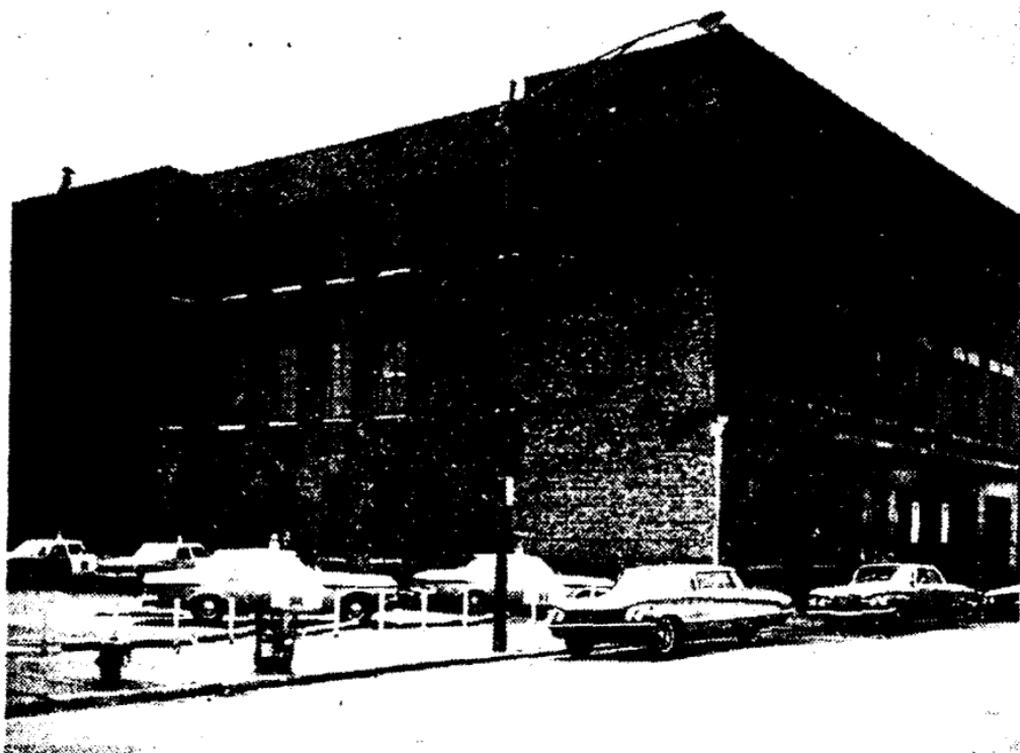


Hyde Park Station to Be Razed



Hyde Park police station, 5233 Lake Park av., will be torn down as part of urban renewal project. Station was landmark before Chicago annexed village of Hyde Park in 1889.

It Served Police Since 1876

The Hyde Park police station, 5233 Lake Park av., a community landmark, will be vacated on May 28. The station is scheduled for demolition as part of the Hyde Park-Kenwood urban renewal plan.

The Hyde Park police force will move to the Wabash station, 4802 Wabash av. New boundaries of the Wabash district will be 43d street from State street to Cottage Grove avenue and 47th street from Cottage Grove avenue to the lake, on the north. The south boundary will be 60th street east to Stony Island avenue, and 56th street east to the lake. State street is the west boundary and the lake is the east boundary.

Plan Street Location

Lake Park avenue will be relocated over the site of the present Hyde Park station to adjoin the Illinois Central railroad right-of-way. Work on the relocation of Lake Park avenue will begin in the spring of 1964. The city has been delayed in starting relocation by difficulties in the purchase of Harding museum, 4853 Lake Park avenue.

The Hyde Park police station was a landmark before the village of Hyde Park was incorporated into the city of Chicago in 1889.

The village of Hyde Park was developed from marshy lowland into a pleasant, wealthy community of large houses and broad lawns by a young lawyer, Paul Cornell. Development began when Cornell succeeded in getting the Illinois Central to stop at 53d street in return for the right-of-way.

The first church was built in 1858 by Cornell at the site of the present police station. The frame building was later remade in brick and sold in 1876 to the village for a town hall and police station.

Was Efficient Force

When the Hyde Park station was taken over by Chicago in 1889, its police force was a model of efficiency. The police chief in his annual report to the council said the village of Hyde Park, "possesses a police department well equipped,

carefully disciplined, and fully up to the standard of the Chicago force."

The station had a staff of 32 men, with 16 on patrol duty. The present station has a staff of 238 men with 145 to 150 men on patrol duty in shifts.

In 1889 in the peaceful, and almost rural suburb, police activities were mainly attending fires, taking care of sick people, and returning lost children to parents. They made 116 arrests during the year. Population of Hyde Park at the time was 133,496.