

# 3750 NEWS

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## SOME GOOD NEWS TODAY...

### IMPORTANT UPDATES AND REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD

#### **Yes, masks are still in place at 3750...BUT ONLY FOR A FEW MORE DAYS!!!**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? Effective Monday, February 28, 2022 the city and the state are both ending mask and vaccine card mandates. At 3750 that means that masks will no longer be required in any of the public spaces: elevators, corridors, entrances, lobbys, garden court, laundry room and exercise areas. We are still requiring reservations for the pool only, because many of our swimmers have requested us to do so.

However, it's wise to put a mask in your pocket or purse when you go out. Please note that masks will be required in the following:

Chicago public schools

Day cares

Health care facilities

Congregate care facilities

Public transportation including buses, trains and airplanes

Federal buildings in areas of high risk of transmission (I think that means waiting in lines)

Long term care facilities when in communal areas

In businesses that privately require masks

When in municipalities, like cities or counties that have mask mandates

(Block Club Chicago, 2/23/22)

The Archdiocese of Chicago is lifting the mask mandate in Chicago, Evanston and Oak Park Catholic schools starting 2/28/22.

(Lakeview Patch, 2/24/22)

#### **Apartment 1H. (Hospitality Suite)**

Target date is end of March, but no guarantees. It's taking longer than we thought. When 1H is ready for occupancy reservations may be made up to 60 days in advance. Forms will be located in the Receiving Room and the rental fee will be \$150 per day. Detailed information about rentals will be sent to you as soon as they're available.

#### **Freight Elevators**

Construction is still scheduled to begin in September, but that could change. They've also told us that they would work on two tiers at once to shorten construction time. Construction materials are the issue and we could be delayed again. Fingers crossed. Specifics regarding order of tiers to be completed and instructions regarding trash pickup and front elevator use will be forthcoming.

#### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, March 7th, quarterly window washing is tentatively scheduled.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 7th, our Annual Shred Event is scheduled from 10AM-12Noon.

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## **Big Employee Anniversaries Coming Up - Thanks for taking good care of us!!**

Dilo Karatas - 5 years of full time service 4/1/22. (Dilo was with us part time since 8/5/2010)

Safet Kokotovic - 20 years of service 4/15/22

## **Introduction to the Applications Committee**

The Applications Committee reviews applications and interviews applicants wishing to purchase 3750 Lakeshore Drive shares, or rent a unit. They make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the eligibility of applicants. Unlike other 3750 LSD committees, membership participation is limited and all sessions are closed to protect applicant confidentiality.

## **ENTERTAINMENT and OTHER STUFF!**

The weather is teasing us as usual. One day feels like spring and the next is in the 20's. Or as an old friend used to say, some days chicken; some days feathers. Indoor activities will still with us for a while...oh well...

### **STREAMING AND NETWORK TV**

**Law and Order, the original...NBC** Law and Order is back with some new faces and a some familiar ones including Sam Waterston. It premieres Thursday, February 24 at 7PM CST. The format will remain the same. It's followed by Law and Order:SVU and Law and Order: Organized Crime. The beat goes on.

**The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. Amazon Prime** Now in its fourth season, the very popular Midge Maisel is back. The new series started airing on Friday, 2/18 with two episodes. Two new episodes will appear every week. For those who haven't met her, Mrs. Maisel was happily married with two children, living on the upper west side of Manhattan in the 50's. Then she discovered she had what it took to be a stand up comic. She turned her world upside down and we're happily along for the ride.

**Reacher. Amazon Prime.** A creation of author, Lee Child, Jack Reacher, a veteran military police investigator, has recently entered civilian life when he's falsely accused of murder. Reacher travels the country with only the clothes he wears and a toothbrush. He's very tall, very strong and very determined to make sure that the innocent are protected and the guilty get what they deserve. If you're more of a reader than a watcher there are over 20 books in the series.

**The Gilded Age. HBO.** Christine Baranski and Cynthia Nixon are grand ladies of the gilded age in New York City in the time of Lady Astor. A nouveau riche family with Carrie Coon at it heart is determined to break into society. Not so easy. Julien Fellowes, creator of Downton Abbey, is the screenwriter and director of this new show and fabulous homes and lifestyle abound. Lots of drama and nastiness everywhere.

### **AT THE MOVIES...**

**Death on the Nile.** With Kenneth Branagh directing and playing Hercule Poirot. A whole new cast for this oldie from Agatha Christie.

**Nightmare Alley.** A remake of a classic noir with Bradley Cooper playing the Tyrone Power role. The story of a carnival worker who cons his way to success with newly acquired knowledge on how to grift the elite of 40's New York society. This got great reviews. Or you can see the original at the Music Box from now through 2/27.

**Drive My Car.** New from Japan with English subtitles. Nominated for four Academy Awards, it's the story of a renowned actor/director who's wife's sudden death leads him to haunting mysteries she left behind.

### **AT THE LANDMARK**

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Starting Friday, 2/25, Oscar Nominated Short Films 2022: Animation and Oscar Nominated Short Films 2022: Live Action will be shown. If you participate in Oscar winner contests this is an easy way to get a leg up on the competition.

#### **ON THE WEB**

[rockyruggiero.com](http://rockyruggiero.com) **If you love Italy...**

Dr. Rocky Ruggiero offers webinars and events, online learning and tours. He recently did a free hour on the building of St. Peter's, explaining why it took 120 years and 12 architects to complete it. Sharing tidbits like the fact that duomo does not mean dome, but means cathedral. He's an expert on Italian art, architecture and customs. He did another free webinar on the Palio, the famous horse race that takes place twice a summer in the center of Siena. Check out the website if you're interested in Italian art, architecture and history. It's a real find.

#### **PODCASTS**

**Rocky again...Dr Rocky Ruggiero "Rebuilding the Renaissance"**

20 to 30 minute episodes with topics like "History - The Pazzi Conspiracy, Rome: The Sistine Chapel before Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci's Resume, Florence: Strozzi Palace, Pienza: The Ideal Renaissance Town and Leonard da Vinci and the Bronze Horse."

#### **The Daily from The New York Times**

These reports are 20 minutes long and appear daily, Monday-Friday with topics like The Rule at the Center of the NFL Discrimination Lawsuit, How Ukrainians View this Perilous Moment, An American-Style Protest in Canada, Why US Soldiers Won't come to Ukraine's Rescue and Somebody's Got to Save Us While We're Saving Everybody Else.

#### **River Cafe Table 4**

Every week Ruth Rogers, the owner, sits down with her famous guests and invites them to reminisce about family suppers and first dates, what they cook, how they eat when performing, the restaurants they choose and what food they seek when they need comfort. Recent interviews have included Salman Rushdie, Tracey Ullman, Kathleen Kennedy (director), David Beckham, David Adjaye (architect) and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

#### **LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION**

James Cappleman, Alderman for the 46th ward has a weekly newsletter offering community events, where to get vaccinated, community resources, construction and development updates, park district jobs for teens and how to apply for them, etc. Go to [james46.org](http://james46.org) and sign up for the newsletter.

Lakeview Patch - This is an excellent resource for the latest news in our neighborhood. For example, these stories: a 69 year old man was carjacked at gunpoint Wednesday morning in the 1800 block of West Diversey. An Oakdale Avenue condo dating back to the 1920's is up for sale. North Buena Deli and Wine Shop was just named one of the best subway sandwich shops in Chicago. There are listings for houses, condos and coops for sale including floor plans and extensive photos of interiors. There are pet adoption listings with photos, detailed descriptions and where to find them. Go to [patch.com](http://patch.com) and sign up.

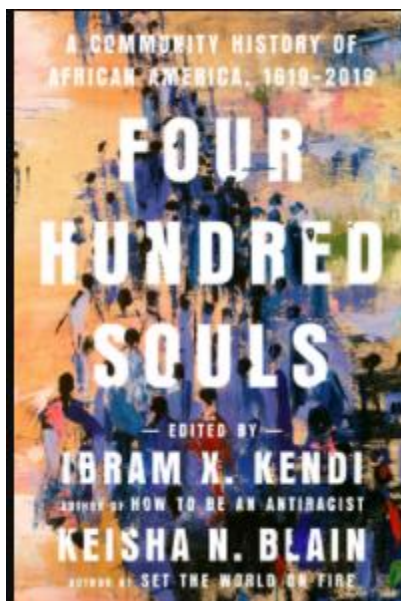
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3750 Book Club Meet for March  
Monday March 28th @ 7PM in the Hospitality Room.

Please RSVP Todd Cannon 4B at [toddcannon@comcast.net](mailto:toddcannon@comcast.net) or 312-841-9795. Please note that you must be fully vaccinated to attend. Thank you.



**Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019**

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[Keisha N. Blain](#)

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An epoch-defining history of African America, the first to appear in a generation, *Four Hundred Souls* is a chronological account of four hundred years of Black America as told by ninety of America's leading Black writers.

Curated by Ibram X. Kendi, author of the number one bestseller *How To Be an Antiracist*, and fellow historian Keisha N. Blain, *Four Hundred Souls* begins with the arrival of twenty enslaved Ndongo people on the shores of the British colony in mainland America in 1619, the year before the arrival of the Mayflower.

In eighty chronological chapters, the book charts the tragic and triumphant four-hundred-year history of Black American experience in a choral work of exceptional power and beauty.

Contributors include some of the best-known scholars, writers, historians, journalists, lawyers, poets and activists of contemporary America who together bring to vivid life countless new facets to the drama of slavery and resistance, segregation and survival, migration and self-discovery, cultural oppression and world-changing artistic, literary and musical creativity. In these pages are dozens of extraordinary lives and personalities, rescued from the archives and restored to their rightful place in America's narrative, as well as the ghosts of millions more.

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*Four Hundred Souls* is an essential work of story-telling and reclamation that redefines America and changes our notion of how history is written.

**Join us for a lively discussion of this book on Monday March 28th @ 7:00 pm in the Hospitality Room**

**Please RSVP Todd Cannon 4B at [todd cannon@comcast.net](mailto:todd cannon@comcast.net) or 312-841-9795. Please note that you must be fully vaccinated to attend. Thank you.**

**A Non Recipe Recipe** from Linda Stern (10G), who doesn't cook

For a quick and easy dinner...simple sautéed scallops and rice. I love this dish because you can make it for one or for 6.

Ingredients:

4-5 large sea scallops per person

Kerrygold Unsalted Butter (tastes the best to me)

Lemon juice

Capers

Directions:

Rinse scallops and pat dry with a paper towel

Melt enough butter to cover well the bottom of whatever size frying pan you're using

When the butter is bubbling and starting to brown put scallops in, flat side down

Fry in uncovered pan approximately 3 minutes until the scallops can be turned without sticking.  
(The length of time to cook will be determined by the size of the scallops)

Turn them over and cook for approximately 2-3 minutes.

Gently add a tablespoon or more of lemon juice

Add a tablespoon or more of drained capers just long enough to warm them

Serve over jasmine rice with a green salad.

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# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

## MEET – Tom Buescher and Jan Mary Buescher - UNIT 12E

How long have you lived at 3750?

3 years

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Jan: Born in Santa Monica, CA. Grew up in Brazil and CA

Tom: Born in Pontiac, MI. Grew up in the northern suburbs of Detroit

What was your favorite vacation?

Jan: Trip to Australia with my family to see my sister and her family. Thanksgiving, 2017

Tom: Santiago de Compostela, fall 2018. All 500+ miles

Where would you like to go that you have never been?

Jan: Japan

Tom: Italian Alps in the winter to go skiing

Which talent would you most like to have?

Jan: To cook like Tom

Tom: To speak four languages like Jan

What is your most treasured possession?

Jan: A painting my mother made for me for my 28th birthday

Tom: Well, if the building is on fire better save the bike!

What city would you like to live in if you didn't live in Chicago?

Jan: Madrid

Tom: I guess I'm going to Madrid

What was your favorite concert?

Jan: The Police 1979

Tom: The Lumineers, Greek Theater in LA. (Editor's note: They'll be at Wrigley 9/3/22)

What was your favorite book? Your favorite fictional character?

Jan: A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Owen Meany

Tom: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

**Who are your favorite authors?**

**Jan: John Irving, John Updike, Joan Didion**

**Tom: Walter Isaacson. I've developed a stronger interest in history as I've gotten older.**

**What is your favorite Chicago Theater, If any? (Goodman, Steppenwolf, Steep, etc.)**

**Jan and Tom: Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

What is your favorite restaurant in Chicago? Anywhere?

Jan: Piccolo Sogno

Tom: Mon Ami Gabi

What is your most memorable meal – any time, any place?

Jan: Moquica - Brazilian fish stew at the Hotel Villa Bahia in Salvador, Bahia

Tom: A Christmas dinner in 2001 at Fort Jesus, Mombasa, Kenya

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If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would that be?

Jan: Halibut the way Tom prepares it.

Tom: Sushi

What is your guilty TV pleasure:

Jan: Anything on Netflix

What have you binge watched, if anything?

Jan: Everything on Netflix

What is your classic film favorite?

Tom: Any Bond movie

What character or attribute in others do you most admire?

Jan: Integrity

Tom: Honesty

What profession other than your own would you like to try?

Jan: Teacher

Tom: Play the tenor saxophone. Gave it up in 5th grade

Thick or thin?

Jan: Thin

Tom: Thin

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## **3800—FRONT AND CENTER AND FINALLY ON THE RISE**

### **By Todd Cannon, 4B**

The last article which continued to chronicle the history of our neighbor to the north, 3800 LSD, concluded with the 1913 sale of the future 3800 lots by E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, wealthy banker and partner of J. P. Morgan and Illinois real estate investor. He had purchased the two lots in 1897 from the Drexel estate for \$43,639 (the equivalent of \$1,465,860 in 2022 dollars). Stotesbury sold the lots to two brothers, Otto W. and Edward J. Lehmann, wealthy Chicago real estate investors and officers and co-owners with other family members of the Fair, one of Chicago's earliest and largest department stores.

### **LEHMANN'S PLAN \$750,000 FLATS**

#### **Edward J. and Otto W. Pay \$65,000 for Site At Sheridan Road and Byron**

“An important deal has been closed on Sheridan road at the southwest corner Byron street involving, it is understood, the erection of an extra high grade apartment building to cost probably in the neighborhood of \$750,000 (\$21,121,363 in 2022 dollars).

The land in the deal is at the point where Byron street becomes Sheridan road and has a total frontage of 287 feet on the two streets. It also faces 224 feet on Grace street and has rear dimensions of 233 feet. It was purchased by Edward J. and Otto W. Lehmann, of the Fair, from E. T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia banker.

#### **Consideration Put at \$65,000**

The consideration is withheld, but it is understood to have been around \$65,000 (\$1,830,518 in 2022 dollars). The property was placed under contract of sale to the late Joseph Theurer of the Peter Schoenhofen Brewing company prior to his death, which contract later was sold to the Lehmanns....

It is stated that Mr. Theurer planned to erect a ten or twelve story fireproof apartment building to cover the lot, each apartment to contain from ten to fifteen rooms, and it is understood the Lehmanns probably will carry out this plan.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 19 July 1913, p. 17)

### **MAMMOTH HOTEL FOR THE NORTH SIDE**

.....”It is understood that the purchasers (the Lehmann brothers) will shortly improve the land with a mammoth family hotel and apartment building to cost from \$500,000 to \$750,000, plans for which are now in preparation...” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 20 July 1913, p 14)

As noted above, the property was first under contract to Joseph Theurer. Joseph and his brother Peter were Chicago real estate investors and associated with the Peter Schoenhofer Brewing company, one of the largest US brewers, and of which Joseph had been president since 1893. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Monday, 3 July 1911, p. 3). The two brothers were also trustees of the Schoenhofen Investment Company. Joseph died 14 May 1913 before the purchase of the lots could be finalized.

### **JOS. THEURER, BREWER, DEAD; STARTED HERE BEFORE FIRE**

“Joseph Theurer, president of the Peter Schoenhofen Brewing company, died yesterday at his residence, 414 Diversey Parkway.

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Mr. Theurer was identified with the brewing industry in this city in one capacity or another since 1869 when he came here from Philadelphia, his birthplace. He was well known among local German Americans....Three years ago he retired from the presidency of the brewing company and spent three years in Germany. He returned last November and resumed his post....” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Thursday, 15 May 1913, p. 4)

The two Lehmann brothers who purchased the 3800 lots, Edward J. (1877-1954) and Otto W. (1882-1952) were sons of Ernst J. (1849-1900) and Augusta (1854-1918) Lehmann. In 1874, their father, Ernst J. Lehmann, founded the Fair Store, a discount department store on State street. The store was named “The Fair” because Lehmann offered many different things for sale at a cheap price (cash only). In 1925 the business was sold to S. S. Kresge (predecessor firm of Kmart) which opened four suburban stores under the Fair name. In 1954 Montgomery Ward purchased the State street flagship store which was closed in 1984 and demolished in 1985.

The Fair’s founder, E. J. Lehmann, suffered a breakdown, described in his obituary below, and spent his last decade in sanitariums, dying in the Bloomingdale Asylum for the Insane, at White Plains, NY, 5 January 1900, age 51. His estate was estimated to be one of the largest in Cook County at the time and included nine mansions, and 2,000 acres in and around Lake Villa, and numerous residential and commercial properties in Chicago.

### **DEATH OF E. J. LEHMANN**

“Ernst J. Lehmann, founder of the Fair store, and the first to introduce the department store to Chicago, died on Friday afternoon at his residence in White Plains, N. Y. after a long period of mental derangement having its origin in his too close devotion to business....” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL Sunday, 7 January 1900, p. 6)

Lehmann’s will disposed “of one of the largest estates ever left in Cook county. (The inventory) presented in Probate Court accounts for 119 parcels of realty and many stocks and notes” and was valued at \$15,000,000. (\$497,860,714 in 2022 dollars) *Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 10 May 1900, p. 5)

Augusta Lehmann, wife of Ernst J. Lehmann, took control of the Fair in 1890 and, in 1905, bought the shares of her husband’s partner, Otto Young, in the Fair, giving the Lehmann family entire control of the department store. She placed the management of the firm in the hands of her three sons, Edward J., Otto W., and Ernst. She herself was vice president of the Fair. In 1914, Mrs. Lehmann divided the shares of the Fair among her six children. At the time she was one of the largest realty holders in Chicago, owning numerous apartment buildings in the city. She died in 1918 at her home at 2748 Lake View from injuries suffered when she was crushed by an elevator in her home. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 17 November 1918, p. 10). She left an estate valued at \$5,324,835 (\$98,316,202 in 2022 dollars). (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 20 March 1920, p. 3) The Lehmann family homestead, at the southwest corner of Diversey parkway and Lake View avenue, was sold by the Lehmann estate for \$500,000 in 1922 to the B.P.O. Elks for the site of their \$3,000,000 national memorial. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 8 January 1922, p. 21)

Despite the plans announced by the Lehmann brothers in 1913 for a “mammoth hotel and apartment building” on the site of the future 3800 lots, they never developed the property. It appears, however, that they (or other non-specified parties) may have been drawing up plans for a new hotel to be constructed on these lots in January 1923:

“A big new hotel, to cost for building, land, and furniture, approximately \$5,000,000 is announced as quite certain to be built on Sheridan Road and Grace street, 300 feet on Sheridan and 200 on Grace. This is an ideal site, facing the drive and lake. Tentative plans by architects

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Halperin & Braun call for a ten story structure to contain 900 rooms.” (*National Hotel Reporter*, Chicago, IL, Saturday, 27 January 1923, p. 4).

The above plans announced in early 1923 did not materialize. Instead it appears that the Lehmanns offered the lots at auction on 22 June 1923:

### **AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE**

“On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1923, an opportunity will be afforded to secure three of the most dominating city real estate locations on the North Side.

The opportunity is unusual because the method of selling will give investors and speculators a chance to secure one or all of these sites at a most attractive price. Two of these locations are in the heart of the most exclusive residential districts in Chicago, commanding a permanent, unobstructed view of Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan. As sites for high grade apartment building or hotel, they are without equal in Chicago. Thousands of prospective residents pass these locations every day on their way to and from the North Shore.

The third location fronts on a busy North Side car line. . . . . Full particulars, including descriptions and location of these three pieces of property will be announced in succeeding advertisements. Watch for the next announcement in this newspaper on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Real estate brokers invited. . . . All properties are unrestricted.

Michael Tauber & Co. and Samuel L. Winternitz & Co, Auctioneers.”

(*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 10 June 1923, p. 16)

A detailed description of the three properties followed in the 17 June 1923 edition of the *Chicago Tribune*, p. 18. The future 3800 lots were described as follows: “Area of lot, sq. ft., 33,947. Frontage, Sheridan Road, 298.83 ft. Frontage, Grace Street, 209.35 ft. Subject to mortgage of \$140,000, 6% interest due on or before 18 months. Located at the juncture of inner and outer North Shore drives. The choicest site on the North Side for apartment buildings or hotel. Commands three great lanes of automobile traffic. Close to ‘L’ station and surface line. Chicago Motor Buses pass the property. Within two blocks of the Marigold Gardens and Chateau Theater and the \$5,000,000 Broadway Hotel now under construction. Above property will be auctioned on premises at 1:30 P.M., Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Foreman Bros. Banking Company, Trustee, will deliver deed, with Chicago Title and Trust Company Guarantee Policy, for full amount of purchase price.”

Author’s note: The other two properties to be auctioned off were 15,620 sq. ft. lot, frontage Sheridan road, 104.71 ft, between Brompton and Cornelia and 31,000 sq. ft, frontage Devon avenue, 200 ft., between Hermitage and Paulina

A future article will be devoted to the Mariigold Gardens, Chateau Theater, and the Broadway Hotel, all but a few steps from the new residents of both the 3800 and 3750 buildings.

Although not recorded in the newspapers searched, it appears from one of the following articles from 1926 that the winning bid for the 3800 lots was made by Henry Friend. Mr. Friend sold these lots in 1926 for \$425,000 (\$6,694,398 in 2022 dollars) to B. Leo Steif, 3800 architect, and other owners of the Sheridan-Grace Building Corporation.

Henry Field, well known Chicago merchant and real estate investor, was born in Rumania in 1862 and came to the US in 1878. He worked as a mill hand, cigar maker, brewer, and coal dealer. In 1898 he established one of the first Chicago specialty stores as a dealer in cloaks (women’s dresses and coats including fur coats) on State street. He retired in 1926 and auctioned off the inventory at his store at 32 South State which included 300 fur coats, 600 spring, fall, and winter cloth coats and 500 Ladies’ and Misses’ dresses. (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Thursday, 12 July 1928, p. 6).

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## **HENRY FRIEND, MERCHANT, DIES SUDDENLY AT SEA**

### **Succumbs on Ship Which Carries Cermak.**

“Henry Friend, 70 years old, retired State street merchant, died suddenly yesterday on board the steamship Bremen, one day out of Bremerhaven, its home port. Mr. Friend was a friend of Mayor Cermak, who is on the same ship.

Mr. Friend was well known to shoppers for thirty years prior to his retirement two years ago....In the early ‘90’s, he helped organize the old Columbus department store. Next he started a shoe store, and shortly afterward opened a store devoted exclusively to feminine wear. He was said to be the first owner of a specialty store in State street.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Tuesday, 2 August 1932, p. 18).

As noted above, Henry Friend sold the 3800 lots in 1926 to the architect B. Leo Steif and associates. Friend and Steif must have been well acquainted following the sale of Friend’s home to Steif in 1923:

“Henry Friend, now in Europe with Mrs. Friend, has sold his eighteen room brick residence at the northwest corner of Hazel and Buena, purchased some time ago from James Simpson, president of Marshall Field & Co., to B. Leo Steif, for \$100,000, through Benjamin Bosley, of Thomas E. Sullivan & Co. The property is 186x128.” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Friday, 23 March 1923, p 32), At the time of his death, Mr. Friend lived at 2440 Lake View avenue.

### **PLAN \$3,000,000 APARTMENTS FOR SHERIDAN-GRACE**

“B Leo Steif is drawing up plans for a twelve story cooperative apartment building for the northwest corner of Grace street and Sheridan road. The property, formerly owned by the Lehmann estate, fronts 300 feet on Sheridan and 200 on Grace street. The cost will be around \$3,000,000 (\$47,254,576 in 2022 dollars).” (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 16 May 1926, p. 49)

## **TALL BUILDING TO RESEMBLE an OLD CASTLE**

By Philip Hampson.

“A giant old English castle silhouetted against a purpling sunset is what children and some grown-ups who refuse to discard their inheritance of childhood will see, as the day closes, from the new Lincoln park opposite the point where Sheridan road turns and runs westward for a few blocks.

The castle is to be because a good fairy hovered about B. Leo Steif while he was designing the luxurious seventeen story apartment building that is to occupy the circular property at the northwest corner of Grace street and Sheridan road, one of the most commanding locations in the entire city.

The fairy whispered into Mr. Steif’s ear and induced him to take water tanks, pent houses, square corners, and other unsightly components of the ordinary apartment building, shake them up in a magic bottle possessed by some architects, and turn them into objects that when silhouetted against the city would give the effect of a romantic old castle.

### **GOTHIC TUDOR PERIOD.**

But to get back to every day Chicago, the structure is to be a cooperative flat building containing duplex apartments of from six to eleven rooms. The architecture is to be an adaptation of the Gothic Tudor period and Mr. Steif says that in designing the building he laid particular stress on the bulk of the edifice so as to obtain a striking silhouette. The duplex apartments on the sixteenth and seventeenth floors are to be in a set-back with a promenade in front of them.

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And, as previously stated, all ordinary unsightly objects will be hidden, in this case by mansard roofs and other treatment at various levels.

The building is to occupy only the front part of its site as a terrace garden will be constructed in the rear.

### **LIKE ENGLISH CASTLE**

The exterior will be of rough texture brick, with Bedford stone trim. The entrances will be of stone with deep reveals and high pointed arches. The entrance lobbies are to be in keeping with the exterior design so they will have the effect of an English castle.

And the apartments themselves will be the last word in luxury, with wood burning fireplaces, cedar closets and fancy bathing rooms. The living and dining rooms will be connected by glass doors, permitting them to be thrown into one large room. And, of course, all the apartments will have a view forever of good old Lake Michigan and the park.

The Sheridan-Grace building corporation, recently took title to the site, which fronts 400 feet on Sheridan road and 200 on Grace street, from Henry Friend for a reported price of \$425,000. The area of the ground is 35,000 square feet. It is stated that the project will represent an investment of \$3,500,000 (\$55,130,339 in 2022 dollars) on completion. Work will start at once.

McNab, Holmes and Long, and D'Ancona and Pifaum were the attorneys in the transfer of the title to the building corporation."

(*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 22 August 1926, p. 39)

### **BIG SHERIDAN ROAD BUILDING IS UNDER WAY**

"Excavators are at work digging the foundation for the huge apartment building, announced in these columns Aug. 23, for the northwest corner of Grace street and Sheridan road. The structure is to be seventeen stories high and, with its site, will represent an investment of \$3,100,000, it is reported....

Designed by B. Leo Steif, the new apartment will be one of the most imposing on the drive. It will front the newly made section of Lincoln Park and it will contain eighty-six apartments. These will include two ten-room duplexes on the sixteenth and seventeenth floors, thirty-one of eight rooms, fifteen of seven, thirty-two of six, one of five, one of three, three of two, and one with one room.

There is to be a setback, at the sixteenth floor, so the occupants of the duplexes may take their constitutionals without the risk of being annihilated by autos. Of course, there will be all the latest touches of luxury, such as cedar fitted closets, log burning fireplaces, mechanical refrigeration.

The architecture is of Tudor Gothic. Mansard roofs of varying heights will give an interesting roof line.

The building is being erected by the Sheridan-Grace Building corporation of which Avery Brundage is president and treasurer. The Greenebaum Sons' Investment company has underwritten a bond issue of \$2,150,000 (\$33,865,780 in 2022 dollars) at 6 ½ per cent on the project." (*Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 19 December 1926, p. 19)

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