

\$1,000 PRIZE TEST IN JUNE

Judges in Better City Campaign to Visit Wilmette Early Next Month

SCORING IS EXPLAINED

Director of Campaign also Gives Rules

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Editor's Note: As recorded in last week's issue of WILMETTE LIFE, Dr. McKeever and a representation of graduate students from the University of Chicago were in Wilmette Tuesday of last week conducting a preliminary test to determine this community's possibilities as a winner of the \$1,000 prize in the Better City campaign. Wilmette, as a result of that meeting has been found to have a splendid chance to take first honors, it was intimated, and there will be enthusiastic interest in the final test early in June. In the accompanying article Dr. McKeever stipulates a few of the rules for the Big Test and explains the "Better City Campaign Score Sheet."

The Judges of the Better City Campaign now being conducted by the Chicago Evening American will be in Wilmette for the final decision during the first week of June. All those interested are urged to take notice and adapt themselves to the following plans.

1. Be prepared to receive the Judges in automobiles at the "gates of your city," and give them two or three hours of viewing the physical situation.

2. Have a 6 o'clock lunch meeting, and have present there to meet and respond to the questions of the Judges, at least one responsible member of each organization interested in the campaign.

3. Want Written Summary
Be prepared to hand to the Judges in type-written form, a brief summary of what you have, and what you have done as a contribution to the several points named on the score sheet below. The heads of the several departments might each be asked to turn in a sheet of this summary. See the Shawnee Better City Campaign book for suggestions.

4. The Judges will perhaps inspect one town each day. That will give each place time to put on any original feature, "stunt" or parade, that might be considered worth while. In case there is a spectacular parade or showing of any kind, perhaps we can arrange to call photographers and moving picture producers.

Better City Score Sheet
The following ten points will serve as a general guide of the workers during the period of the campaign, and will serve as the basis of judging the communities and of awarding the prize at the close.

1. Facilities for Play and Athletics.

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YE OLDE TOWNERS WILL FROLIC TUESDAY NIGHT

If you have lived in Wilmette for 25 years, or if any member of your family can claim that coveted distinction, there's a world of fun awaiting you next Tuesday evening—May 13—when Ye Olde Towne Folks foregather at the Woman's club for their annual reunion and dinner. Dinner is served at 6:30 o'clock and will be followed by business session and entertainment of rare quality. Dancing will conclude the evening of festivity.

An important feature of the evening will be the formal presentation to the Wilmette public schools of a splendid portrait of the late Dr. Byron C. Stolp, for whom the Stolp gymnasium and auditorium have been named. This picture, which has been made under direction of a special committee of Ye Olde Towne Folks, is to be paid for entirely by popular subscription.

Membership in Ye Olde Towne Folks is open to all persons who lived in Wilmette 25 years ago, to their husbands and wives, and their children and grandchildren on attaining legal age.

Those who have become eligible this year are requested to notify the secretary, James T. Watson, 1007 Linden avenue, without delay.

ASK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Preliminary plans for Wilmette's community Memorial Day observances were discussed at a meeting of representative men of the village, Sunday, at the Village hall when it was decided to defray the expense of the day's program by popular subscription. As a result of the conference Harry W. Miller, village treasurer, and Earl E. Orner, village clerk, were named as custodians of the fund, with whom contributions are to be placed. Persons desiring to help provide for an appropriate Memorial Day program are requested to leave contributions with Mr. Orner at the North Western station offices, or in the name of Mr. Miller at the Village offices.

Plans for Memorial Day include a great street procession in which all civic organizations in the community will be represented. Working with village officials are the members of Wilmette Post of the American Legion, the Legion auxiliary, schools, churches and other local agencies. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Camp Fire Girl units, school children and citizens in general are expected to enter the line of march with the war veterans in the procession that will wind its way to the memorial grove in Lake Front park where special ceremonies will be conducted.

Services of the New Trier High school band have been secured for the day and some prominent speaker will be asked to deliver the message in connection with the memorial rites, on the lake front.

POLICE CATCH AUTO BANDIT

Ley Nabs Driver of Stolen Machine

Charles E. Conley, formerly of Gary, Ind., but more recently a resident of Chicago, was arrested early this week by Clement Ley, Kenilworth motorcycle policeman, charged with stealing an automobile that is the property of Miss Mercy Summers of South Bend, Ind.

Conley was stopped by Ley while driving along Sheridan road in Kenilworth Tuesday afternoon, the policeman's suspicions having been aroused by the fact that the machine bore but one license plate. While at first uncommunicative, Conley later admitted the car was not his property and a check by the police disclosed that the machine had been stolen in South Bend.

Investigation by Ley and the Wilmette authorities further developed the fact, it was said, that Conley had tampered with the registration card which the Indiana motor laws require must be conspicuously displayed in the car and bear the signature of the owner.

Conley confessed stealing the machine in South Bend on April 23, the police said.

Conley was held by the local authorities and later placed in custody of the South Bend police.

Kenilworth officials expressed delight at Ley's excellent work in detecting a criminal on what at first appeared to be rather doubtful evidence.

Conley has a police record, it is believed.

Beware of Bogus Check Fellows, Denman Warns

"Beware of purveyors of bogus checks," Superintendent of Police Denman is warning Wilmette merchants. "If some total stranger, who cannot give evidence to prove that the check he desires to have cashed is bona fide, appears at your store," says the chief, "turn him down and as soon as he leaves, notify the police so that we can get on the trail and protect other merchants."

Superintendent Denman's warning comes as a result of several complaints that bogus check operators have been playing their nefarious practice in the north shore villages.

Central P. T. A. Holds Final Meeting Tuesday

The last meeting of the year for the Central school Parent-Teacher association takes place on Tuesday, May 13, at 3:15 o'clock in the Byron C. Stolp auditorium.

Children of the Laurel avenue school will give a program of Eurythmic dancing, and Miss Blackwell, of that school, will sing.

There will be a business meeting and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

RAVINIA OPENS SEASON, JUNE 21

Internationally Famous Summer Opera Season Starts with "Rusticana"

CREAM OF THE ARTISTS

Gennaro Papi Heads Distinguished Conductors

The 1924 Ravinia season begins Saturday, June 21, and according to a late announcement by Louis Eckstein the talent engaged for the season and the repertoire arranged promises for Ravinia this summer the greatest bill in its history.

Among the singers engaged are several who have been popular at Ravinia in former seasons, and who will be welcomed back by the patrons of this unique and delightful musical sylvan theater, and others who have won high reputations in the musical world, but who will be seen and heard at Ravinia for the first time this year. The list of operas has been increased and one additional concert conductor has been added.

The list of the principal singers, classified by range and voice quality is as follows:

Leading Artists

Sopranos—Lucresia Bori, Florence Easton, Graziella Pareto, and Thalia Sabanieva.

Contraltos—Merle Alcock, Ina Bourskaya, and Jeanne Gordon.

Tenors—Giacomo Lauri-Volpi, Giovanni Martelli, and Armand Tokatyan.

Baritones—Vicente Ballester, Mario Basiola, Giuseppe Danise, Louis D'Angelo, Desiré Deffere.

Bassos—Paolo Ananiani, Leon Rothger, and Virgilio Lazzari.

And to these are added those tried and true workers in the repertoire who are well known to Ravinia patrons, including Margery Maxwell, Philine Falco, Anna Correnti, and Giordano Paltrinieri.

The roster of conductors for the new season contains the names of Gennaro Papi, Louis Hasselmanns, Eric De LaMartar, Wilfrid Pelletier, and Giacomo Spodoni: five familiar names, but one quite unfamiliar with Ravinia—that of Mr. De LaMartar. This gifted musician is to make the programs for all concerts, and conduct them.

Martinelli in "Debut"

Mr. Martinelli, who is about to make his Ravinia debut, is important at the Metropolitan, and for that matter, whenever opera is given in the world, says Edward Moore, Chicago music critic, in a review of Ravinia attractions for the coming season and is reported to have been highly successful.

Miss Bourskaya, of course, needs no introduction at this time in a city where she made her first marked American success.

Opening Bill

The opening bill, June 21, will be a double one, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci." Miss Easton, Mr. Lauri-Volpi, Mr. Ballester, and Miss Alcock will sing in Mascagni's thriller.

Miss Bori, Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Danise, and Mr. Deffere will be in Leoncavallo's masterpiece.

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MOTHER'S DAY

The eleventh of May is Mother's Day.

It is fitting that a Sunday in the midst of the month of early flowers should be marked on the calendar as Mother's Day. April is the opening month of the year. April days are birth days. But with the coming in of May the growing year enters the period of childhood. And the thought of children at once suggests mothers.

When we were children we did not need to be reminded of our mother. In the home we were always with her, twenty-four hours of the day and every day of the year. She was near us in all our joys and sorrows; with her we ate in sickness and in health; while we slept she was not far away; we lived with her.

But as the days passed we grew more independent, we took care of ourselves more and more. Now many of us have reached life's maturer years, have become grown men and women. We have our own homes, and our children in their turn look to us for support and counsel sympathy. Our mother has gone on that long last journey, or perhaps she is still more or less active in the home.

Let us forget her love and care, Mother's Day comes in mid-May to remind us. If Mother is still spared to us shall we not send her some material token of our gratitude and love?

'NO QUORUM' AT BOARD SESSION

Three Trustees Fail to Be on Hand

The stage was set for the festivities and the cohorts of the recently victorious Home party were duly assembled at the Village hall Tuesday night to give a rousing cheer for their chieftains—but everything went kerplop.

It was the occasion of the first Village board session of the new fiscal year and the great moment when the new trustees, John Clark Baker, Clarence Drayer and John F. Wiedlin, who carried the banners of the "No Flats" contingent to a signal victory at the recent Village elections were to be formally inducted into office—but everybody was "dressed up" and nothing to do because of the lack of a quorum.

President Zipf was taken ill Tuesday and has been confined to his home this week. However, the meeting would have proceeded as per schedule had not one-half of the Board of Trustees been quite conspicuous by absence.

Reports were current that the absentees had been in the Village hall just before meeting time, but when Village Clerk and Chairman Pro-tem. Orner pounded the gavel, they were not among those present.

The new trustees, who had been ushered to their newly acquired swivel chairs, sought to conduct a session, but Clerk Orner couldn't see it that way for the very obvious reason that a quorum was not present.

A former village attorney, who was among the spectators, was queried concerning "what to do" and he promptly gave the new incumbents a brief lesson on parliamentary procedure by suggesting that adjournment was the only way out of the unusual situation.

Clerk Orner called the roll and the meeting was adjourned.

The new trustees will be formally seated—with due ceremony—at the next regular meeting, May 20, unless President Zipf calls a special meeting for next Tuesday, it was learned.

BUY EAST COAST ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Arrowood of Worcester, Mass., and formerly of Wilmette, have purchased John's Island in Indian Bay off from Long Island Sound and near the city of Greenwich, Conn. They are building a home there which they expect to occupy by July 1.

UPPER SCHOOL PLAN OUTLINED

Board of Education Asks Citizens for Expression on Proposition

TO USE NEW SCHOOL

Plan Calls for All Eighth Grade Work There

Citizens of the village who have children in the seventh grade in the local public schools have been called upon through a circular letter now being sent into the homes, to express their opinion regarding the advisability of establishing the new Ridge school at 17th street and Spencer avenue, as an upper grade school, in addition to having it provide for the children of all grades who reside in the immediate vicinity of the school.

The letter, which is self-explanatory, is being placed in the mails over the signatures of Arthur H. Howard, president of the Board of Education, and J. R. Harper, superintendent of schools, and reads as follows:

Letter to Parents
To the Parents of Seventh Grade Pupils:

"The Board of Education has had under consideration the question of organizing the schools for next year and wishes very much an expression of opinion from Wilmette citizens and especially from those homes which will have pupils in eighth grade next year. It is particularly desirable that this matter be discussed in the homes, bearing in mind the measure of responsibility which, in our school work, the pupils are encouraged to assume.

"The fine new building on 17th street is completed and will be occupied at the opening of the schools in September. The board has had in mind an upper grade school in this building at same date. The fine play grounds and excellent gymnasium provide means of ministering to the physical activities of the larger boys and girls, which are almost ideal. Rooms have been especially designed for cooking and sewing. While immediate facilities have not been provided for manual training and other activities that are needed, the plans have been prepared and these will be included as additions are made to this plant. Indeed this is the only school plant in this district that is capable of being adapted to upper grade work with the varied program that those grades require.

Would Serve Luncheon

"While the board can see the desirability of having all of the eighth grade together if it can be arranged conveniently, they do not feel like insisting upon a long journey from the extreme eastern end of the district to the school at 17th street if, in some (Continued on Page 8)

NEW TRIER BAND IN STATE COMPETITION

Members of the New Trier High school band will leave the north shore early this Saturday morning to participate in the State High School Band tournament at Joliet which begins promptly at 8:30 A. M. Central Standard time. The boys will take a before-breakfast train from Indian Hill and expect to be on the job for the opening selection.

The local band will compete with eight other high school bands, including four units representing Chicago prep schools. The boys have high hopes of coping first honors, which will entitle them to enter the big sectional tournament a little later this month. If returned winners in that contest the New Trierites will have qualified to play in the National High School Band tournament to be held in New York City early in June.

Saturday's contest will mark the New Trier band's initial public appearance in uniform. Wednesday of this week the boys "showed off" their uniforms before their fellow students at a special assembly at the school.

The New Trier band won first prize in the high school band stunt contest held last Saturday in connection with the Northwestern university circus. The band came away with a beautiful silver loving cup. The young musicians created a furor by appearing in uniforms comprising the familiar but not often paraded pajamas.