



RATIO

MEETING SUMMARY

Architecture
Preservation
Interior Design
Landscape Architecture
Urban Planning & Design
Graphic Design

Project: RIVERSIDE REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN
RATIO Project No.: 17003.000
Date/Time: March 10, 2017 11:30 am, Riverside Park Family Center
Purpose: Citizens' Steering Committee Meeting 2
Participants:

Indy Parks:

Julee Jacob, Sr Project Manager
Andre Denman, Principal Planner
Ellery Manuel, Regional Manager
Tony Johnson, Riverside Park Manager

Consultant Team:

Debbie Wilson - Engaging Solutions
Mary Jane Glaspy - Engaging Solutions
LaShawnda Crowe Storm – Artist in Residence
Phyllis Boyd – Groundwork Indy
Brian McKenna – Christopher Burke Engineering
Keri Van Vlymen – RATIO
John Jackson – RATIO

Citizens' Steering Committee:

Margaret Smith, Resident
Randall Pierce, Municipal Gardens
John Hall, Field Office Director, HUD
Kevin Hardie, Friends of White River
LaMarr Davis, Lillian Davis Foundation
Deborah A. Lawrence, J.D., Marian University
Rev. Eugene Potter, New Life Development Ministries


David Hillman, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
Keith Paschal, Performing Artist / Graphic Design / Video
Phyllis Hackett, Resident
Ron Rice, Resident / Northwest Civic Association
Phyllis Forney, Riverside Civic League
Stan Henry, Riverside Regional Park Foundation
Kaliah Ligon, IU Health

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- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - II. CSC Role Review
Debbie Wilson reviewed the role and responsibilities of CSC Committee Members:
 1. Ensure that someone is at the table for the Riverside Master Planning process representing your organization
 2. Stay focused on the project mission
 3. Share with your organization, neighbors, and friends. Be a conduit of information for the project
 4. Be an advocate for the process
 - III. Review takeaways of the first Public Open House (See presentation slides)
 1. 5-6 members of the CSC attended the Open House
 - IV. Review takeaways of initial Stakeholder Interviews (See presentation slides)
 1. Public engagement process is multi-tiered:
 - a. Interviews
 - b. Website
 - c. Steering Committees
 - d. Public Open Houses & Pop-Up Workshops
 - V. Levee & Floodplain Presentation – Brian McKenna, CBBEL (See presentation slides)
 - a. One member commented that it was generally understood that a large portion of the land within the floodplain was designated for golf BECAUSE it was within the floodplain & therefore inappropriate for building. Feels that South Grove is the best of the three courses, but doesn't care for the fences/barriers to the neighborhood.

- VI. History Presentation – Ben Ross, RATIO (See presentation slides)
- VII. Overview of Next Steps
 - a. Next CSC Meeting April 7, 2017. Will be discussing preliminary concepts for the park plan.
- VIII. Questions & Discussion
 - a. Can a link to the Cincinnati MLB Urban Youth Academy be placed on the project website?
<http://mlb.mlb.com/community/uya.jsp?id=program&loc=cincinnati>
 - b. Phyllis Hackett discussed the general concern of neighborhood residents that improvements to the park will raise taxes in the area. Suggested that it may be beneficial to have Vop Osili or a state senator to speak at one of the meetings or Open Houses to address this concern.
 - c. It was suggested that one aspect of the Master Plan address a marketing campaign for project fundraising.
 - d. How do the different existing plans and entities tie in to this Master Planning effort? Could this information be made available on the project website?
- IX. Adjourn

Any additions or corrections to these Minutes should be submitted in writing to RATIO Architects, Inc., within ten (10) days of receipt. Otherwise, these Minutes stand as correct.

Respectfully submitted,


John D. Jackson, PLA, LEED AP
Principal

cc: Participants
Consultant team leaders
RATIO internal team
Lori Hazlett – President, Indianapolis Parks Foundation

Today's Agenda

- Welcome & (Re) Introductions
- CSC Role Review
- Review First Public Meeting Takeaways
- Review Stakeholder Interviews Take-aways
- Levees and Floodplains 101
- Park History
- Overview of Next Steps
- Questions/Discussion
- Adjourn

Public Meeting 1

March 2, 2017

Riverside Family Center Auditorium



Keep, Toss, Create

What do you love about Riverside Park?

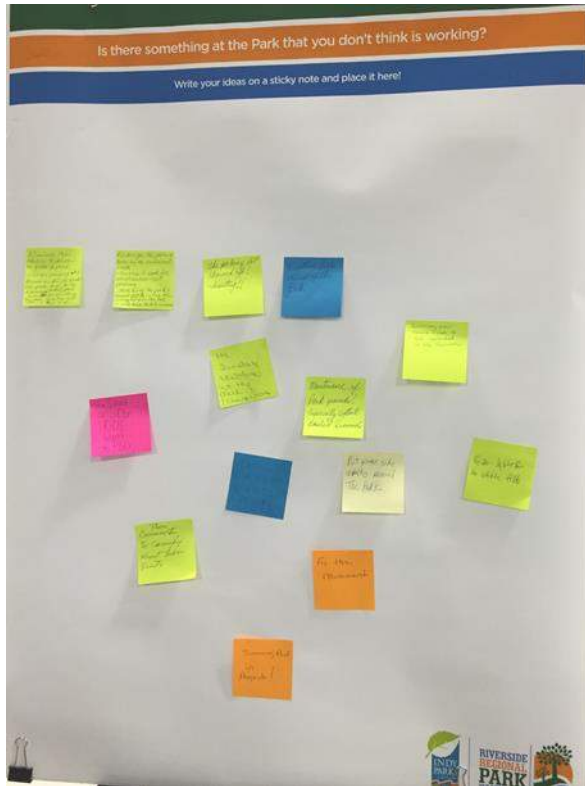
Is there something at the Park that you don't think is working?

What new things would you like to see or do at Riverside Park?



Keep:

- Sports facilities: tennis courts, baseball & softball diamonds, basketball courts, football field
- Colts Playground
- Adult exercise activities: Taekwondo, aerobics, yoga
- Horseshoe Pits (Improve)
- Programs for kids: 4-H
- Natural Areas / Open Space
- Park Shelters
- Family Center
- Swimming
- Trails
- Open gym



Toss:

- The Park's negative public image
- Ability to drive on grass at the park. (Safety concerns for children)
- Parking area near basketball courts should be redesigned as a gathering space and access improved
- Extend swimming pool hours in the summer months
- Traffic flow issues
- Maintenance issues
- Athletic Field Lighting (Improve)
- Taggart Memorial (Repair)
- Improve communication to the community about park events



Create:

- Additional amenities such as restrooms, water fountains, concession stands, benches & seating
- Additional lighting & safety measures
- Improved maintenance
- Art in the park
- Farmer's Market
- Indoor swimming pool, extended pool hours, adult swim
- Events: festivals, farmer's market, art, music
- Educational programs
- Evening programs: sports, exercise, swimming
- Walking & biking trails

Vote For Your Favorites

Park Programs
Facilities and Amenities

Voting Results - Programs:

Program	Votes
Youth Sports	16
Youth Learn to Swim	15
Water Fitness Programs	14
After School Programs	13
Adult Fitness & Wellness	13
Senior Programs	13
Youth/teen Fitness & Wellness	12
Adult Art, Dance, Performing Arts	11
Golf	11
Martial Arts or Self Defense	10
Youth Art, Dance, Performing Arts	10

Program	Votes
Adult Sports	10
Youth Summer Camp	9
Life Skill Classes	7
Childcare Programs	6
Teen Dance	6
Trips	6
Large Special Events	6
Preschool Programs	5
Outdoor Adventure Programs	5
Nature Education Programs	4
Adaptive Programs	1

Voting Results — Facilities & Amenities:

Facility / Amenity	Votes
Outdoor Tennis Courts	20
Indoor Swimming Pools	16
Walking Trails	15
Outdoor Swimming Pools & Water Parks	15
Indoor Fitness and Exercise Facilities	15
Outdoor Basketball Courts	13
Indoor Running & Walking Track	13
Indoor Basketball & Volleyball Courts	11
Soccer Fields	10
Golf Courses	10
Mountain Bike Trails	9
Picnic Areas & Shelters	8
Youth Baseball & Softball Fields	7

Facility / Amenity	Votes
Multipurpose Fields	7
Adult Baseball & Softball Fields	7
Outdoor Water Spray Parks	7
Nature Center	6
Playground Equipment	6
Outdoor Fishing Areas	6
Outdoor Adventure Parks	5
Off-Leash Dog Park	5
Skateboarding Park	4
Indoor Sports Complex	3
Natural Areas	2
Pickleball Courts	1

Visioning Exercise

Which Image Best Represents Your Vision for the Park?

What is Your Vision?

WHICH IMAGE BEST REPRESENTS
YOUR VISION FOR THE PARK? WHY?



VIBRANT
COLORS
IN THE
PARK



COMMUNITY
GARDENING



PEDILE
LIGHTING
FIREWORKS



RIPPLES —
ADULTS
INSPIRING
KIDS



I WANT
THE PARK
TO STAND
OUT!



SPORTS —
BIG FOOTBALL
FIELD



A SAFE
PLACE FOR
THE KIDS



BRING
PEOPLE
TOGETHER



EVERYONE
CAN COME.
WE CAN ALL
PLAY WITH
EACH OTHER.



LIVEN UP
THE BUILDING
(RIVERSIDE FAMILY
CENTER) WITH
SOME ART



NATURE
CENTER



Common Threads:

- Sports — More and improved facilities
- Inclusive. Everyone is welcome
- Gardening, food production, self-sufficiency
- A safe & active place for kids
- Trails & greenways
- A unique identity for the park
- A gathering place, the center of the community

Floodplains and Levees 101

Brian McKenna

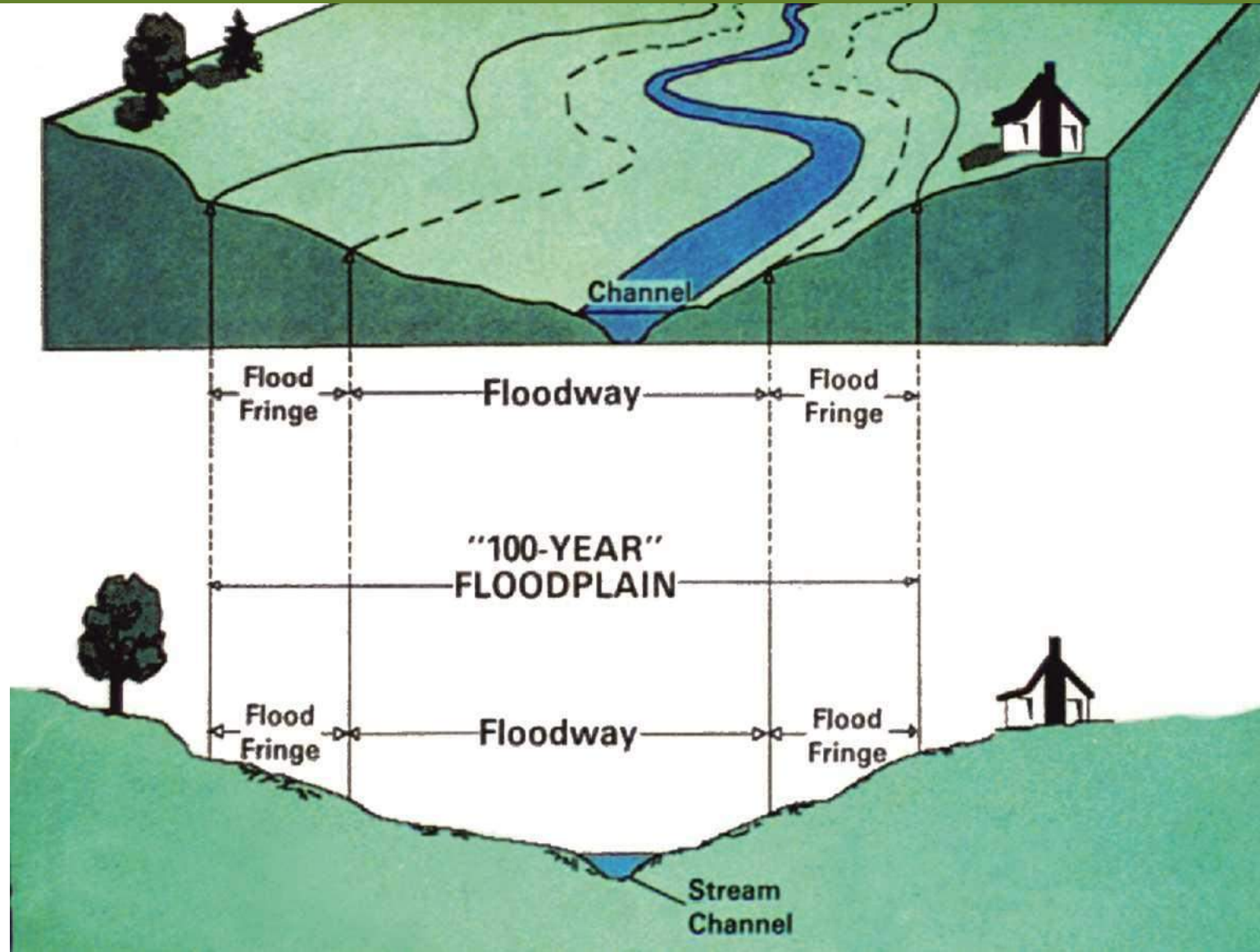


OVERVIEW

1. Floodplain Definition
2. Floodplain Regulations
3. Levee Definition
4. Levee Regulations
5. Riverside Levees

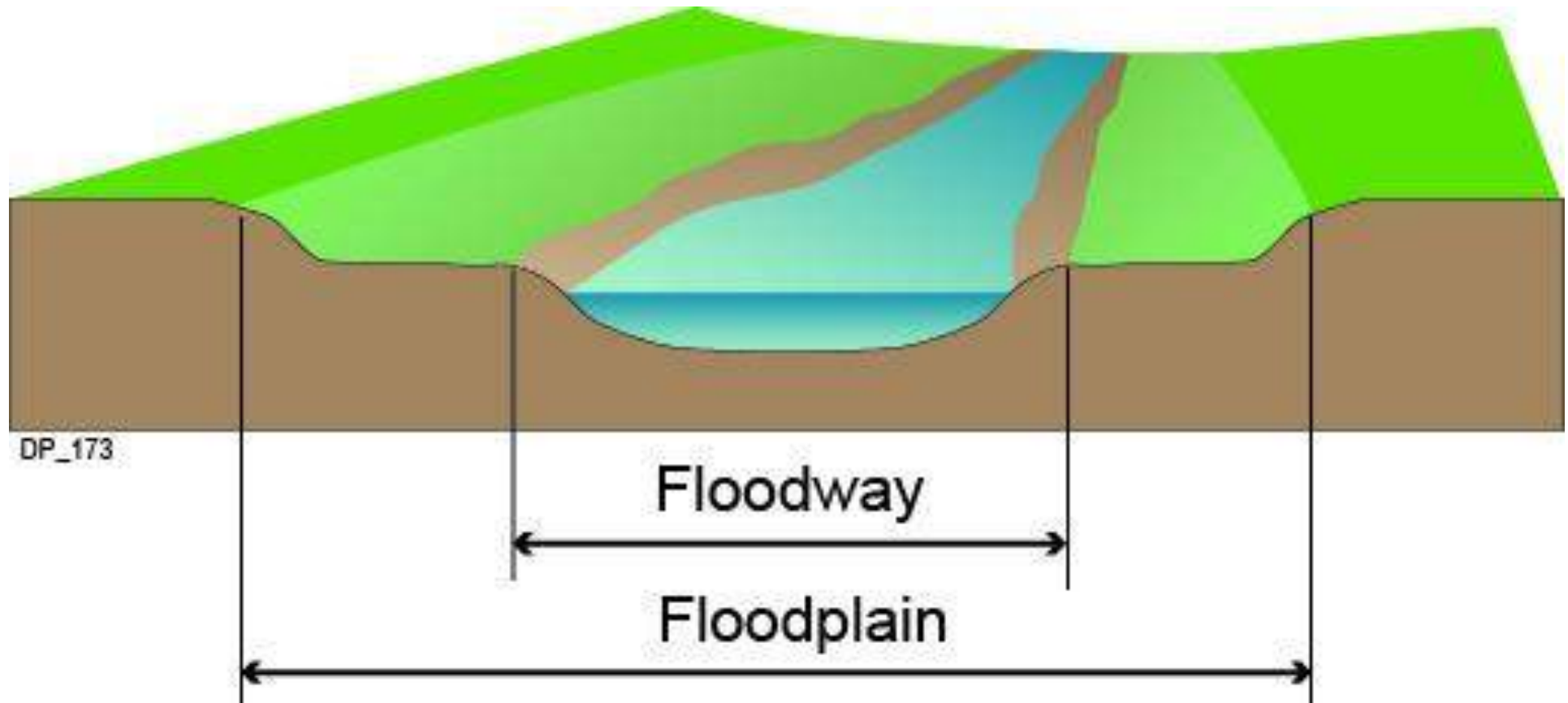


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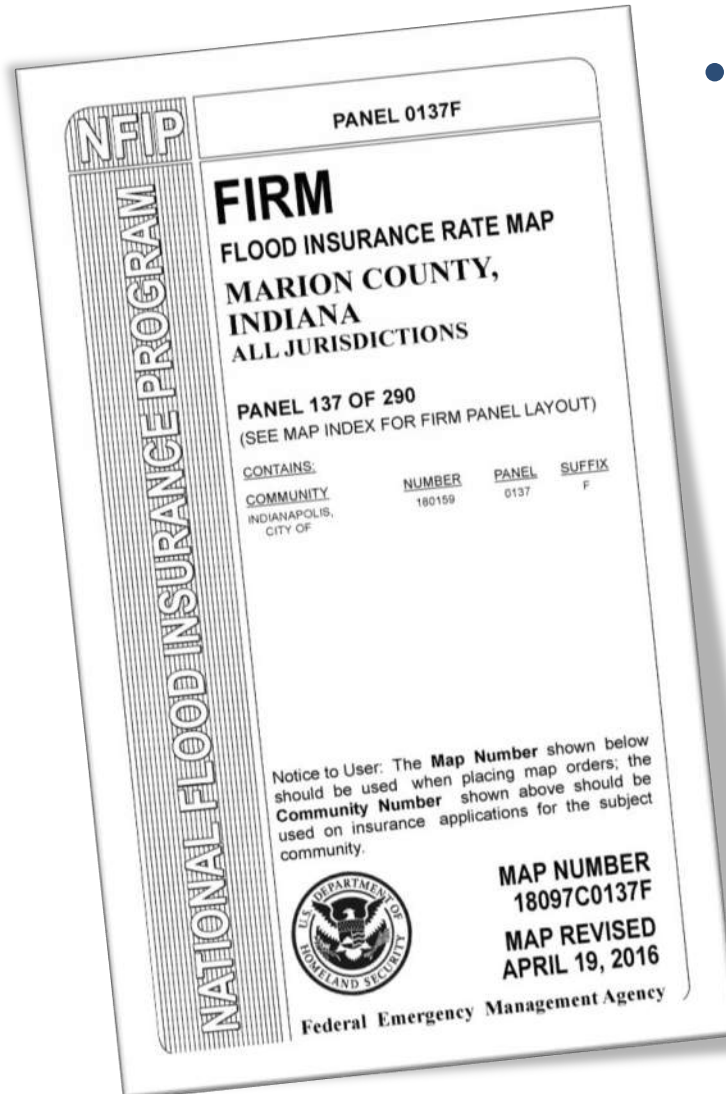
Floodplain Regulations

- **National Flood Insurance Program** (NFIP) is Administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Reduces flood damages by:
 - Identifying flood risks (FIRMs)
 - Encouraging sound floodplain management
 - Providing subsidized flood insurance
- City of Indianapolis participates in the NFIP and is responsible for enforcing sound floodplain management





Floodplain Regulations



- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) categorize risk levels

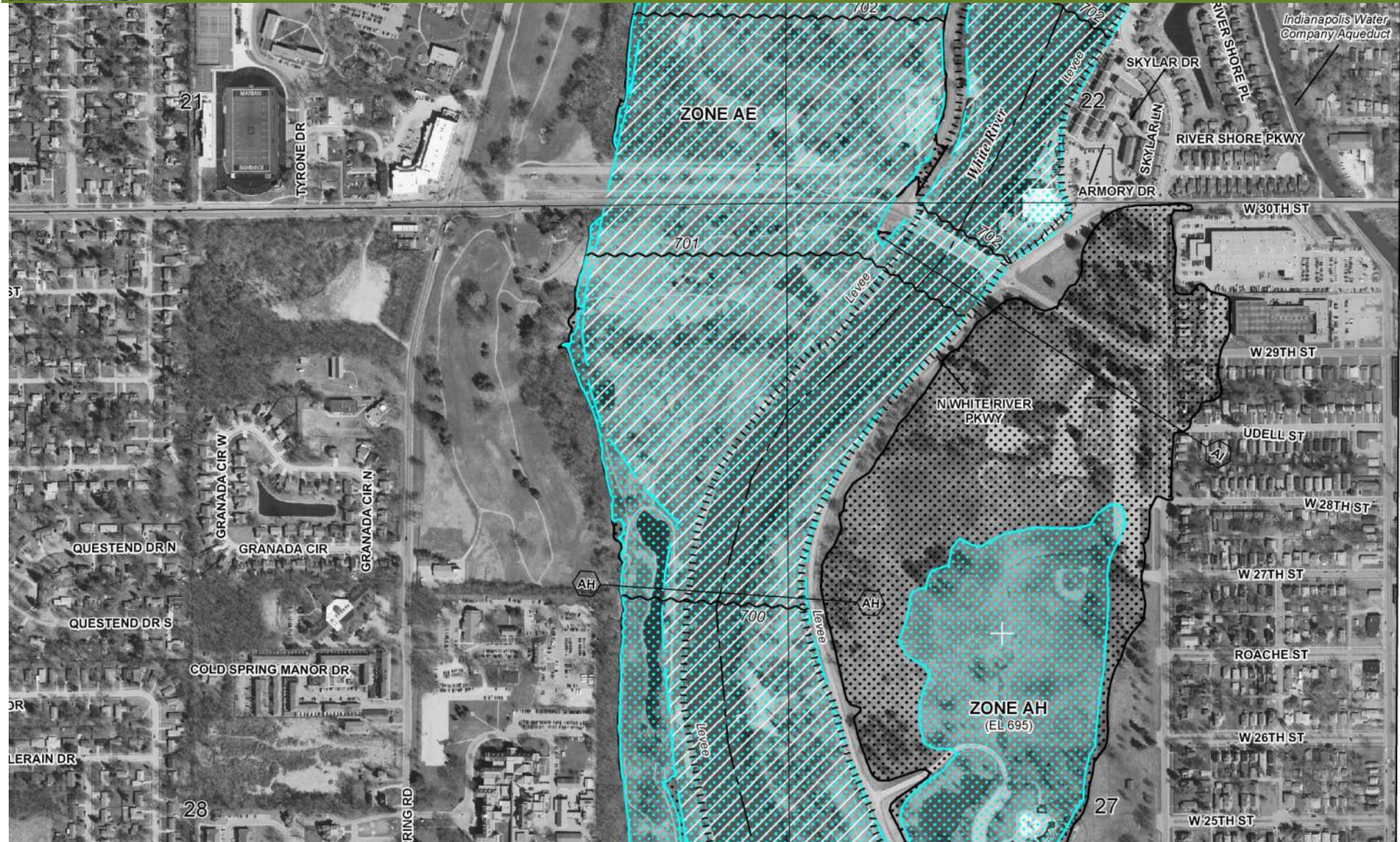
**High Risk – Special Flood Hazard Area
(100yr: Zone A, Zone AE, etc.)**

**Moderate Risk
(500yr: Zone B, Zone X (Shaded))**

**Low Risk
(Zone X, Zone C)**



Floodplain Regulations





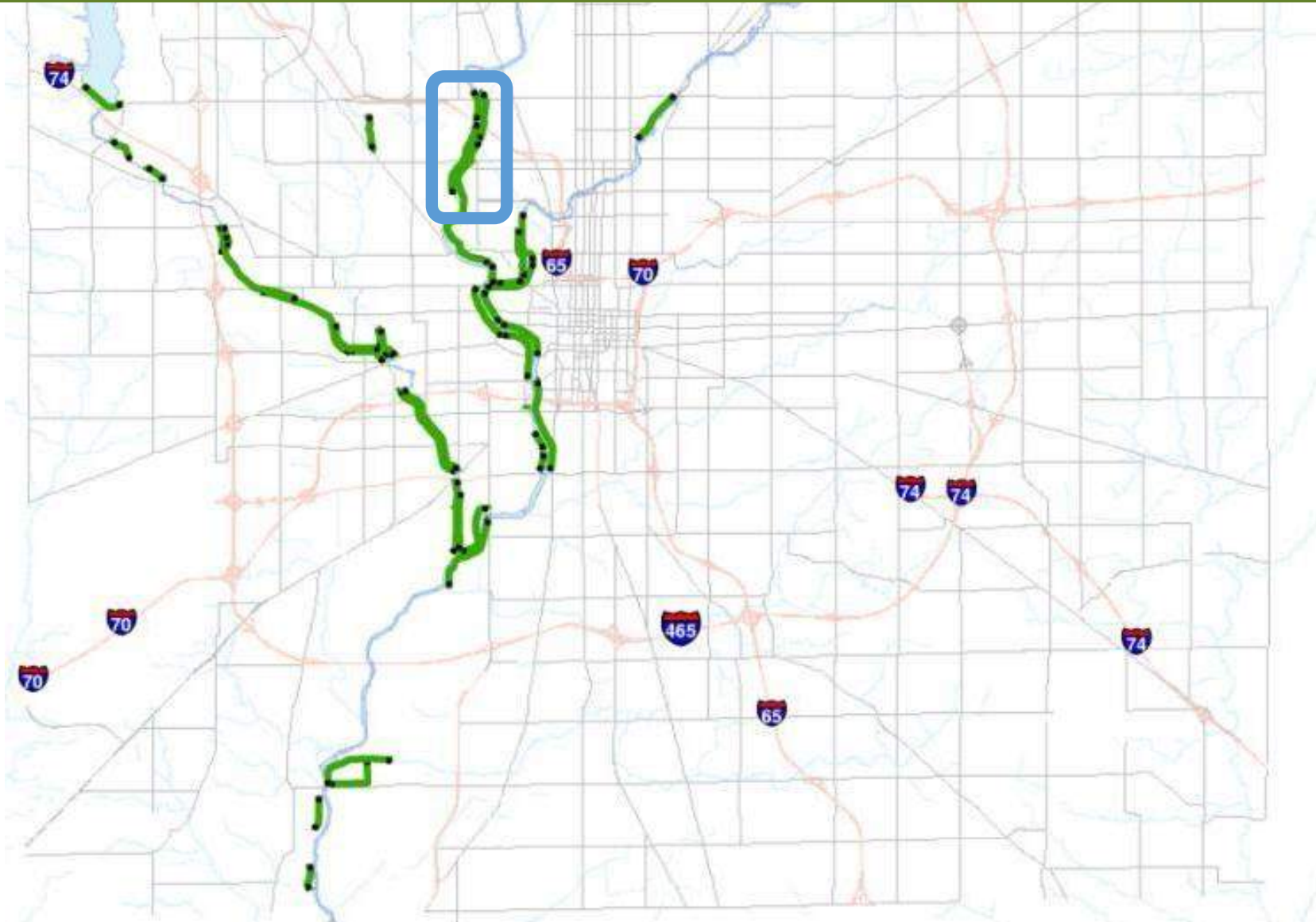
What is a levee?

- A barrier constructed along a stream bank to provide a *specific level of protection* to an area from flooding.
- A structure that requires regular maintenance.
- A structure with an inherent risk of failure during large floods.





Indianapolis Levees





Riverside Levees





Riverside Levees





Summary

- Portions of Riverside Park are included in the SFHA
- Portions of Riverside Park are protected by levees
- Floodway/Floodplain designations may affect improvements.
- Levees need to maintain current level of protection

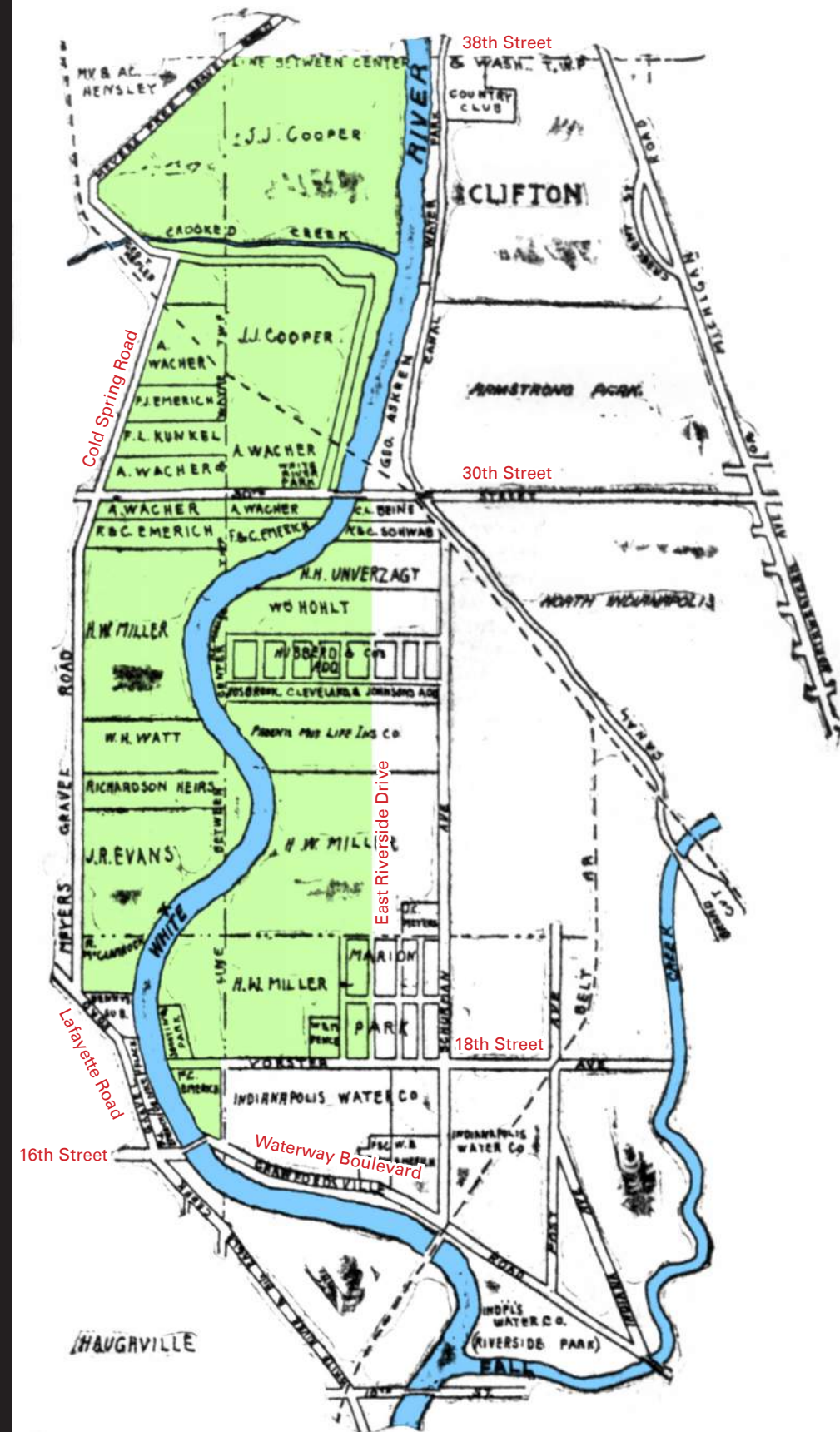


Park History

Ben Ross



WHITE RIVER IN THE PROSPECTIVE PARK.

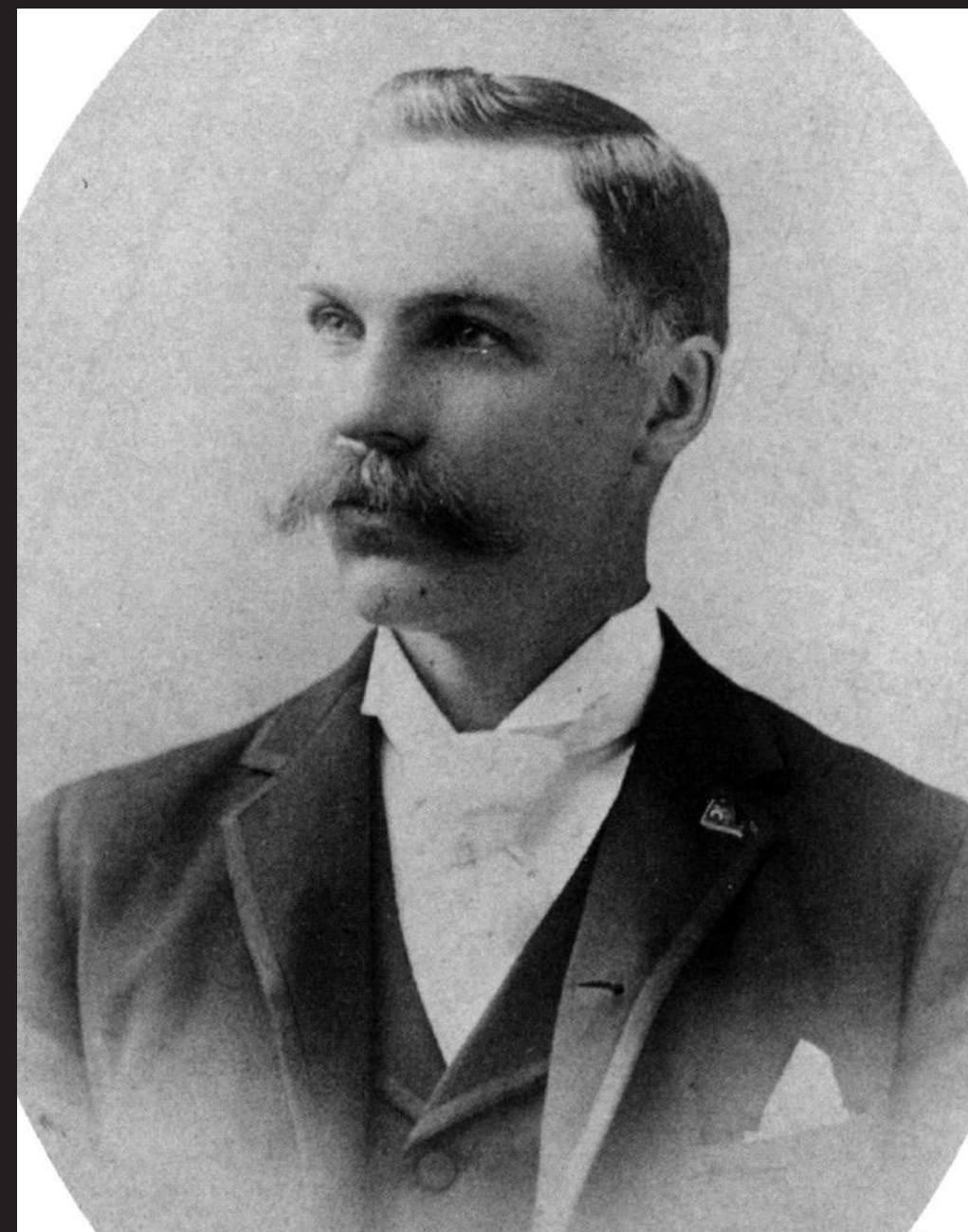




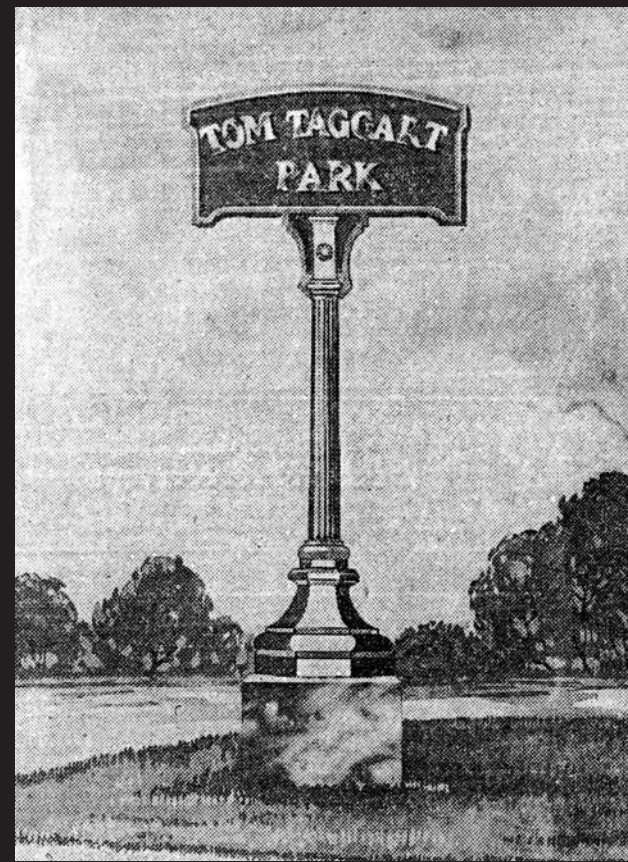
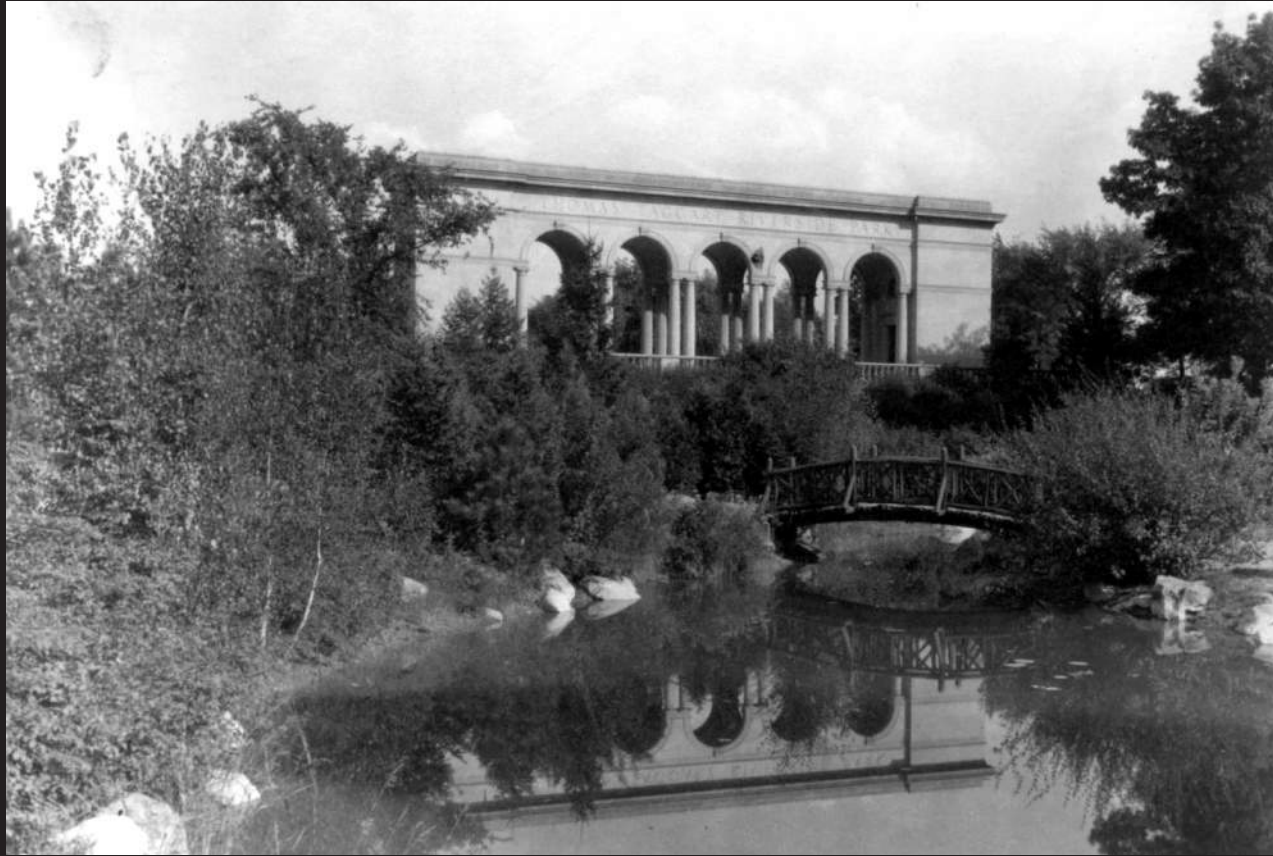
George E. Kessler



J. Clyde Power



Thomas Taggart

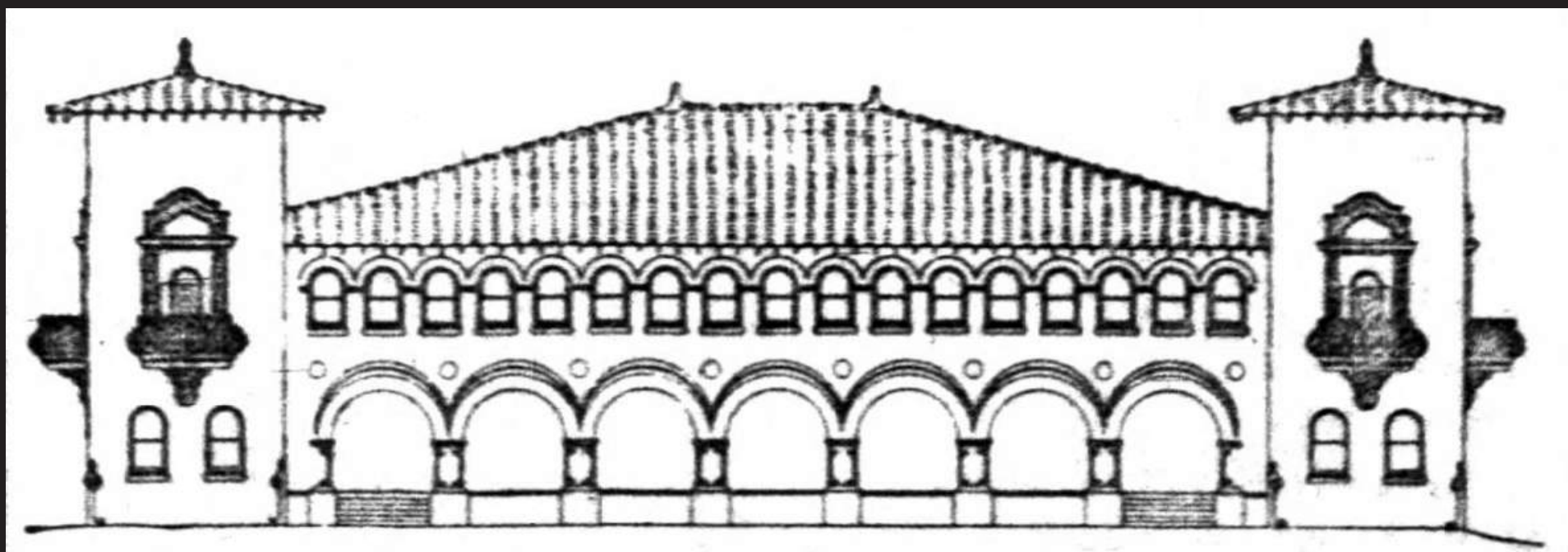




*MOONLIGHT ON WHITE RIVER,
RIVERSIDE PARK,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.*









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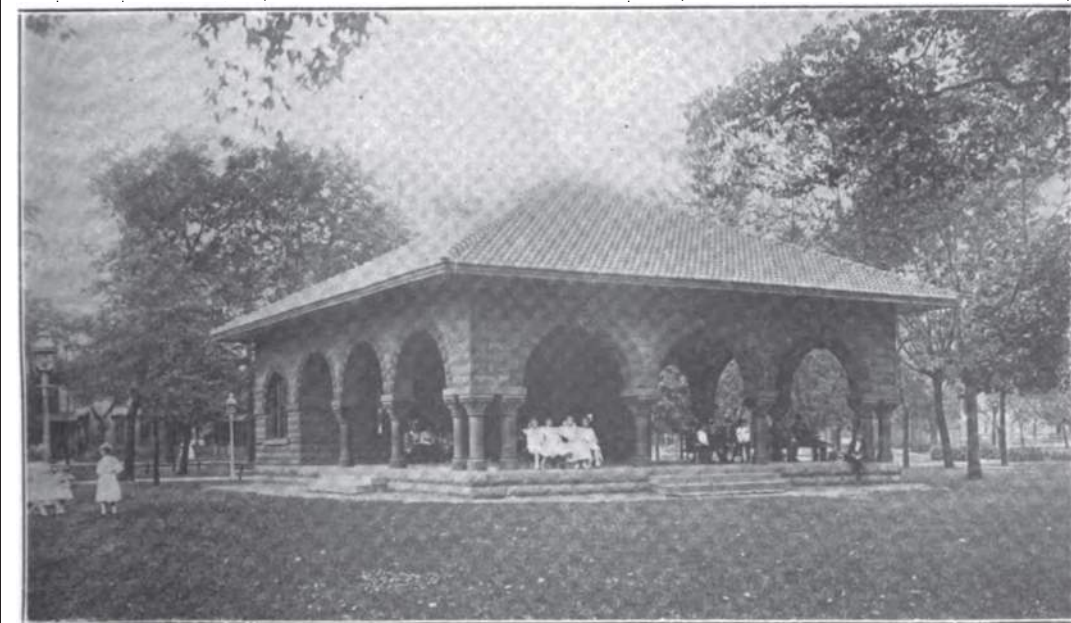
SHELTER HOUSE, GARFIELD PARK, INDIANAPOLIS

Shelter Houses in the Indianapolis Parks

THE shelter houses of the larger Indianapolis parks are a very attractive feature. They show permanency of construction and a pleasing variety in architecture. The two reproduced in this department, with the one on the cover of this issue, show three distinctive styles.

The house in Garfield Park is of stone

and iron, Japanese in design, and sixty feet square. The Military Park shelter house is of artificial stone, put together on simple, dignified lines. One end of this building was reserved for use as a branch library. The concrete house in Riverside Park, built in mission style, is one of the finest in the United States.



THE MILITARY PARK SHELTER HOUSE IN INDIANAPOLIS





Lafayette Road

16th Street

18th Street

Waterway Boulevard

HAUGHVILLE

INDIANAPOLIS WATER CO

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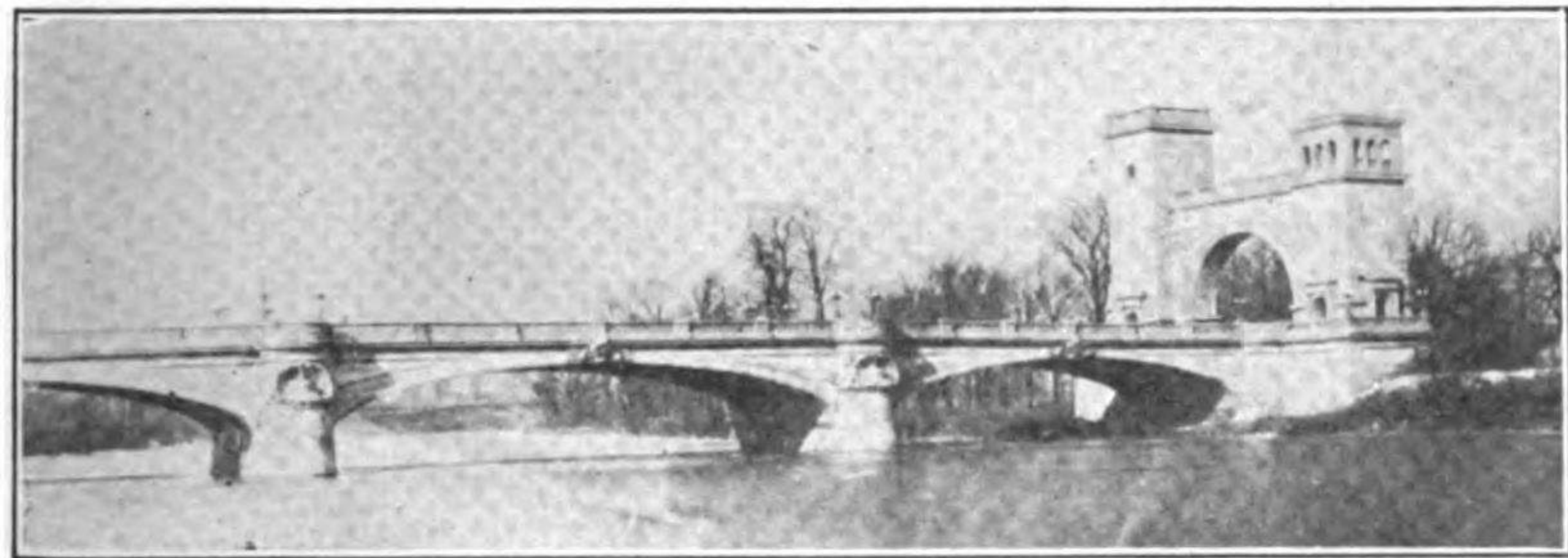
INDPLS WATER CO.
(RIVERSIDE PARK)

PARK

FALL







V. EMRICHSVILLE BRIDGE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Emrichsville Bridge, Indianapolis, Ind.



SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1922.

Bridges on White River and Fall Creek in Indianapolis Praised for Scenic Effect and as One of the City's Greatest Possessions

Besides Spans in Parks and Great Numbers of Trusses Erected in Connection With Track Elevation, Hoosier Capital Boasts of Almost 100 Structures.

BY HENRY TIERMAN.
 Those who have traveled far, both in America and abroad, cannot but praise for the artistic effect of bridges spanning White river and Fall Creek. Unsurpassed and unique as none, probably because the city has such abundant and rapidly other attractions, the many bridges here are regarded by visitors and residents as exceptional works of the bridge builder's art. Engineering magazines and articles often contain references to these structures. Indianapolis is a city of beautiful bridges. To those who know the Hoosier metropolis as the greatest bridge city in the world, a day's travel is to an, at least, one to know that there is no other city in the world that has so many of the many works that have been well done.

These Indianapolis bridges were chosen as the subject of this issue. It was a pleasant surprise to find on the Old Trade road, the old covered bridge over the river at Washington street, for the use of travelers on the road who passed through the town on their way to the West, and to find it so well preserved. It is one of the many works that have been well done.

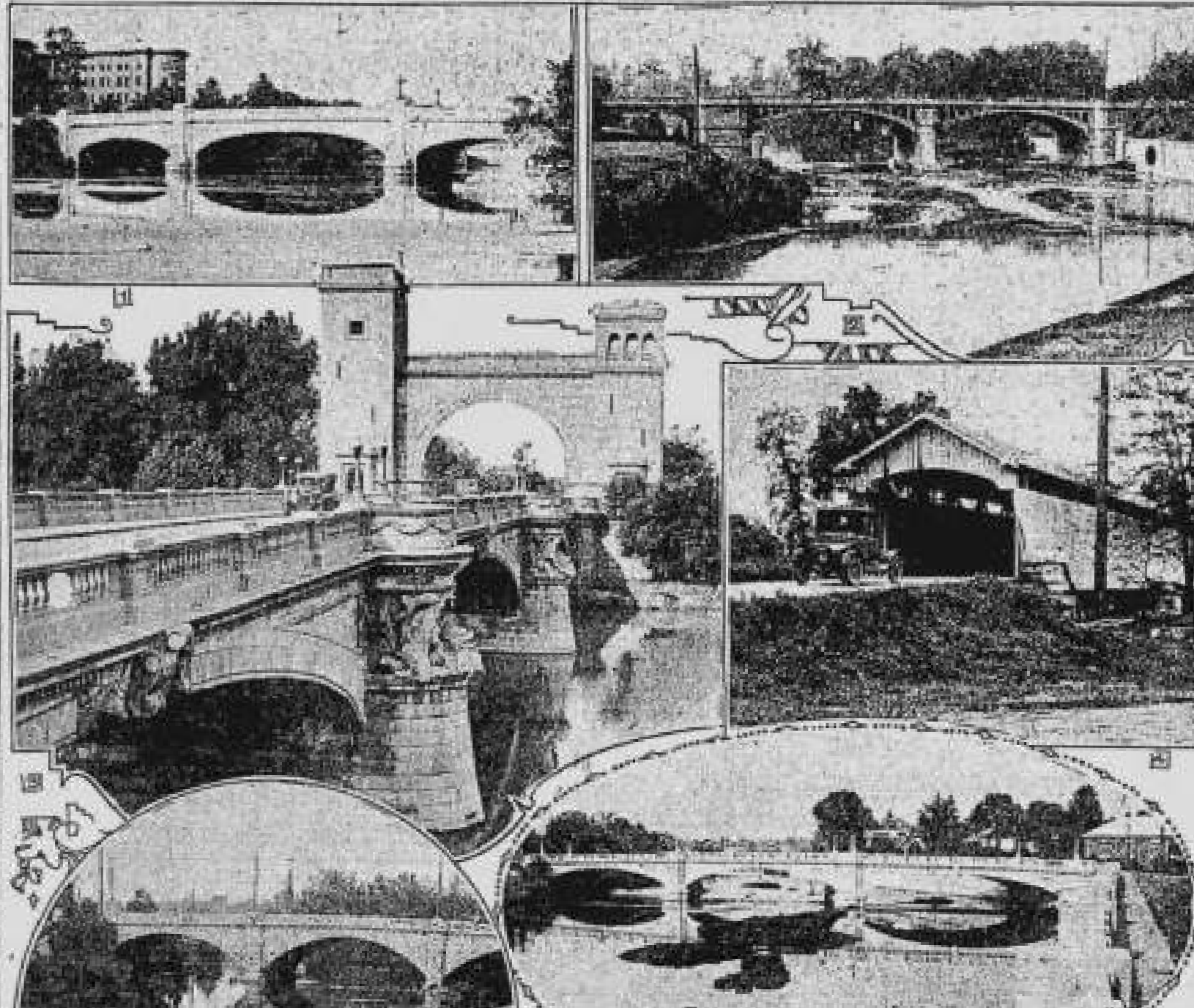
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Almost 100 Bridges Spanned.
 In addition to the bridges over the river and Fall creek, development of the city demanded structures over Pleasant run, Dear creek, and other waterways until now there are almost 100 bridges in and about the city. This does not include spans in parks constructed merely for beauty alone, but it does include the great number of railroad trestles erected in connection with track elevation.

There is another anomaly—the fact that a city whose largest waterway is only a stream of boulders that with all its graded width, must have 200 bridges, but Indianapolis is full of bridges.

Probably the reason that the bridges of Indianapolis have not received the attention that other features of the city have, is the fact that some of them are outstanding from the standpoint of structural engineering achievement. But on the city's best bridge builders, used in connection with the bridges here are of interest to engineers. An example is the steel bridge over Fall creek at Tipton street, which with spans of 100 ft. at a right angle to the roadway. Another example is the Indianapolis bridge over White river at the corner of the city, where the western approach is through an arch having two towers, one about twice as high as the other.

Indianapolis does not lay claim to the title of city of beautiful bridges because it has 100 bridges. The largest bridge spans the river at Tipton street, where the western approach is through an arch having two towers, one about twice as high as the other.



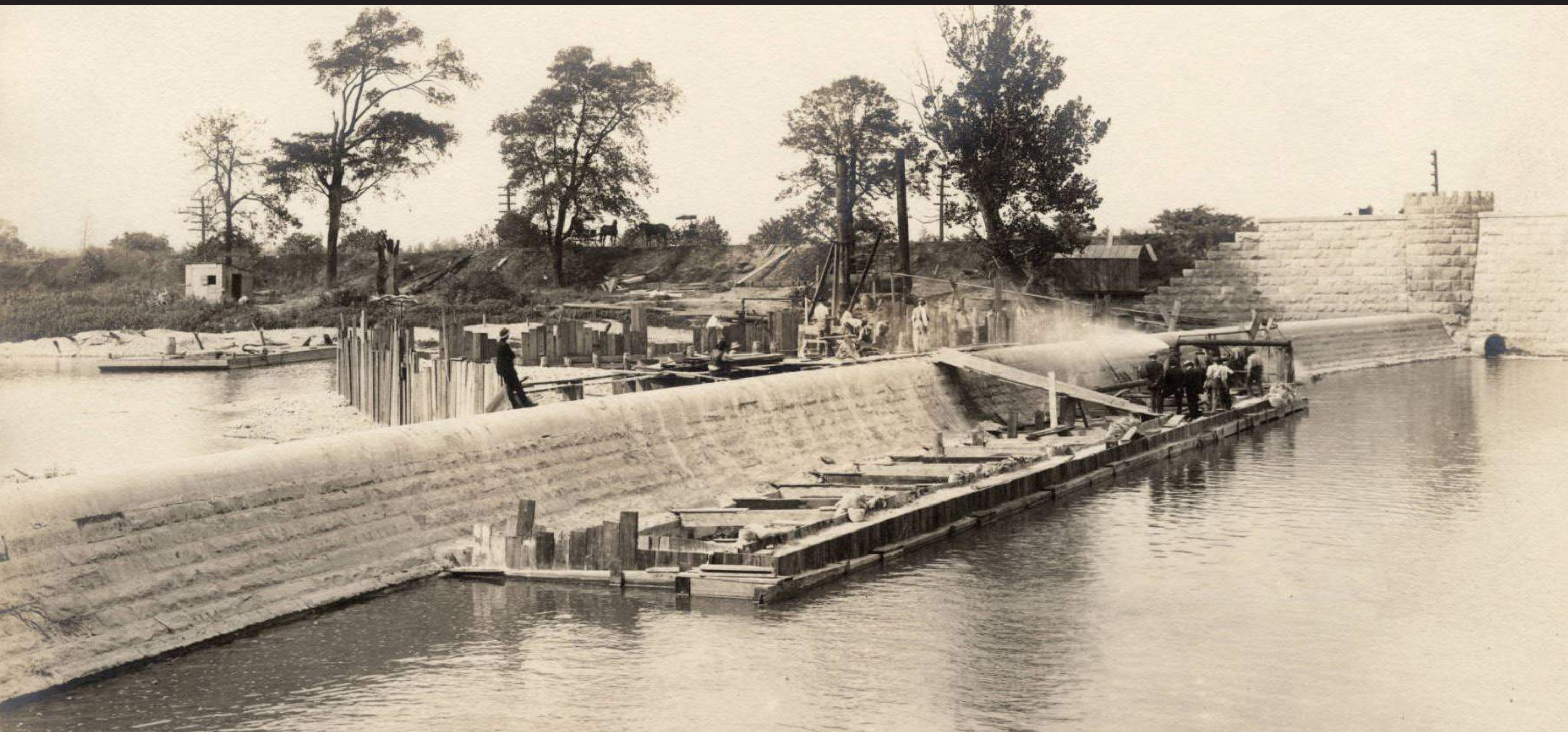




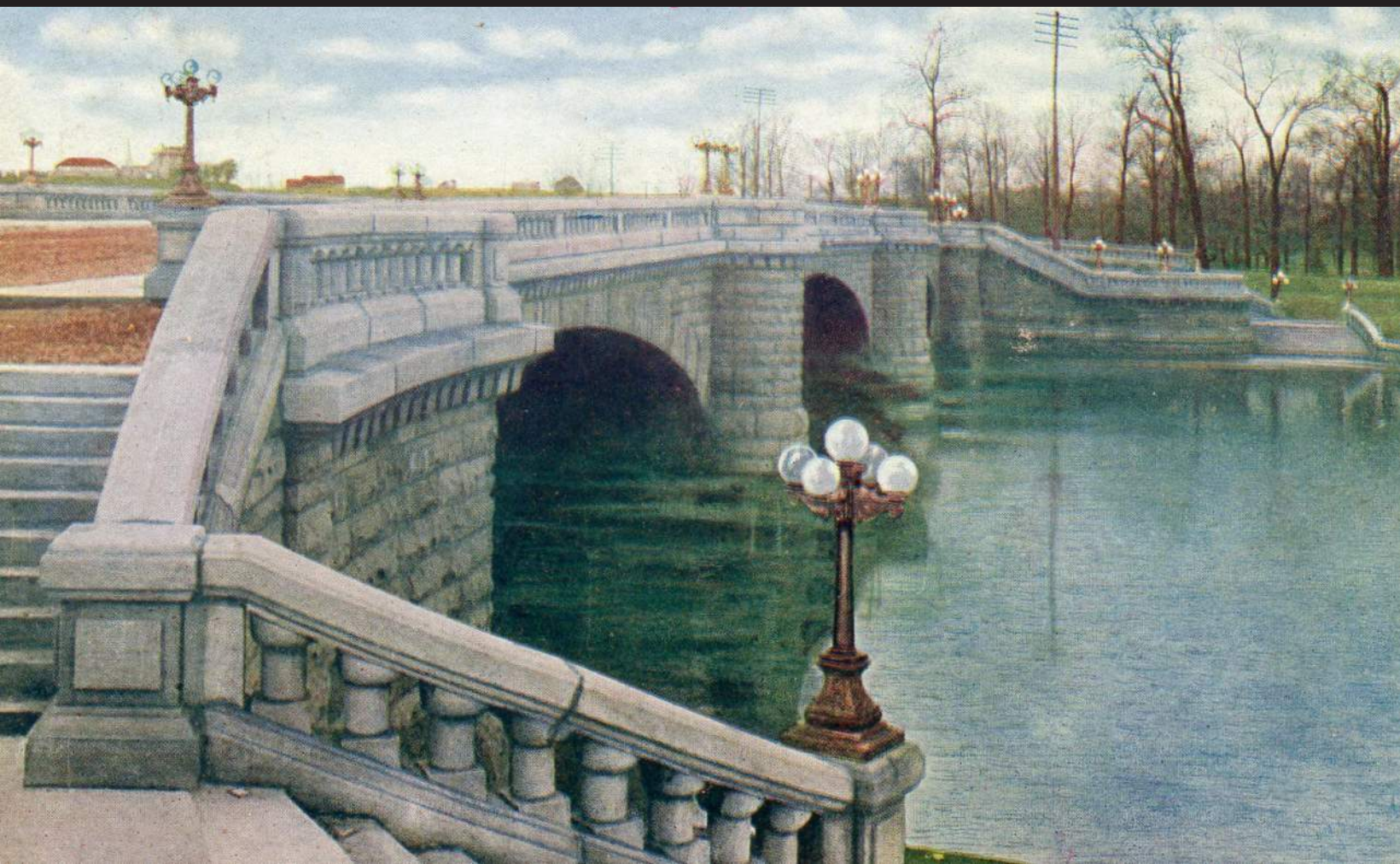
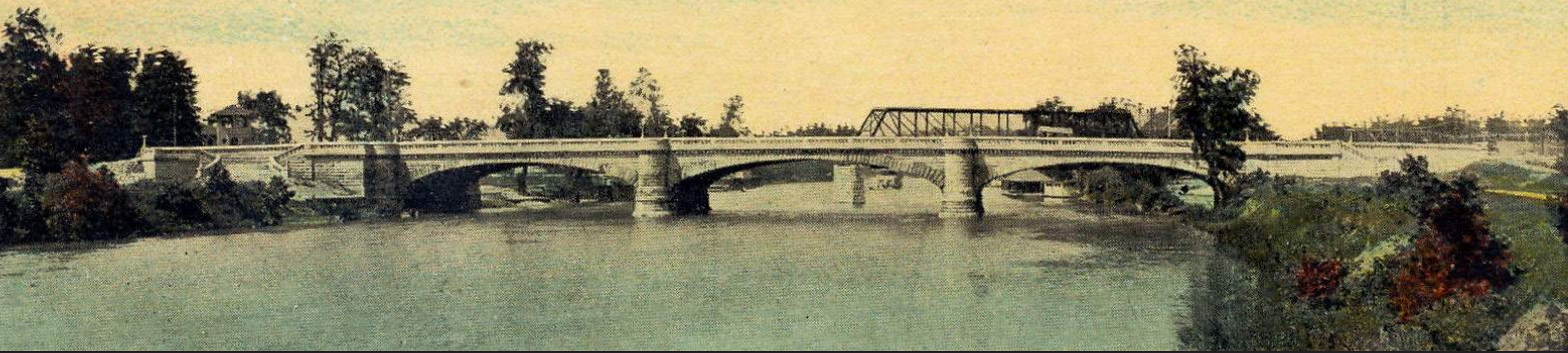




"ANNUAL OUTING ON A STEAMBOAT DOWN WHITE RIVER"
BAIN BUSINESS COLLEGE
INDIANAPOLIS.



















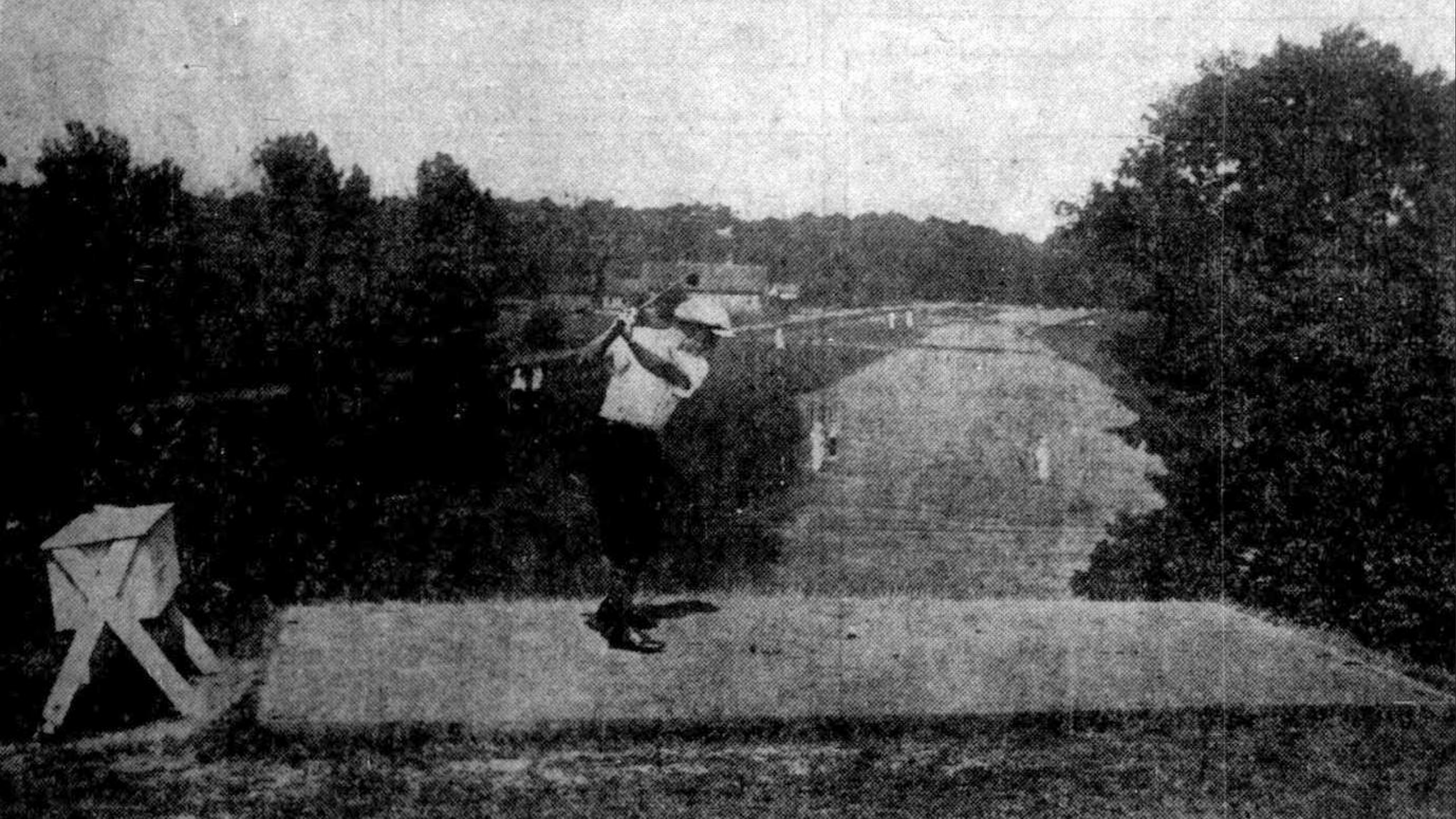
SOUTH GROVE GOLF COURSE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

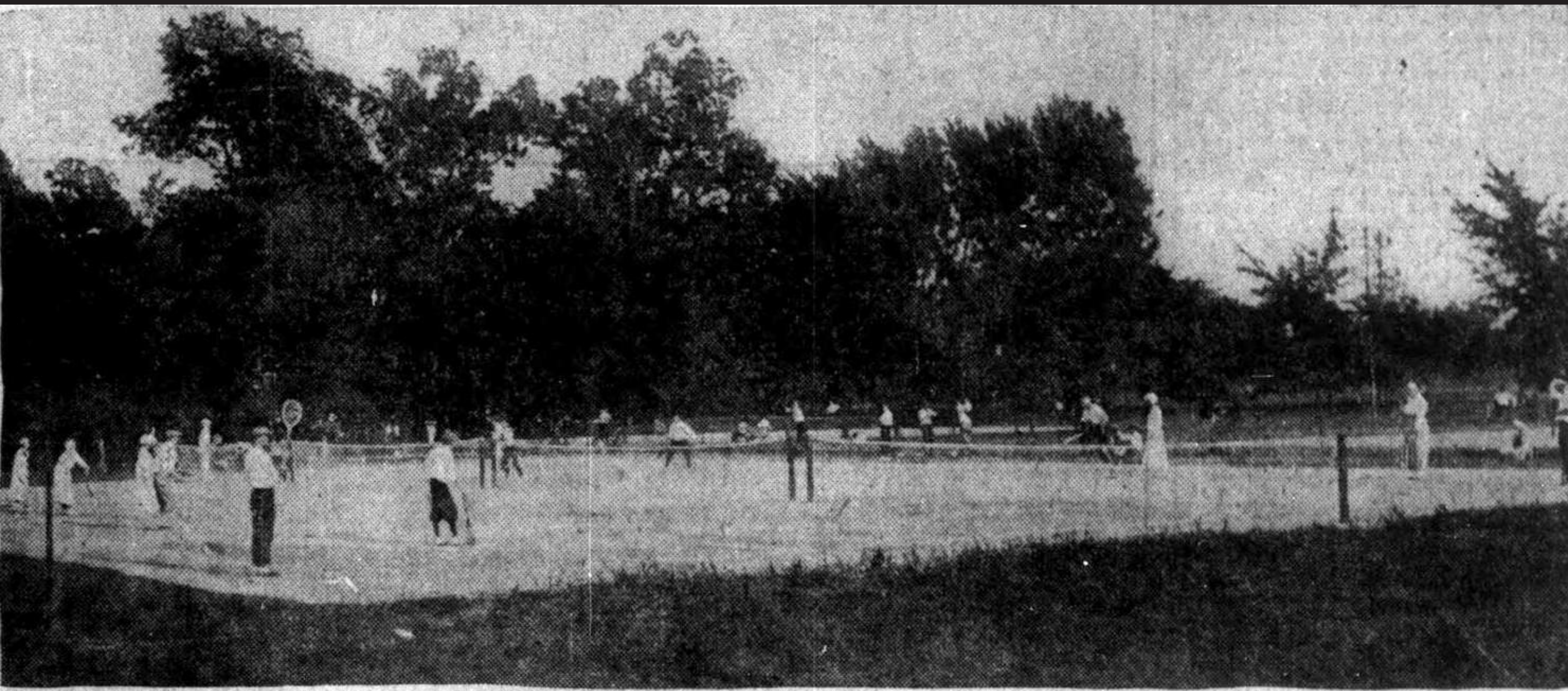






ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN
(THE "WATERHOLE" AT SOUTH GROVE)





THE TENNIS COURTS ARE ALWAYS FULL,



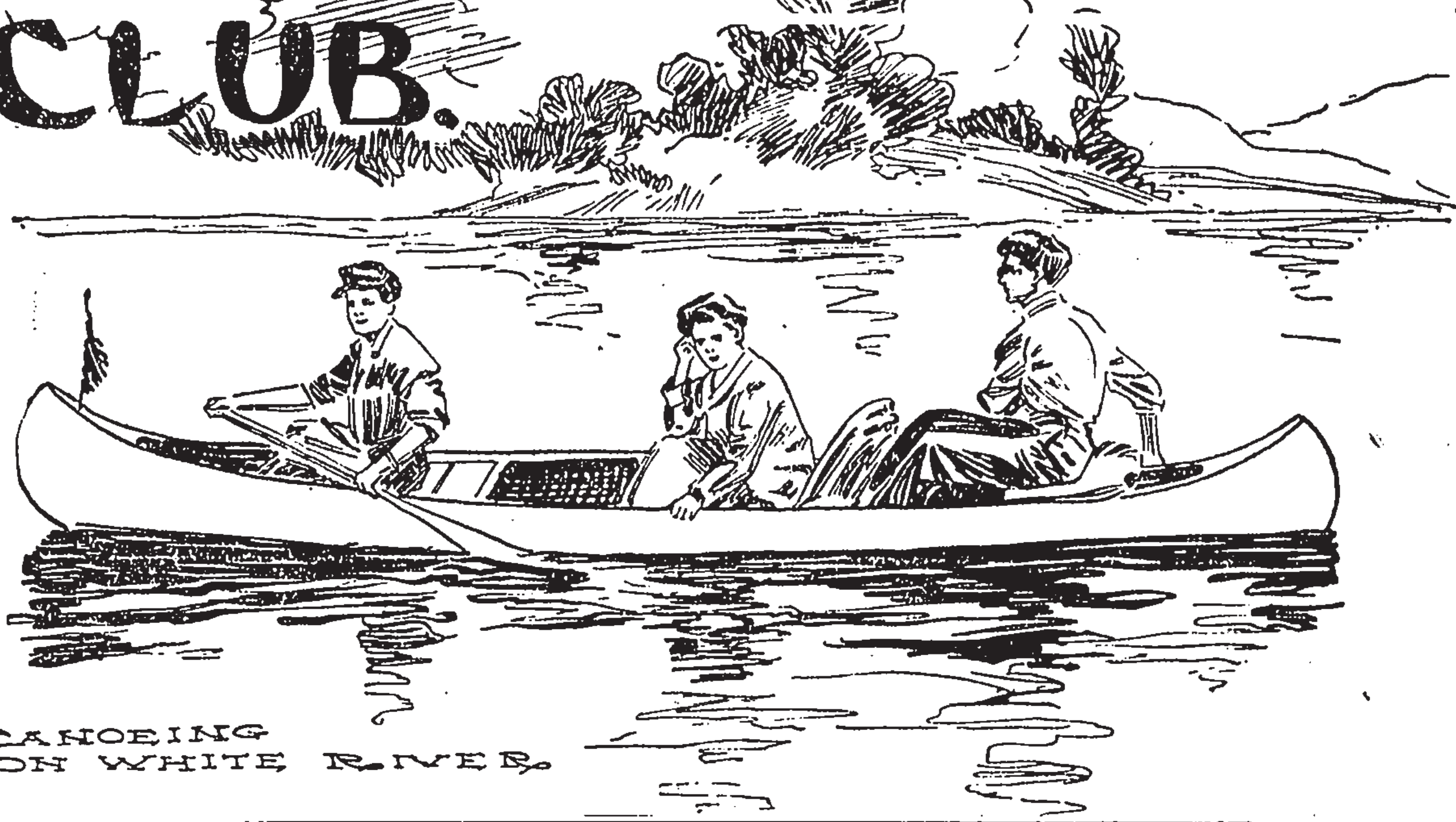
THE CITY MAINTAINS NINETEEN BASE BALL DIAMONDS







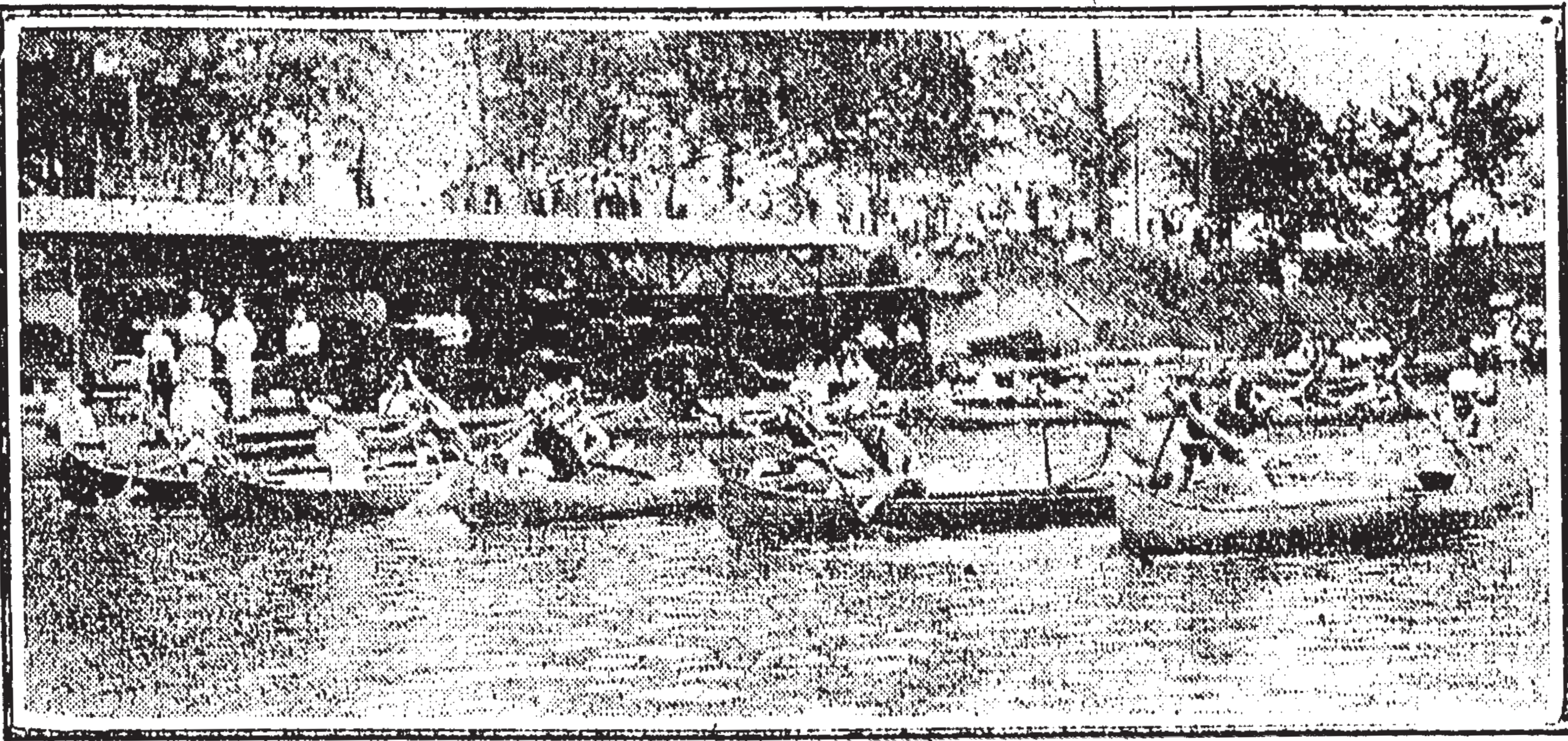
INDIANAPOLIS CANOE CLUB.



CANOEING
ON WHITE RIVER.







START OF ONE-MILE RACE.



Canoe Club, Indianapolis, Ind.





THE INDIANAPOLIS ATHLETIC AND CANOE CLUB HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY TODAY.



CASINO
GARDENS

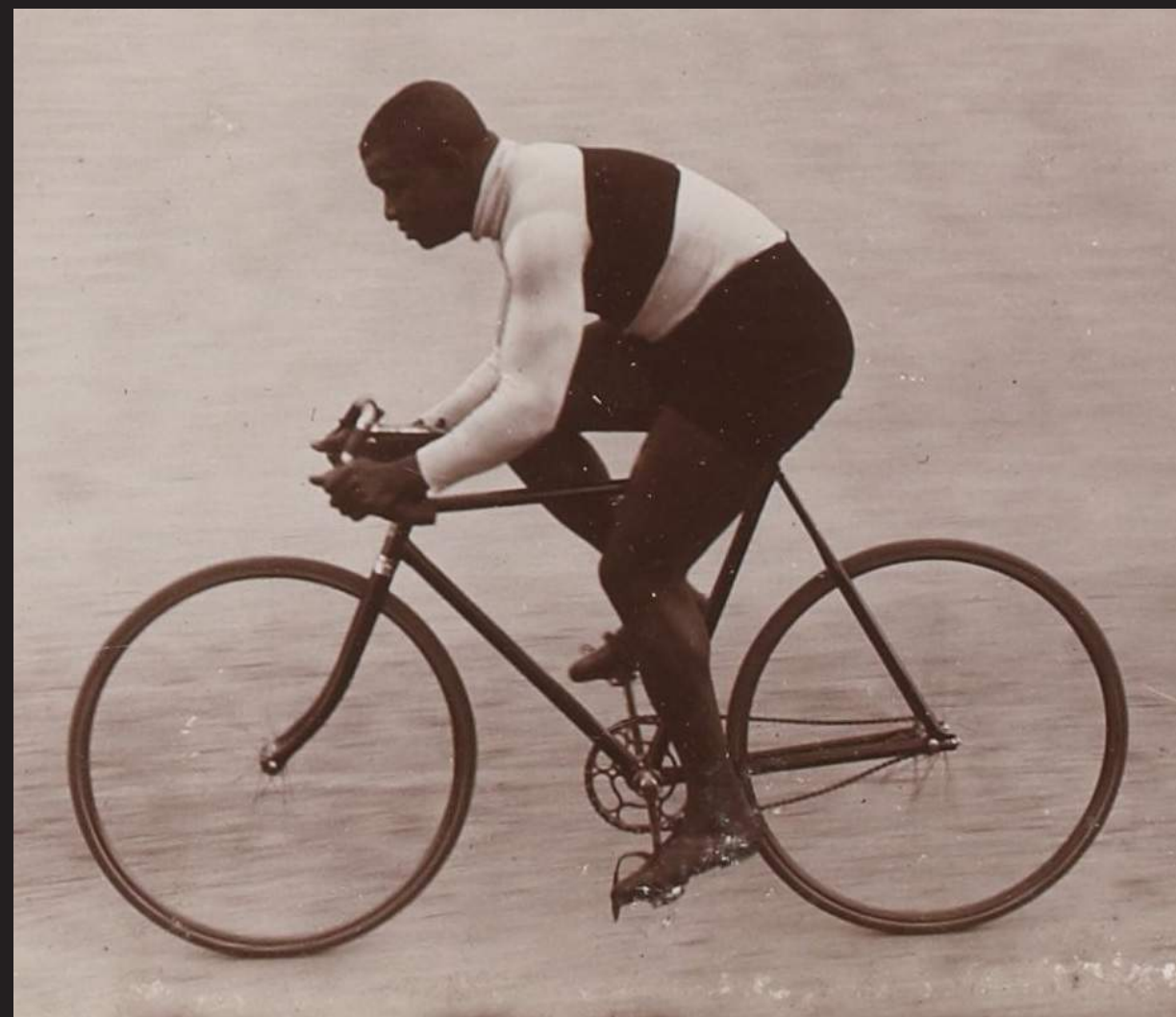
























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DENY USE OF CITY PARKS

Negroes Are Told To Go To Douglas Park By Park Head, Policy

On Tuesday morning, representatives of The Recorder, visited the office of the Board of Park Commissioners. They sought of the clerk, who waited on them, a permit to hold a picnic in a public park. The clerk proceeded to issue the permit, but when told the permit was wanted for Brookside Park, he balked. He told the Recorder representative that on account of the crowds, the park was not available for this particular date. He was then asked if the park was available for the previous day. He then informed the Recorder representative it was not available. The clerk was asked if it was available at any time and, when he could not answer the question, he ushered the Recorder representatives into the office of the Superintendent of Parks.

--: Eastern Visitor --:



Fanatic Demagogue Runs Wild In Prej. Ecstasy

Indianapolis, Ind.,
248 W. Maple Road
July 1st, 1926

Clarence Darrow, Atty.,
Chicago, Ill.

DEAR SIR:

Scanning the INDIANAPOLIS STAR of date, June 28th, I was very glad indeed to note in your publicity article that you could say no more than you did, before that Negro Convention held in Chicago, against the mighty, decent-thinking folks of your race for their logical decision to end this repugnant wave of Negro invasion into White society and White residential communities. As it was, what you did say, was mere "Nigger talk."

If you admire and would so gallantly uphold the Negro...



