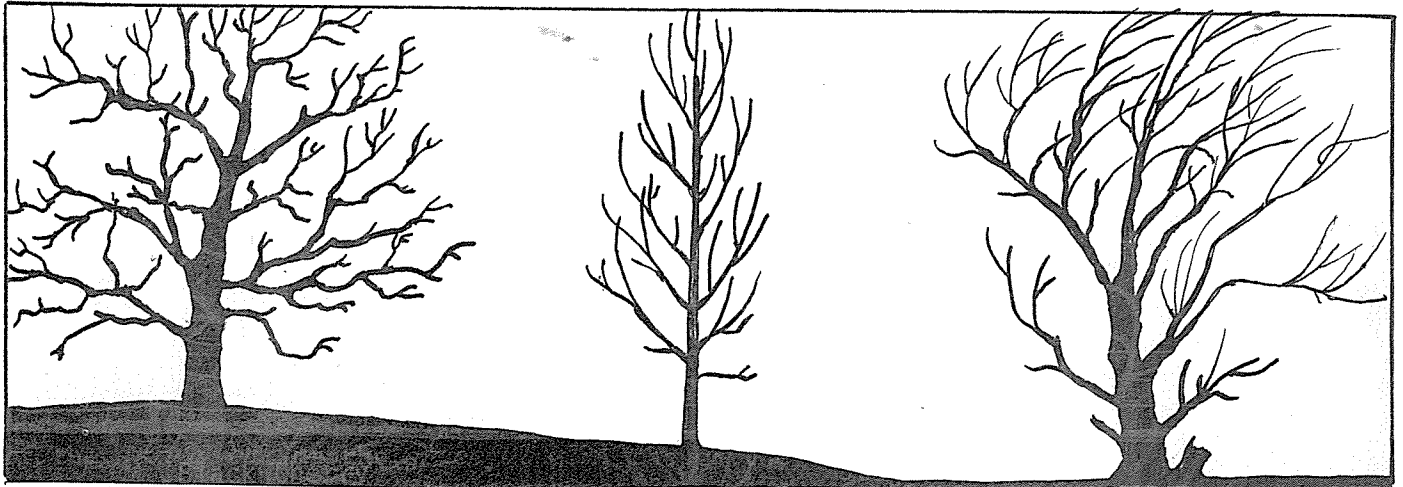


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WHAT TO SEE

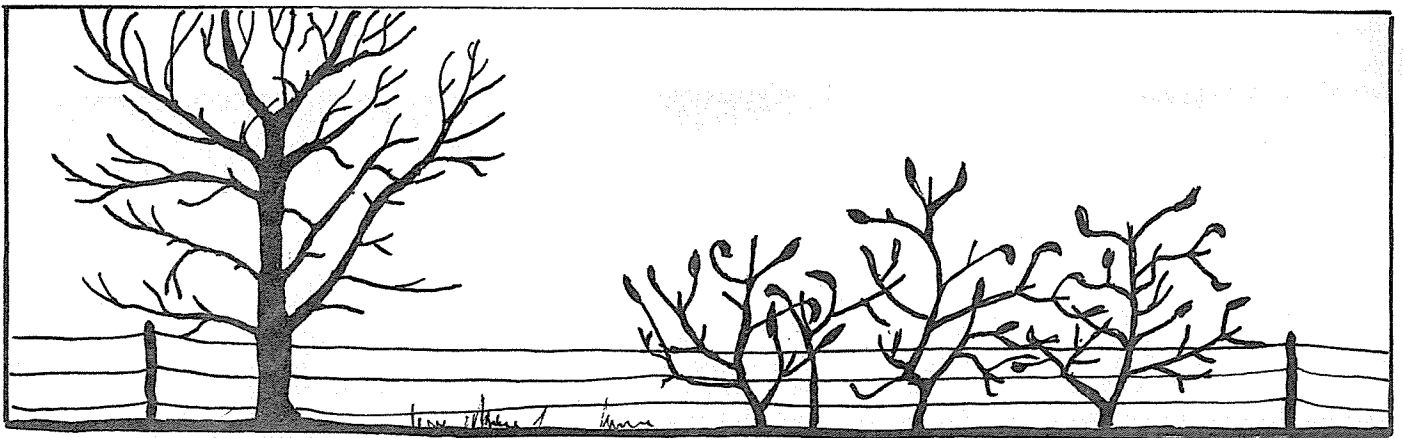
Have you taken time during this busy season to look at the trees? Perhaps their *real* character is more evident when the bare branches are silhouetted against the sky than when the trees are in leaf. As you hike along the Path you may find yourself thinking of the *sturdy oak* or the *graceful elm*, though they are almost all gone, or of the *willow* twigs. A walk to the northwest from *Lakewood* (North Avenue just east of Highway 59) will take you through wooded and open areas and past a small pond where these and many other trees can be seen.



Bur Oak

Cottonwood

Black Willow



Black Cherry

Staghorn Sumac

We welcome Mrs. Robert Headen of Wheaton to the Board of Directors. She was elected at the annual meeting last November.

WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

People often ask, "Who takes care of the Path?" During the past year the News Letter has told of the work of some of our volunteers of long standing; organizations, communities, and individuals. Recently we have had many additions to the roster of maintainers. These are our new volunteers:

<i>In Elmhurst</i>	Mr. Bruce Jensen of Elmhurst.
<i>In Villa Park</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Eaton of Elmhurst. Girl Scout Troop 298, Mrs. C. F. Stevens. Mrs. Mildred McIntyre of Lombard.
<i>In Lombard</i>	The Lombard J.C.'s.
<i>In Glen Ellyn</i>	Mrs. A. V. LaPietra of Glen Ellyn. Violet Garden Club, Mrs. F. G. Sedlacek.
<i>In Warrenville</i>	Boy Scout Troop 41, Harry Rice. Boy Scout Troop 30, Mr. A. R. Hackert Jr. Girl Scouts of Warrenville, Mrs. David Ulrey.
<i>In Wheaton</i>	Wheaton J.C.'s.
<i>Near Wheaton</i>	Mr. James Creasy.

There are still sections that need to be adopted. If you can help us, please write to Mr. Eugene Lewis, Chairman of Planning Committee, 296 N. Elm Street, Elmhurst 60126.

KANE COUNTY

Six years ago a letter written by Mrs. May Watts appeared in The Voice of the People calling attention to the desirability of using the old right-of-way of the C.A.&E.R.R. for a footpath. In 1966 the DuPage County section was leased to The Illinois Prairie Path, but not those of Cook and Kane Counties. We have never given up our hope of securing them. Mrs. George Ryerson, chairman of the Kane County development committee of the Prairie Path has been particularly active, continuing to work when the odds seemed overwhelmingly against us. She has been successful in establishing excellent rapport with the Kane County Board of Supervisors, The DuKane Valley Council, and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. We begin to be really hopeful. It is our hope that the Path may be part of the Kane County Forest Preserves. Bill Masters of Geneva has represented the Path at a number of meetings too and was interviewed on radio station WRMN of Elgin. He has been invited to serve as Path representative on the Open Space and Recreation Committee of the DuKane Valley Council.

Perhaps by the end of 1970 The Illinois Prairie Path will not terminate so abruptly at the invisible county line but will reach to the Fox River in Aurora and Elgin and connect with the Fox River trail systems.

PUBLICITY

There have been many reports of Path activities in the local and Chicago newspapers. An especially fine editorial appeared in December in the Press Publications. The Path is described in "Let's Use Our Rights-of-Way" in the January, 1970 issue of the *Reader's Digest*. An article "The Illinois Prairie Path" appears in *The Living Museum* for November, 1969. We will again participate in The World Flower Show this spring.

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