



# Ridge Historical Society

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# NEWSLETTER

February - March 2005

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## Another Burglary at Washington Heights

The series of burglaries that has annoyed Washington Heights merchants the last few months, and baffled our local police, continues to grow. Last Sunday night robbers gained admittance, through a transom, to the Chinese laundry, owned by Ching Bing, and rifled the cash drawer. They escaped with about \$5.00 of Ching Bing's money.

**Weekly Review**  
**June 1915**



President Bill DeHaan (left with shovel) with directors and officers breaking ground for their new home.

## THE HISTORY OF CHESTERFIELD FEDERAL

One day late in 2004, a huge "cherry picker" truck appeared at 108th and Western Avenue and set about a bittersweet task: taking down the huge, familiar Chesterfield Federal Savings & Loan Association logo and hanging a MidAmerica Bank sign in its place. The 80 year family leadership of that business had passed through three generations of DeHaans: from founder Abel A. to his sons Ed, then William, and to Ed's son Michael.

Born in 1895, Abel A. DeHaan was oldest of five children orphaned when their parents died in 1907 and 1908. He managed to work during high school and attend business col-

lege, joining Finn Realty Company in 1912 at the age of 17. Early in the 1920's, Abel A. DeHaan sensed the area was on the verge of a large development thrust outward, and there was a need for a financial institution, a decided asset in financing of real estate loans. Thus it was that in February 1924, in a 25 x 40 foot space on the corner of Lyons Avenue (93<sup>rd</sup> Street) and Cottage Grove, he established Chesterfield Savings and Loan Association. The name was taken from the new name of the local community, which until shortly before had been called Burnside. He shared the space occupied by Finn & Company.

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**Amateur Railway  
Collectors**

When the Ridge Record announced that the Rock Island road intended to discharge ten faithful employees who had been fare collectors and substitute office clerks to do this work as part of their daily routine, numerous persons said that the idea of supposing that the road would take such action was absurd.

The deed has been done and on Monday several intelligent but evidently "green" men with no uniform but a cap appeared on the trains. Probably it will be several weeks before all the changes are effected.

*Ridge Record*  
July 1902

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The Association received Illinois' third federal charter in 1934, adding "Federal" to its title. When Finn died in 1932, the realty business was continued by Abel and his brother, Henry and over the years, other branches of the DeHaan family were associated with insurance and realty. Throughout the depression and the war years of the 1940's Chesterfield just kept growing.

Long term employment was the custom in those days, and that was certainly the case at Chesterfield. Helene Kelley reported to the one-room office of the young business in June, 1928, as its only employee. "Little did I dream that job would turn into a 50 year career," she said at the time of her retirement in 1978. She was both bookkeeper and teller and also ran the insurance department. She worked directly for Abel A. DeHaan and called him "a no nonsense boss, but very fair and kind." She was First Vice President when she retired. Two months later, Mrs. Kelley's responsibilities were assigned to Mary Pritchard, who had been with Chesterfield "only" 22 years.

Sheldon Budd was another "long-termer." He and Ed DeHaan were best friends as youngsters, so he was frequently in the home. Abel was like a father to him. Sheldon first went to work at Chesterfield shortly before World War II, served his country and returned and worked his way up through the ranks. He had been senior vice president for years when he retired after 50 years. Julie DeHaan recalls "Budd Night's" retirement party in June, 1990. Specially wrapped beverage cans listed their ingredients as Joy, Concern and Friendship.

In 1952, Chesterfield and Finn Realty moved 10 blocks north into a beautiful new red granite building at 8300 Cottage Grove. Abel and Edna DeHaan's eldest son Edward C. had joined Chesterfield in 1937, assuming many positions in Chesterfield's management. When Abel became chairman of the board in 1961, Edward

was elected president. Like his father, Ed was widely acknowledged and recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the industry, and was a director of Federal Home Loan Bank.

Abel C. died in January, 1963. Exactly two years later, Ed died suddenly at the age of only 46. William A. DeHaan, who had joined Chesterfield in 1947 following his wartime service, was elected to succeed his brother in January, 1965. Ed's son Michael joined Chesterfield in 1967 just after college, and 10 years later became Chesterfield's president when Bill DeHaan moved up to chairman. Mike continued to serve until the business merged in 2004.

The successful business had grown so rapidly that plans were begun in 1960 to "go west" and build much larger quarters in Beverly / Morgan Park. In autumn, 1966 Chesterfield broke ground at 10801 S. Western, a block-long parcel of land 115 ft. deep. Local Boy Scouts helped to clear vacant land of debris and litter. Only one house and the popular Snackville Junction restaurant needed to be removed to erect the distinctive white structure with 54 contemporary white arches (a style described as "neo Roman"). The January blizzard of 1967 delayed the building schedule.

As the business thrived and southside migration continued, two more offices were opened: Palos Hills in 1976 and Frankfort a year later. Property at 10701 S. Western was also purchased and upgraded to provide expanded hours and greater customer service with a drive-up facility. These offices and Chesterfield's continued growth were a tribute to the community service philosophy established 50 years prior.

It is no secret that the game of golf has been an extremely important DeHaan family pastime. However, the family also has participated actively in community affairs. Both

### Come Birdie Come

Tonight at Blake Hall, Mr. F.M. Woodruff, of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, will give an illustrated talk on "Birds of Chicago and Vicinity." The lecture will have the aid of colored stereopticon views. Mr. Woodruff is an authority on birds and knows them and they know him. He has studied their ways and characteristics. Choruses of school children will sing bird songs. The affair is under the auspices of that most admirable society, the Public School Art League, and the admission price is: Adults .25; children .10; birds free.

**Ridge Record  
May 1902**

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**Bitten By Cat**

Arnold Heinemann, 10 year old son of Mr. Henry E.O. Heinemann of 1625 W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Street was bitten in the face by a cat last Thursday while attending the Barnard School. The cat was a school pet. A doctor treated Arnold's wound. The cat was taken to the city pound to be examined for rabies.

*Weekly Review  
June 1915*

**Flu Menace  
Causes  
Suspension of  
Patriots' League**

The Ridge Patriots' League meeting, scheduled for Friday night at the Morgan Park Congregational Church, has been suspended because of the influenza epidemic, it was announced last night.

*Weekly Review  
October 1918*

## MORGAN PARK ROOTS PROGRAM SET FOR FEBRUARY 13TH

During February, Ridge Historical Society will feature "Morgan Park Roots" stories of 100 years and more of the African American presence in Morgan Park.

Anyone with stories, photos or other information to share may leave a phone message at RHS, (773) 881-1675 or call Sue Delves at (773) 445-5806.

An exhibit opening and conversation about this rich history are scheduled for 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 13 at the Society, 10621 S. Seeley Avenue. Prior to that time there are opportunities to share stories by calling the above numbers.

Dr. Robert Wooten, Sr., founder-director (ret.) of the Wooten Ensemble, Dorothy Connie, of the Morgan Park High School International

Baccalaureate Program, and Belinda Robinson-Jones, African-American researcher and historian, are helping RHS gather the people and their stories across several generations.

Early families came to Morgan Park as early as the late 1880s, lured by friends who had found this farmland at a distance from the city (rather than tenements) mostly east of Vincennes. They found employment at the Pullman Works, at Chicago Bridge and Iron, as Pullman Car Porters, and as domestic workers for Morgan Park families. Churches such as Beth Eden Baptist and Arnett Chapel A.M.E. were among the earliest to be formed.

The search for information will continue beyond February.

### Board of Directors Meeting

#### **November and December Action Items**

Approved a motion to allow the Beverly Area Planning Association to hold its annual holiday party at RHS headquarters.

Approved a motion to allocate funds to reprint the RHS membership brochure.

Approved a motion to honor the Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club at the 2005 annual dinner.

Approved a motion to appoint Peg Mackle Kapustiak to the RHS Board.

Appointed the 2005 Nominating Committee (M. Maldre, L. Lamberty, E. Hoover, G. Kuikman and E. Klees) which will prepare a slate of candidates to present to the membership in early 2005.

*Carol Flynn, Recording Secretary*

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Bill and Mike worked closely with other financial institutions in support of BAPA as it took a new role in promoting Beverly/Morgan Park, and their support of many other community institutions such as Beverly Arts Center is legend. Bill's wife Jane was active with the Ridge Service Guild, and Mike's wife Julie has been extremely active with Morgan Park Juniors and Morgan Park Woman's Club, BAC, and Ridge Historical Society. Chesterfield's lower level has been the meeting place of many local organizations, especially Morgan Park Juniors, and will continue to be a center of activity for Bev Mor Senior Services, presided over by Hannelore Smith.

As Mike and Julie prepared for a relaxed golf vacation, he commented, "I will be forever grateful to this community and its organizations, such as RHS, whose support and kind words have meant so much throughout the years." And that community will, likewise, be forever grateful to their family.

*Sue Delves*

## RHS HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT



At the October 13, 2004 RHS board meeting, the board moved to direct the Historic Buildings committee to investigate the re-development of the plaque recognition program for houses/buildings and report back to the board. At the time, RHS periodically was receiving inquiries regarding the program. The committee met in November at the home of Joel Morbito and began by discussing the history of the historic plaque program.

The program was initiated by BAPA following the designation of the Ridge Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. With the efforts of part-timer and grant writer Mary Quinn Olsson, BAPA received a monetary award from the Illinois Department of Conservation, now the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, for developing a plaque program. Mary Q. Olsson and RHS board member the late Robert J. White worked together to develop a list of buildings to be recognized throughout the district with a plaque.

Buildings were chosen based on their architectural and/or historic significance combined with their location and visibility throughout the district. Signs were produced by Tuscher Signs. After the money from the grant ran out, the plaque program lay dormant for many years. Later, the RHS Historic Buildings Committee began its own recognition program by awarding certificates to property owners of buildings of architectural significance. Some of these property owners, at their own cost, had Tuscher Signs create plaques for their homes. Since neither BAPA nor RHS continued responsibility for the program, many property owners, if interested, had signs created on their own over the years.

Following the discussion of the history of the program, the committee discussed the re-introduction of the plaque program with the

committee taking responsibility for the program. Committee members agreed to develop an application process, revisit the RHS Certificate program and how it was and could be used to award further plaques, and funding for the program.

### Notes from the November 29, 2004 Committee meeting

The agenda for this meeting was a follow up to the November 1, 2004 meeting on the subject of RHS certifications and building signs. Attending the meeting were Mary Olsson, Bill Sandstrom, Mati Maldre, Gary Westefer, and Joel Morbito.

Mati presented his research on the correlation between RHS Certificates and the outdoor signs. It turned out there is not as much coordination as there should be. The Committee concluded that anyone who has received a certificate should be eligible for a sign. The homeowner would probably have to pay for the sign as the likelihood of grants is slim to nonexistent.

In reviewing the certificate lists, it was determined that more certificates have been awarded than in Mati's references and Joel will try to find the complete list.

Discussion was held on the need to award certificates to buildings by significant architects that have not been recognized. Important architects with work in the community include George Fred and William Keck, Howard Van Doren Shaw and Paul McCurry as well as others.

A brief discussion with no conclusions was held concerning the recent purchase of the Rotary founder's house and the significance of that to RHS.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:30 pm at 9101 S. Damen Av.

*Jennifer Kenny*

### Not A Police Station

The Rock Island trains now come and go from the Grand Central Station, corner of Fifth Avenue (present day Wells Street) and Harrison Street. This station was formerly called the Harrison Street Station to distinguish it from the Polk Street Railroad Station. This name, however, was found a rather ambiguous one because of the better known Harrison Street police station two blocks away. A charitable lady once asked a prisoner in the county jail, "What station in life did you occupy before rum brought you here?"

"O, all of 'em, mum, but mostly the Harrison station," was the reply.

### Ridge Record July 1911

## SMALL WONDER EXHIBIT HUGE SUCCESS

### Watch Your Benny! Overcoat Thieves are Infesting the Ridge

With the approach of winter the overcoat swindling gag has appeared in the Ridge district. A young man tried to perpetrate it on Mrs. John L. O'Donnell who was a bit too keen to allow him to get away with it.

An unknown young man mounted the steps of the O'Donnell home at 1034 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Place Friday morning and told Mrs. O'Donnell that he had been sent by her husband for the latter's overcoat. He wished to repair the overcoat, he said.

"I'll wait and ask my husband about it first," Mrs. O'Donnell said. The stranger beat a hasty retreat saying that he would return Friday evening. He has not been seen since.

### Weekly Review October 1918

The Ridge Historical Society saw another enthusiastic turnout for SMALL WONDER during the 2004 holiday season. Again thanks to Ed and Lori McGunn, all aspects of the event were FREE to all! On display were some of the same wonderful pieces from last time, plus a few very special new ones. An added attraction this year was Joan O'Connor's exciting American Girl doll collection, which includes Felicity, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, Molly and many pieces of their furniture and other accessories.

We must thank our own Carol Flynn for her considerable treasures, time and expertise, and Linda Stearns for her divine southern plantation, plus two additional dollhouses and dedicated PR efforts. Joan Wynne Murphy produced a lot of publicity, ran errands, served food and, last but not least, brought in (through her daughter, Liz) the fabulous Hank Kupjack in January to speak on the renowned Kupjack Studio (Park Ridge, IL), collections and family story.

Herman and Lois Schell, who put a good deal of time and muscle into preparations, also loaned a dollhouse that kids were allowed to handle. Others to thank for loans and/or help are: the Black family, Michelle Burke with Kent Lamberty, Gene Delves, Victoria Granacki, Dana Gregorich, Amy & the Kintner family, Dirk Kitzmiller, Kanani Caauwe, Parnell O'Brien, Ray Sauter, the Steadman family, Michele Arden Stern and Steve Zang. Julie DeHaan rounded up volunteers and we thank them all, as well as Jennifer Kenny, who updated and created signage.

Sue Delves, with Kelly Wenner of St. Paul's Bible Church, did a bang up job staging a gingerbread house workshop at the church in December. Everyone seemed to enjoy making (and eating) their fantastic creations. Thanks to all who attended!

The raffle of a lovely Victorian cottage dollhouse, donated by Carol Flynn, raised a good amount of money (figures unavailable

at press time) and the winner was little Bridget Doody, whose parents are having RHS hold this special treat until her birthday on Valentine's Day.

A coloring contest with substantial cash awards for kids 14 and under featured the H. H. Waterman "Blake House" and was also sponsored by the McGunns. The rules stipulated that both parent and child come into RHS and register in person to receive contest materials, which drew in patrons from around the region and garnered some new members. Entries were so good that we're still having trouble deciding on winners, so they will be announced in the near future. All who participated are thanked and commended!

As this goes to press we are breaking down the exhibit. In the meantime, Joan O'Connor has graciously allowed us to leave her American Girl groupings on display in the Driscoll House dining room until we need the space later in the year, so be sure to come in and see them all. We want to applaud Joan for a great "tea" program for kids in December, and Linda Stearns for the "freebie" gifts for all, both young and old, who walked through the door that day.

American Girl dolls are particularly well-adapted as a tool for teaching history because each doll hails from a defining era in American history. If you have Felicity, you are presented with fashions, traditions, recipes and myriad other facts and activities of the colonial era. Kirsten lives on the prairie in the 1850s and Addy is an escaping slave on the Underground Railroad to freedom. Samantha, about whom there was a tv movie in December, is a Victorian girl at the turn of the last century and Molly is a WWII girl busy with "home front" activities. (Watch for some special RHS efforts centered on these time periods in the near future, while Joan's Felicity, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha and Molly are still around.)

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## SMALL WONDER

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Well, it takes two to tango, but many more to polish off an exhibit like Small Wonder. I heartily thank my co-curator, Carol Flynn, and all who helped and/or attended in order to make this event so very, very special. (And to those of you waiting in the wings with small treasures still to loan? Expect a call within the year!)

Thanks again,

*Linda Lamberty*



Top two photos show participants at the gingerbread house workshop. Photos by Lindas Lamberty. Bottom photo is of Hank Kupjack. Photo by Mati Maldre.



This winter scene of the Morgan Park business district was one of a number of photographic scans sent to us via email by John DeFord. DeFord's great grandfather, Charles William "Will" Brach, was the station agent at 111th Street from 1889 to 1935. The RHS web site attracts not only people interested in finding out more about our community, but also people willing to share information and items from their own collections. We will feature the story of the RHS web site and some of services we provide to visitors to our "virtual museum" in the next issue of the Newsletter.

## Memorial Gift Made to RHS in Honor of Late State Representative Ted Meyer

RHS has received a generous memorial gift from our member Marcella Meyer in memory of her brother-in-law Theodore (Ted) Meyer, who served our district in the Illinois House of Representatives for many years. Ted and his wife Marilu were very active in local community and political affairs. Marcella is the widow of prominent physician Dr. John Meyer.

## Too Many Burglaries

During the past two years the post office has been robbed three times and several other burglaries have been committed in this village. Not a thief has ever been caught, not a clue discovered. The latest robberies occurred at 3 a.m. while the street lights are put out, it is said, at 1:30 a.m..

One man alone is expected to cover this whole scattered community. Both these facts are interesting to the up-to-date burglar.

Until such time as the street lights burn until morning and two men patrol the village at night burglaries must be expected. To remedy the existing conditions will take cash, yet the authorities should keep in mind that less money is now spent for night police service than in almost any place of its size in northern Illinois.

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July 1902

### Dives Headlong Into Passing Automobile

A curious accident befell Harold Meredith, 10631 Claremont Avenue, 29 years old, a salesman, last Sunday afternoon.

He had parked his Chevrolet on the east side of Longwood Drive just back of the stop lights at 111<sup>th</sup> Street. As he ran across the drive bound for one of the Hillside stores, Frank Hunt, 11029 Hoyne Avenue, came down the 111<sup>th</sup> Street hill in his Willys-Knight and turned the corner southbound in Longwood Drive. Meredith, on the run, did not see Hunt's car and dashed headlong into the side of it. He was taken to Wilson's Pharmacy and later to the office of Dr. Lorenz, 1125 Kedzie Avenue.

It was thought that Meredith may have fractured his skull.

*Weekly Review  
June, 1933*



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Your membership renewal envelope is enclosed. Usually it is included in the December issue, but we were attempting to avoid an absolute overlap with the Annual Fund appeal. In 2005 we resolve to mail the Annual Fund letter earlier so we can avoid the confusion. Our members provide the financial base on which we exist, and your generous support is valued.

Membership income pays our basic operating expenses (including this Newsletter, which we know you enjoy).

The Annual Fund appeal gives you the opportunity to provide a more substantial gift, (just as most other not for profits do) which enhances much of the work areas we must maintain to achieve our mission: archiving collections, web site, program activities, exhibits and basic staff.

The Endowment Fund Luncheon proceeds are invested and only the income can be spent. To see the list of our Annual Fund contributors go to page 2.

### ENDOWMENT FUND LUNCHEON

Ridge Historical Society has chosen Morgan Park Junior Woman's Club as the 2005 honoree for its fifth annual Endowment Fund luncheon, to be held Saturday, March 19 at the Oak Lawn Hilton's Astoria Room. The honor is especially appropriate as it happens during Women's History Month.

There has never been a time in the life of Ridge Historical Society that there wasn't a crew of Juniors nearby, ready to support huge projects and small ones for us. In the early days of RHS they always budgeted \$500,

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**OUR MOTTO: IF IT FITS IT'S NEWS TO US!**

which set a standard for others.

When RHS had first acquired Driscoll House, Juniors were on hand to make a success of a Decorator Showcase. Its purpose was to show the house to the neighborhood, and create interest in the new Society. Local furniture stores each took a room to furnish in whatever way they chose. Juniors helped to coordinate and staff the hastily put together open house event.

Ten years later, Driscoll House was looking pretty shabby, and the avocado shag carpet and gold accents (not to mention some red floked wallpaper) were looking very dated. Sheila Stanczak of The Paper Place pulled together a group of decorators to create the color scheme we have today, and an army of Morgan Park Juniors set to work to remove carpet, gather accessories, paint, prepare floors for sanding and many other tasks wherever and whenever they were needed. Then they provided the volunteer staff of hostesses during the open house period.

Several years ago the Juniors applied for and received a Chicago Greencorps grant to create gardens along the driveway which they would then maintain, just another example of their commitment to the Society. Their interest also has extended to the participation of many in the operation of RHS, serving as board members and officers throughout the life of the Society.

The Juniors' never ending support, not only to the Historical Society but to many other community activities such as the BAPA Home Tour, Catholic Youth Ministry and the Beverly Arts Center Auction, might take all afternoon to celebrate on March 19. Surely you'll want to be there. To make sure you receive an invitation, write a notation on your membership

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envelope when you return it.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM FEATURES AFRICAN AMERICAN ROOTS IN THE MORGAN PARK COMMUNITY

During February, Ridge Historical Society will feature "Morgan Park Roots," stories of 100 years and more of the African American presence in Morgan Park. The project is a long-time dream of Sue Delves, who is coordinating the planning.

Continuing sessions with a few whose families have been here for several generations are producing an interesting variety of family stories, with overlapping characters who came to the Morgan Park area east of Vincennes during the first 50 years of the Twentieth Century, and some as early as the late 1880's.

An exhibit opening with conversations and storytelling about this rich history are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 13 at Driscoll House. Doors will be open, as usual, at 2 o'clock with a delayed start for the program due to the Annual Meeting

This will not be a one time emphasis, because the collection of stories will continue to grow. Anyone with suggestions or information about early families, photos, etc., may leave a phone message at RHS 773-881-1675 or call Sue at 773-445-5806.

Those helping to coordinate, promote and plan the exhibit and event are Dr. Robert Wooten, Sr., founder and retired director of the Wooten Ensemble; Dorothy Connie, of the Morgan Park High School International Baccalaureate Program; Belinda Robinson-Jones, local freelance researcher for a number of social studies and African American studies projects. Others are Mercer Jackson Billhouse, Mary Simon Sanders and Louis Hooper.

As always, classroom visits are easily ar-

ranged, and RHS is open to having other opportunities for sharing family stories during February and beyond. Week day discussions have been requested and are being considered.

## NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST ARCHIVING

The "Newspaper" Committee is back in session, meeting the first Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM and the third Thursday of the month 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Driscoll House.

We need volunteers for the Thursday morning session. Our work includes: maintaining the additions to our local newspaper collection; integrating the Doris Brown Reality files into the House File and archival storage boxes purchased for this collection; accessioning a collection of photos from the Beverly Area Planning Association donated to RHS in 2004; and archiving the scrapbooks.

Anyone interested who would like to help out once a month, please call Eileen Klees at 773-238-4221.

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We thank each and every one of the above and assure our donors that the funds will be put to good use to enable us to implement the recommendations of the professional consultants. They are in the final process of completing assessments of our housing, collection and staffing needs.

## Fire Engine Company Saves Austin Home

Had it not been for a quick response and more than efficient job in handling the work upon arrival on the part of members of the Fire Department, Company 121, the home of Guy Austin, 9563 Prospect Avenue, would have suffered severely on Monday morning.

The fire broke out over the boiler in the basement about 8 o'clock, gaining considerable headway before being discovered. Upon arrival, the firemen quickly located the blaze and, before 20 minutes had elapsed the fire was completely subdued.

Much credit is due Lt. Cullen of Co. 121 for his leadership, as well as the able assistance rendered by his men, Engineer Corcoran and Firemen Mackessey, McElligot, Prendergast, Clinton, Murphy, Conroy, Crowley and Englhart.

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**NOT TO BE MISSED****A Calendar of Events and Attractions**

You will find your annual membership renewal form is this issue.

Please return it promptly and consider increasing your membership level to help RHS continue preserving community history.

**RHS Annual Meeting**  
**Morgan Park Roots Program**  
**Sunday, February 13**  
**Driscoll House**

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An exhibit opening and conversation about this rich history are scheduled for 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 13 at the Society, 10621 S. Seeley Avenue.

The 3 pm meeting will be preceded by the RHS Annual Meeting at 2 pm with the election of new members of the Board of Directors.

**Annual Endowment Dinner**  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**Astoria Room**  
**Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel**

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Reservations required. For more information, and to make reservations call (773) 881-1675. Leave a message with a return number.

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