

# **NEGROES PLAN TO BE NEIGHBORS OF EVANSTON ELKS**

Unable to secure land for a clubhouse in Evanston's Negro section, west of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, Evanston Negroes are threatening to buy land next to the Elks' club in Chicago avenue and erect their building there.

Members of the Elks and nearby residents say they will not permit the invasion. William J. O'Connell, exalted ruler of the Evanston B. P. O. E., said last night his lodge never would permit it.

"We will get another location for them," he declared, "but if they persist in coming into this neighborhood there will be trouble."

Charles H. Platt, real estate broker and lawyer, who says the Negro organization has more than 100 members, declared they had been forced to consider the Chicago avenue property.

"I do not like to build next to the Elks' club," he said, "but if they will not sell us land in the Negro district then we must look elsewhere."

The property is at 1326 Chicago avenue, is owned by Swan Johnson.

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