOON

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would have had to be done at some other time and at greater expense, particularly if it should be done with the waters in Lake Wingra raised to their normal level.

Tenney Park and Parkway

No new structures were erected in Tenney Park during the past year. There is a proposal before the park board at the present time for the building of at least two and possibly five concrete surfaced tennis courts in the portion of Tenney Park to the south of the bathhouse. It is estimated that such courts will cost from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars per court. The area in which it is proposed to lay out these courts is not now in use. Those interested in the building of such tennis courts are convinced of the need in Madison of such high class courts. It is proposed to build such courts from contributions specifically raised for such purpose. The courts will be the property of the association but rules and regulations would be adopted which would secure to the contributors of these courts the primary use of them. More people are playing tennis in Madison today than are playing any other popular game. Tennis tournaments could be arranged with tennis players from other cities, were there suitable courts for such tournaments. The time will come when the public will build such courts. In the meantime through private contributions the way can be shown and the means provided for a few surfaced courts. It is proposed by those interested in the best tennis playing to erect similar courts in other portions of the city.

Tenney Park is still in great need of a shelter house on the island and of toilet accommodations adjacent to or in connection therewith. The present toilet accommodations in Tenney Park are quite inadequate for the needs of the park and a shelter house will continue to be an increasing and imperative need until erected. Funds are accumulating for a new and artistic bridge from Sherman Avenue to the island, and provision should be made for the erection of such a bridge at an early date, probably in 1920.

Lake Front and Orton Parks

Lake Front Park and Orton Park have been maintained as a separate unit of the park system, under a foreman who devotes himself to the special care of these two parks. This arrangement assures a closer attention to and care for these parks than would be possible under a system that kept them as adjuncts of some larger park. Additional tables and benches have been placed in these parks and both parks have been made usable and available as playgrounds for the children and the grown-ups of their immediate neighborhoods.

Brittingham Park

In addition to ordinary maintenance, the usual care of the boathouse and bathhouse and of the playgrounds in Brittingham Park, the roads were last year repaired and oiled, a much needed improvement, and from the subscription fund the extension to Brittingham Boulevard beyond the city limits was rebuilt at a cost of nearly \$2,000. This Boulevard extension investment was one that was necessarily made to preserve this driveway, as the macadam drive originally built was almost in total ruin. This Boulevard constitutes a most attractive link between the park system and the concrete surfaced highway leading from Lakeside Street to the Fair Grounds and around Third Lake. Lakeside Street in South Madison is a trunk highway and will at an early date be permanently improved in harmony with the concrete road leading to the Fair Grounds. The viaduct at Harloff's crossing is receiving at this time its concrete surface and a pleasure drive around Third Lake is now almost a thing accomplished.

Henry Vilas Park

The importance of Henry Vilas Park and of the zoo within the park can readily be measured by the expenditures upon the same. For park maintenance there was expended last year \$9,310.25. In this item is included the labor expended in grading, seeding, and planting the extension to the park at a cost of approximately \$500, and in grading the low portion of the park

President's Report

1920

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

This year marks the twenty-eighth anniversary of the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

It is still the pleasure of the Madison City Council to have the work of administering park funds done by this voluntary association. A complete report of the work for 1918 was made at last year's annual meeting and will be included in the published report to be issued immediately upon the conclusion of this meeting, together with this report covering the year 1919.

The recapitulation of the total expenditures within the city as drawn off by the city auditor shows appropriations for the year 1919, \$49,367.14 and expenditures \$49,019.19 leaving a net unexpended balance December 31, 1919, \$347.95. The greatest possible care is always exercised by the board of directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association to keep within provisions for the park work and in all cases where it is deemed wise and necessary to exceed the original budget provision, the fullest possible statement of facts is given to the city council and its consent first obtained for the expenditure of sums in excess of budget provisions.

The subscription account, administered almost entirely on the drives outside the city limits, was for last year, receipts including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1919, of \$919.86 and an appropriation by the city of \$2,000, \$6,109.52, with an unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1920, as shown by the treasurer's report of \$117.73.

Tenney Park and Parkway

This park was cared for during the past year by the pruning of trees and shrubs, mowing the lawn, caring for the sidewalks

and the water borders, protecting the banks, etc. The bathhouse was maintained as usual, manned as to instructors in swimming by the Board of Education. The popularity of the bathhouse, the tennis courts, and the open field on the island is increasing with each year. A new bridge from Marston Avenue to the island should be provided as soon as the funds can be made available. The board renews the recommendation that a shelter house be provided as soon as possible. In this report appears a photograph of the most interesting practice of casting in the lagoon by a group interested in this sport.

Additional planting has been done at the approaches to the Rutledge Street bridge and during the present season it is planned to plant additional trees and shrubs in the parkway opposite Yahara Place.

Neighborhood Parks

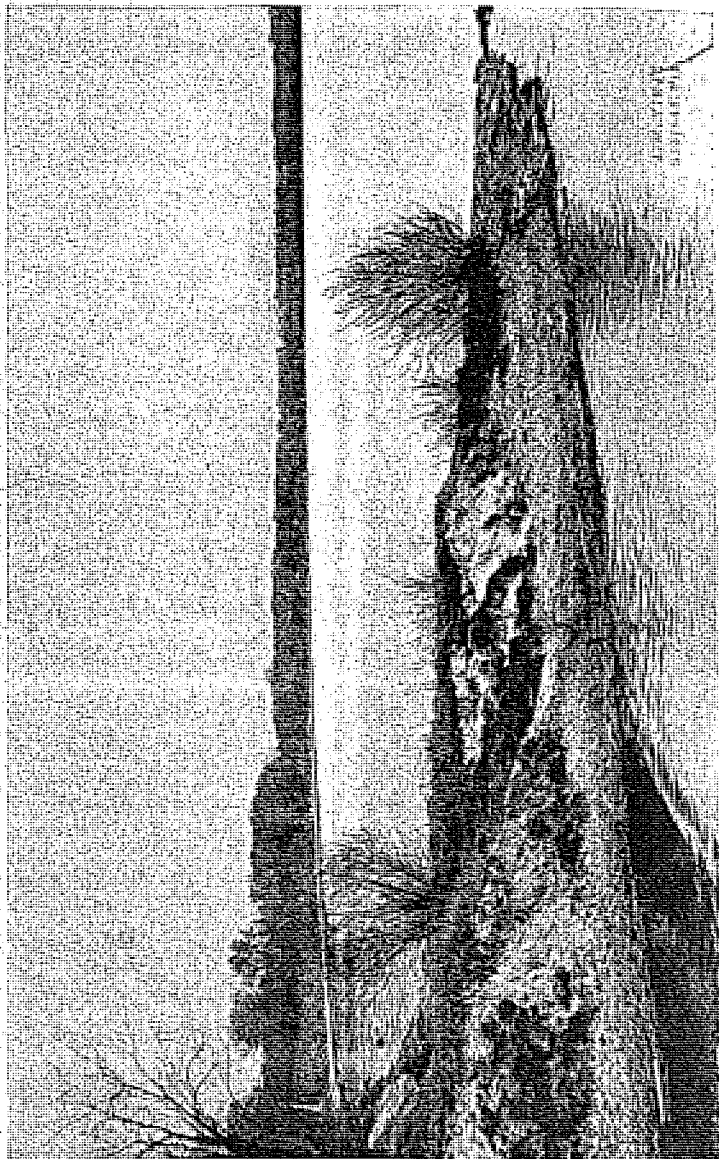
Lake Front Park, Orton Park, and Morrison Street Park have been maintained as usual. Additional facilities for the enjoyment of these Parks and Tenney park have been provided by a distribution of tables and benches through them. The playground circle of considerable area in Elmside Boulevard has been graded, seeded, and cared for, increasing the attractiveness and usefulness of this neighborhood playground.

Brittingham Park

Beyond the ordinary maintenance and care of shrubbery, flower beds, playgrounds, boathouse and bathhouse, no expenditure has been made in Brittingham Park during the past year.

Brittingham Boulevard extending from Brittingham Park around to South Madison was during the past season repaired and oiled.

In co-operation with the Town Board of the Town of Madison public traffic is excluded from entrance to this boulevard at the junction of Lakeside and Whittier Streets and by such exclusion of traffic during the spring break-up the boulevard has been preserved from injury.



OLBRICH PURCHASE

Annual Reports
of the
Officers of the
Madison Park and
Pleasure Drive Association

For the Years Ending December 31, 1920, and
December 31, 1921, Respectively

With
Reports of Annual Meetings
Held May 16, 1921, and April 25, 1922.

President's Report

1921

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors
of the

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

We are met on this twenty-ninth anniversary of the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association to listen to the reports of the officers for the preceding year and to select officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the city auditor shows budget appropriation for the parks for the year 1920 of \$35,545.75; expenditures \$34,689.00, leaving an unexpended balance for last year of \$856.75. This item is a little more than offset, however, by the auditor's report with respect to the appropriations for the zoo. The budget provided \$27,084.10 and there were expended in maintenance of the zoo last year \$28,576.23, showing an overdraft in that department of \$1,492.13 and a net overdraft in the park department including the zoo of \$635.38.

The report of Mr. Hoyt, our treasurer, shows subscriptions (including \$3,150 reported from the City of Madison by the city auditor) \$8,535.50 and disbursements \$8,348.91, leaving a balance on hand Dec. 31, 1920, in the subscription account of \$186.59.

The detailed expenditures by parks will be published in the annual report and will sufficiently analyze the work done and money expended in each park and in the zoo.

The administration of the park area within the city the past year has been merely one of routine. Tenney Park

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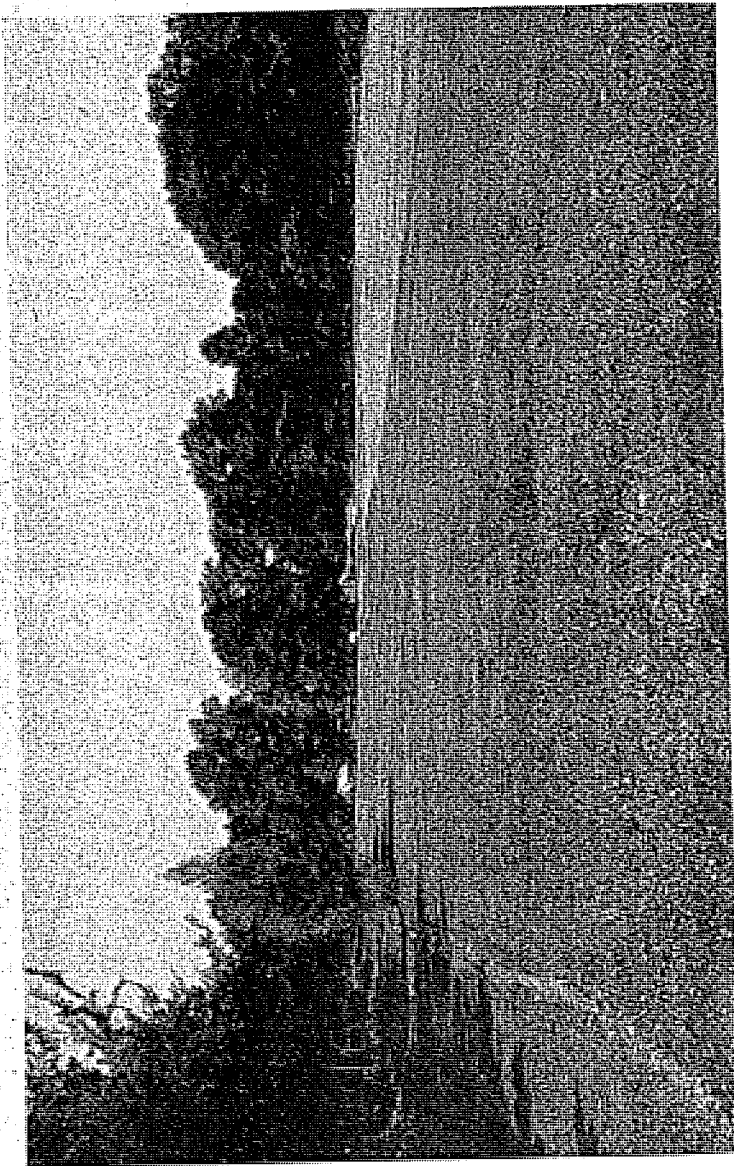
awaits at some convenient time the construction of a bridge from Sherman Avenue to the island and the construction of a shelter house. This park is adequately supplying the park needs of the portion of the city in which it is situated. The bathhouse is adequately manned and liberally patronized. The island has been used for play, including baseball. It has served a great need in this respect and no complaints have reached the board of directors of this use of the park.

Brittingham Park and Henry Vilas Park and the small areas have been well cared for and freely used. The concrete road along the outer edge of the island in Henry Vilas Park was paid for during the past year although the road was built in the fall of 1919. During the past year a macadam shoulder four feet on either side of the twelve-foot concrete road was constructed. There was also built in Henry Vilas Park a macadam road from the dens past the new lock to the bridge spanning the canal at the entrance of Capitol Avenue leading to Lake Forest.

The city council has provided in the budget for this year \$1,200 to be used in keeping ice clear for skating. This is a substantial increase over former appropriations for this purpose and seems an exceedingly wise appropriation to be made for this popular and healthful sport.

The city council is annually appropriating a sum of money for the care of street ends running down to the lakes and to the extent that the council makes appropriations this board is pleased to park and care for these lake approaches.

Contributions on the part of the city and individuals towards restoring the drives were most generous in 1920. The board of directors was enabled to oil both Lake Mendota and Farwell Drives throughout their length last year. The expense of oiling was so heavy that it was impossible last year to do the necessary patching in addition to the oiling. The subscriptions for this year include \$3,000 by the City of Madison and up to the present time \$3,090.50 by individuals. A new concrete culvert has been constructed at the foot of the hill just east of Prof. Parkinson's cottage on Lake Mendota Drive and another has been constructed just beyond the



BURROWS PARK

President's Report

1922

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors
of the

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

This is the thirtieth anniversary of the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

There was expended last year under the auspices of the board of directors for parks \$33,670.70 provided by the city, in addition to \$4,013.83 contributed by subscribers, making a total for parks and pleasure drives of \$37,684.53; for the zoo \$23,038.59 provided by the city and \$1,551.25 from tag day and other contributions, total for zoo \$24,589.84, a total expenditure under your board of directors for the parks and zoo \$62,274.37. In both the park department and zoo department the disbursements were well within the budget provisions leaving in each department unexpended balances. Labor costs and the cost of feed were somewhat less than the estimates at the time the budget was prepared. At the close of the year there was in the hands of Mr. Hoyt, the treasurer of the subscription account, for drives, \$3,033.82 and an unexpended balance in the zoo account of \$636.23. A contract had been let for work on Owen Parkway which was not completed last year and which, when completed this spring, will absorb the unexpended drive subscription balance in the hands of the treasurer. The balance sheet by the city auditor as well as the itemized account of the treasurer will appear in the published report.

A new band stand was built in Tenney Park during the past season and the foot bridge reconstructed from Thornton Avenue to the island, but the greatest improvement in this park was the building of a thirty-foot asphalt driveway along the Yahara River from Sherman Avenue to Williamson Street by the city at a cost of \$31,723.16. This is an improvement that has been urged for many years and the city is to be congratulated on having built this fine, broad, surfaced roadway over this course so much used. Substantial improvements were made at the bathhouse. The bathing beach was freely patronized. Swimming instruction and playground supervision were provided by the board of education.

Brittingham Park is a playgrounds park and although the area is not large it is freely and increasingly used by the children of the neighborhood. Both the boathouse and the bathhouse were manned as usual and taxed to capacity. Instruction in swimming and playground supervision were provided by the board of education.

There were no considerable expenditures for new work in Henry Vilas Park the past year. The island having been put in excellent condition is being brought into use. The zoo is not only an attraction of Henry Vilas Park. It is a Southern Wisconsin attraction and brings people from all parts of this portion of the state to visit the zoo, the park and Madison. The employees in this park were having difficulty last summer in keeping the cars from crowding onto the lawn and they were directed to take the license numbers of cars that were driven on the lawn in violation of the park rules. The records of the two Sundays will be of interest. They emphasize first that it is not the Madison people that crowd onto the lawns. It evidences that we have guests from all parts of the state. On July 31st there were 67 cars that could not be accommodated on the roads and they were driven on the lawn. Only one of them was a Madison car. All others were from distant towns bringing guests to our city to spend the day and enjoy the park and the zoo. They came from Blue Mounds, Stoughton, Arlington, Cambridge, Black Earth, Columbus, Prairie du Sac, Hollandale, Merri-

nuck, Albany, Edgerton, Barneveld, Orfordville, Fennimore, Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills and other towns of like distances away from Madison. Again on August 7th a record of license numbers were kept and efforts to keep the people off the lawn were perhaps not quite as vigorous as at other times and on that day 275 cars drove on the lawn. Of this number less than a dozen were Madison cars. One was from Minnesota, 3 from Missouri, 1 Michigan, 2 South Dakota, 2 Nebraska, 1 Texas, 5 Iowa, 10 Indiana, 25 Illinois and 225 Wisconsin and the cars from Wisconsin were from all parts of the state. The ground was hard and no special damage could be done on that date and needless to say with all these guests in the city enjoying our parks and drives no arrests were made and the story of these two Sundays but serves to illustrate the great popularity of the zoo.

Action was brought against the association by Celeste K. Burrows to recover Burrows Park on the ground that the association failed to comply with the conditions under which the property was given, namely "that they (association) shall forever keep and maintain the same as a public park to be always called and known as Burrows Park." The lower court decided against the contention of the claimant and the matter is now before the Supreme Court on appeal. As this report goes to press we are able to report the successful outcome of this suit. Title was confirmed in the Park and Pleasure Drive Association by the Supreme Court.

Something more than 3,000 yards of dirt was delivered to Spaight Street Park last year and the same has been leveled and graded and this park can now be put in shape for use and beautified in so far as that can be done without enlarging the park and carrying it out into the lake as was originally intended and for which a design has been prepared.

The city council has authorized the park department to improve and care for such street ends running to the lake as are not in use for roadways and many of such street ends are now receiving park care.

The smaller parks throughout the city were all kept mowed and made attractive and useful.



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The Annual Meeting
of the
Madison Park and Pleasure Drive
Association

Held April 30, 1923.

The annual meeting of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association was held at Room A, in the City Library, April 30, 1923.

The meeting was called to order by Ernest N. Warner, President.

The report of the treasurer was read and placed on file. The report on behalf of the board of directors was made by President Ernest N. Warner.

Mr. M. B. Olbrich made an address on Madison's Park Program.

Mr. Thomas Coleman presented a proposal from the residents in Maple Bluff to contribute approximately \$4000.00 towards the construction of a concrete roadway through a portion of Maple Bluff. Upon motion it was voted that the association contribute \$3500.00 to supplement the proposed contributions by residents toward the construction of such a road.

Upon motion of W. J. P. Aberg, seconded by Mr. George Kroncke, the following officers were elected:

President, Ernest N. Warner.

Vice-President, Charles N. Brown.

Secretary, John L. Bourke.

Treasurer, Frank W. Hoyt.

Directors, Corydon G. Dwight, Frank W. Hoyt, Herbert C. Schenk, Fred M. Schlimgen, Dennis C. Sullivan.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

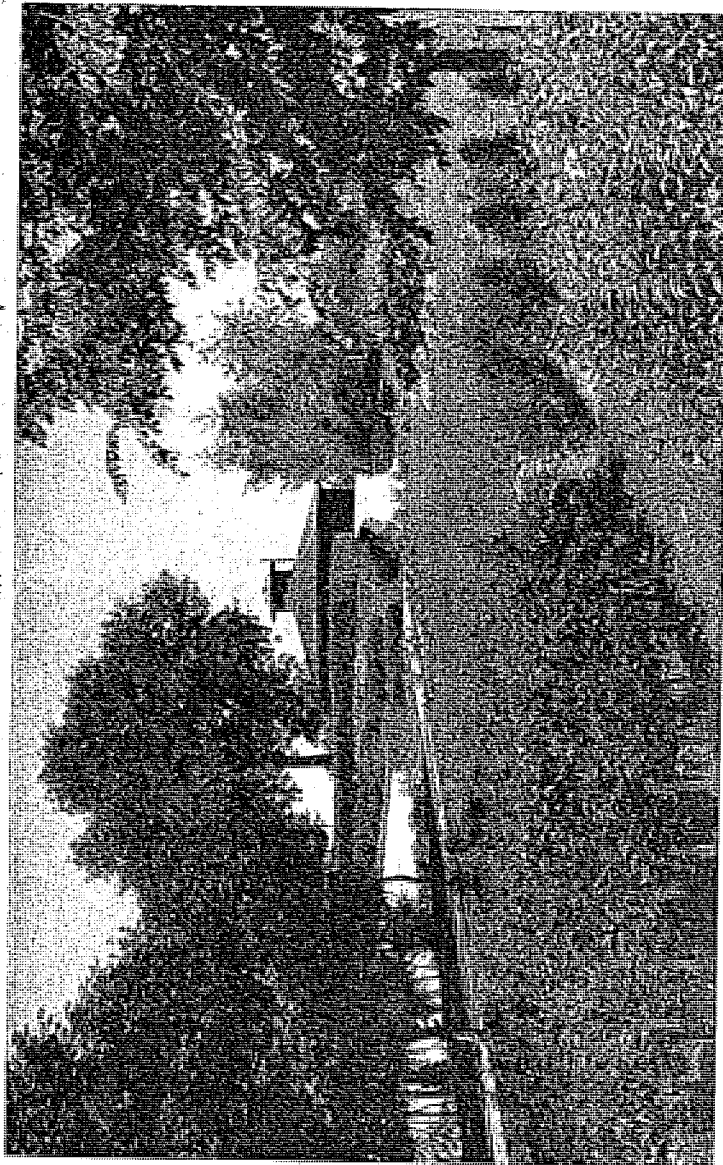
arily on the owners of the abutting property. The Association should this season open and grade this stretch throughout its length and cooperate with the property owners to improve the portion that it is responsible for. The slope to the lake should be parked and cared for throughout the entire length as this is a part of the agreement made when this lake frontage was obtained. With the probability that this area will soon be annexed to the city it becomes increasingly appropriate that this public improvement should be immediately undertaken.

Tenney Park

The island in Tenney Park has in addition to providing a play space for the children and recreation for grown-ups accommodated baseball without apparent interference. The diamond is in great demand and until other play spaces are provided for athletics, there seems no alternative but to permit the use of areas in our parks for athletic games. For many years the Tenney Park tennis courts have been regularly patronized. Provision was made last year also for supervised play in this park. There should be emphasized in connection with Tenney Park the great need of swimming instructors at the bathing beach.

Henry Vilas Park

As one enters Henry Vilas Park from Brittingham Park over Erin Street, one cannot but wonder when the Annie C. Stewart Memorial Fountain is to be completed. Six years have elapsed since Mr. Frederick J. Clasgens was given the commission to design and construct this fountain. The bowl has been constructed, the side pieces have been delivered and our most recent communication from Mr. Clasgens states that the central portion will be forwarded and placed in position and the whole fountain completed and ready for use early in 1923. Many delays unforeseen and without Mr. Clasgens' power to control have intervened to postpone the completion of the fountain. The Board is persuaded



HENRY VILAS PARK SITE OF ANNIE C. STEWART MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

mum of five thousand dollars, an amount equal to the special contributions by interested parties towards the construction of such a road.

A resolution upon the death of Mr. Thomas E. Brittingham was offered by Mr. Dennis Sullivan and upon motion was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. A. W. Tressler, seconded by Mr. W. J. P. Aberg, the following officers were elected:

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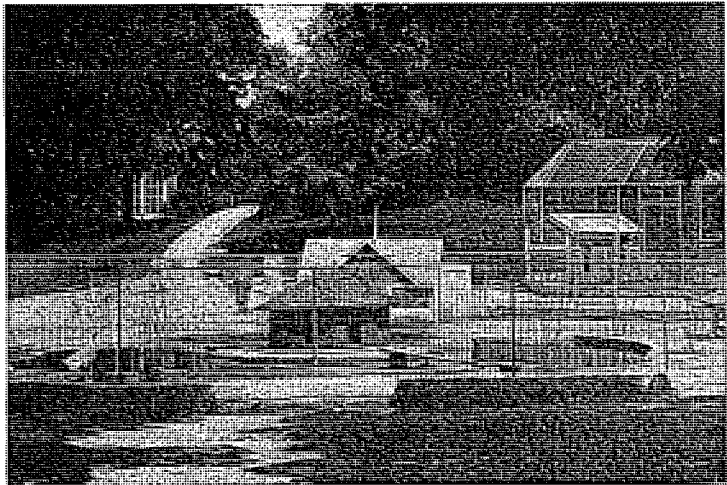
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Upon motion the meeting adjourned.



WATERFOWL ENCLOSURE

President's Report

1924

Made on Behalf of the Board of Directors

of the

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association

To the Members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association:

Again this voluntary association meets on the 32nd anniversary of its activities to listen to the reports of its officers for the last fiscal year and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The report of your president made on behalf of the board of directors has annually emphasized the cordial relations existing between this association and the City of Madison. In addition to renewing the provision for the parks within the City and contributing the sum of three thousand dollars for use upon the drives outside of the City, the City Council has during the past year transferred to the Association the administration of the Park Funds appropriated for the upkeep of Olin Park, formerly known as Monona Park.

Olin Park

The re-christening of the old Lake Monona Assembly Grounds as Olin Park was the expression of appreciation by the City of Mr. Olin's tireless activities for many years in behalf of our city park and drive program. This significant act by the Council was brought to Mr. Olin's attention by letter from I. M. Kittleson, Mayor, dated November 14, 1924, as follows:

City when the Clasgens figures are in place at the Annie C. Stewart Memorial Fountain.

The provision by the City Council for the appointment by the board of a special policeman covering Brittingham and Henry Vilas Parks has proved a distinct advance in the matter of appropriate uses of these parks and the discontinuance of the threatened abuses.

Tenney Park

The Council provided a special policeman for Tenney Park and Parkway as well as for Henry Vilas and Brittingham Parks, and this has aided in preserving order and eliminating abuses in the parks.

The bathing beach and bathhouse in this park are the most popular in the City and the facilities for accommodating bathers are taxed to capacity. Swimming instructors and life guards are provided for each of the beaches and the instances reported last year were not few when lives were saved by the active and intelligent efforts of these officials. The time is shortly coming when it will be necessary to add to the number of life guards and also to reduce the hours that each guard shall be required to render service. There is no more important function in connection with the bathing beaches than the service rendered by the life guards.

Athletic Field

It is a great satisfaction to this Board to record the purchase by the City, since our meeting of a year ago, of the Breese J. Stevens Athletic Field. This field will serve the community and Central High School for practice and league games and will go a long way to relieve the pressure that has been brought to bear on our Board for use of fields in our parks.

In General

Some of the things accomplished during the last year in cooperation with the City Council and City officials should be noted.

The Council by ordinance has excluded houseboats from the Yahara River and from both the lakes within the jurisdiction of the City.

It has by resolution authorized the transfer to this Association for park and pleasure drive purposes of four rods off the south edge of the Quarry property adjoining a like strip procured by Professor Owen from Messrs. Olin and Hammersley.

Woodrow Street extending from Monroe Road to the westerly end of the three rod strip of land, conveyed by the "Sisters" to the Park Association, has been ordered improved. This will furnish a much needed additional entrance to Henry Vilas Park.

Monona Park has been renamed by the Council Olin Park and the administration of this park transferred to this Board.

Steps have been taken to extend the park strip on Thornton Avenue from Williamson Street to Rutledge Street. The Fauerbach property, a depth of 180 feet from the water's edge and extending from Williamson Street to Jenifer Street, has been purchased.

Likewise in the platting of the Soelch property between Spaight Street and Rutledge Street a strip of ground 154 feet in width bordering on the Yahara has been dedicated for park and boulevard purposes.

In cooperation with other civic organizations in the City this Association has contributed its influence towards removing sign boards on the roadsides leading in and out of Madison.

There seems to be a real place in this community for the continued service of this Association. Moneys to carry on its work within the City are provided by the City Council and voluntary funds for use on the drives outside the City are contributed each year on the postal card plan that has proved successful for so many years. The general contributions increase each year, which would seem to be an evidence of an increasing interest in the work of this Association on the part of the people of Madison.

In his address at our meeting a year ago, Mr. M. B. Olbrich pointed out what he conceived to be the function of