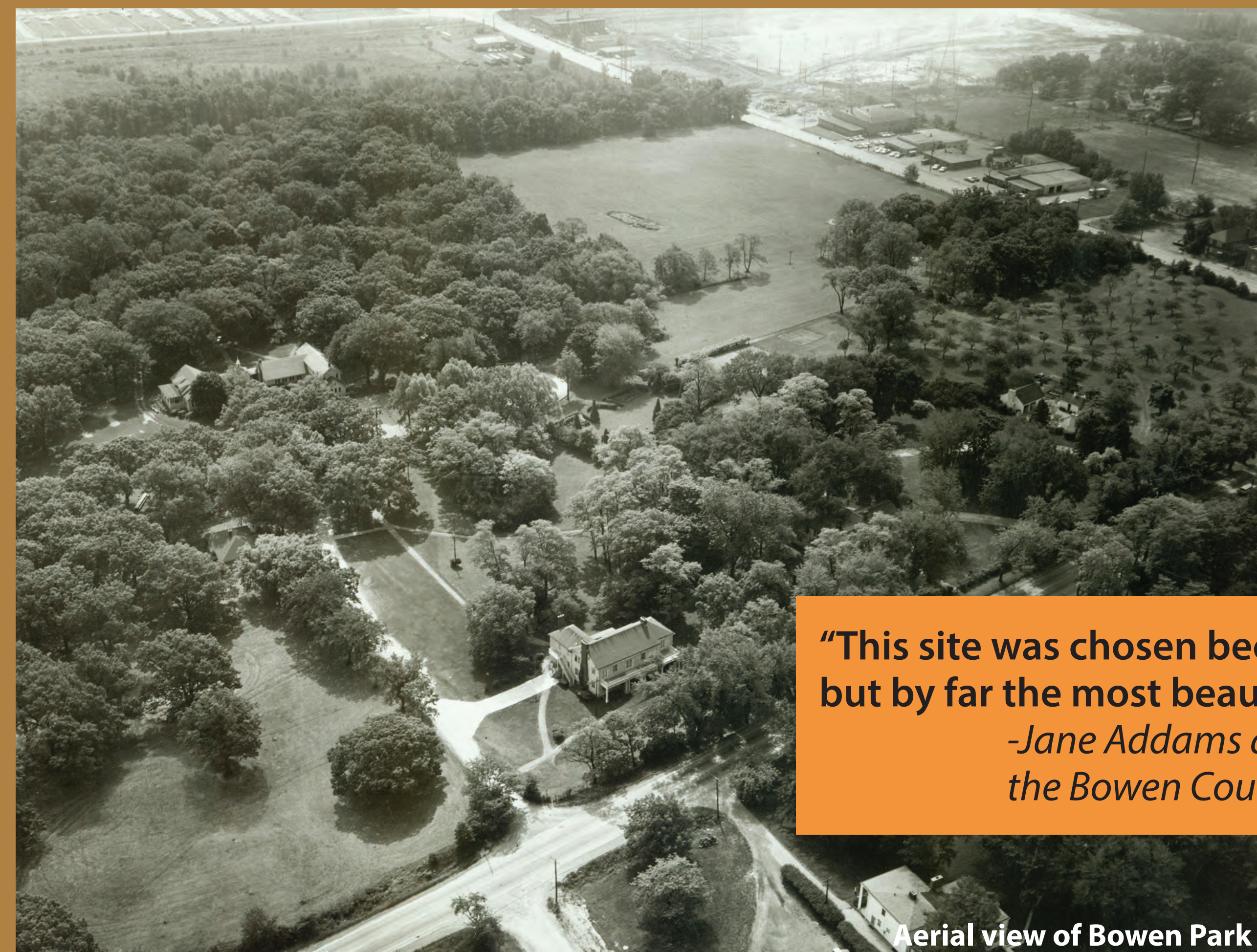


Origin of Joseph Tilton Bowen Country Club

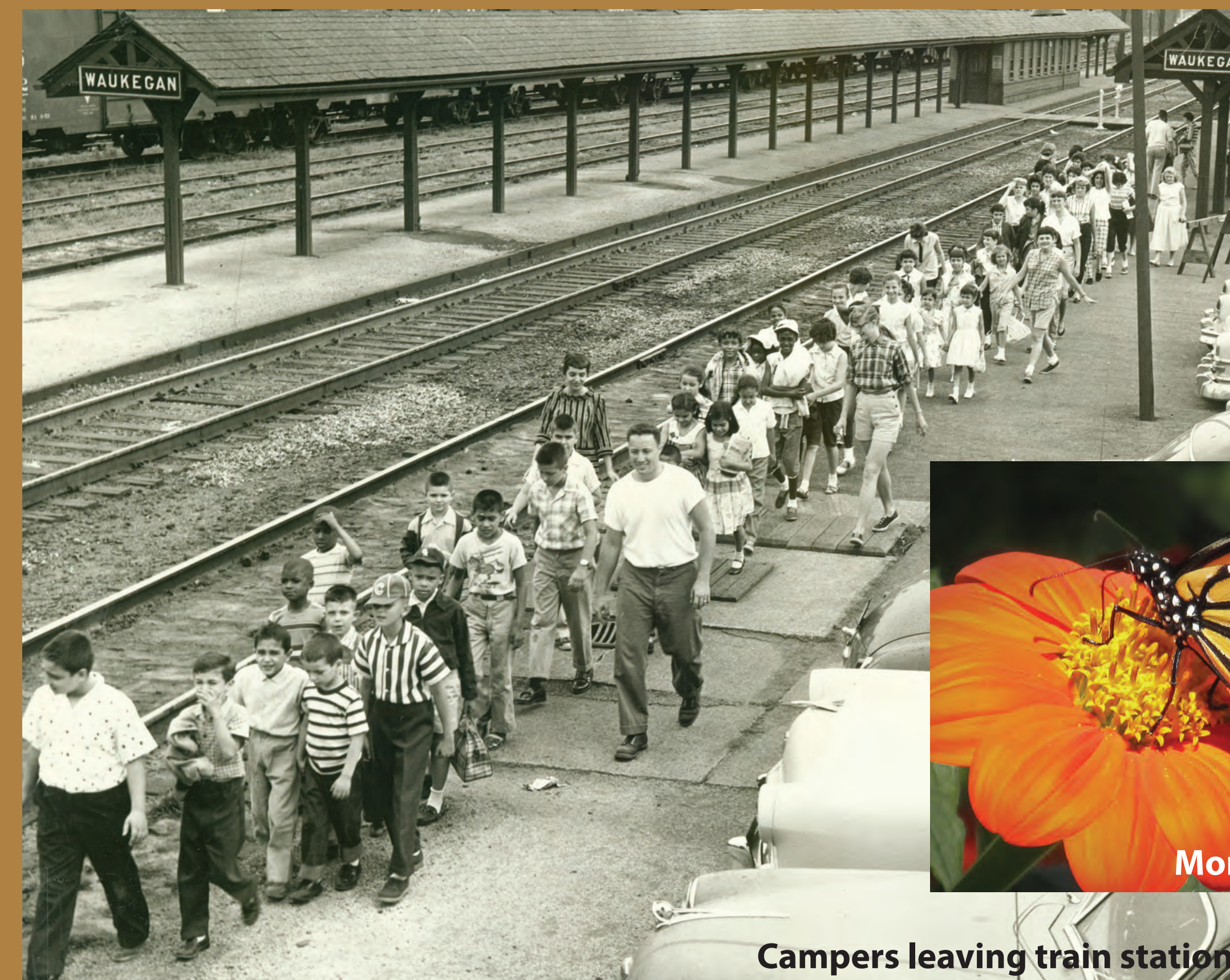
In 1911, as the Hull-House was continuing to grow in size and influence, Jane Addams wanted to provide more for the women and children of Chicago. She felt that a place in the country where the women and children of Hull-House could go in the summer and on winter weekends was needed. On Thanksgiving Day of 1911, Jane Addams and Louise deKoven Bowen came to Waukegan.

As they stood at the edge of the ravine looking over the 72 acres of tree-lined land, they knew they had found the perfect place. Louise deKoven Bowen purchased the land for \$29,000 from Mayor Fred Buck. The title "Country Club" was preferred by Mrs. Bowen as she felt this would encourage the children to feel it belonged to them and to take pride and responsibility in taking care of it.



"This site was chosen because it was not only suitable, but by far the most beautiful of all."
-Jane Addams at the Opening Ceremonies for the Bowen Country Club in 1912

Aerial view of Bowen Park



Campers leaving train station



Monarch Butterfly

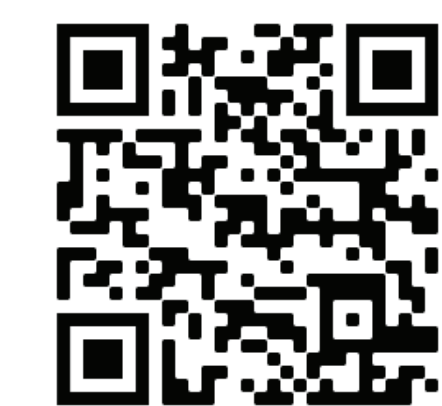
The group of campers each year was culturally diverse, representing Chicago's immigrant population. It included children of African American, German, Greek, Latino, Irish, Italian, and Russian backgrounds. When the campers arrived in Waukegan via train from Chicago, they walked up Sheridan Road until they arrived at their home for the next two weeks.



Northern Flicker

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