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## LEGION WILL HONOR SCOUT

**Linus Smith to Receive Coveted Eagle Medal at Assembly, Monday**

### INVITE ALL VILLAGERS

**Every Scout Troop to be Represented**

The next meeting of Wilmette Post of the American Legion will be in the nature of a consolidated assembly with all Boy Scout troops of Wilmette as guests. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Byron C. Stolp school, Monday evening, June 9, at 8 o'clock.

At this time the Legionnaires will assist the Scout executive in conferring upon Linus Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Smith, of 701 Forest avenue, the Eagle Scout medal, the highest honorary degree that can be conferred upon a Scout by the recognized board of control. This promises to be a very impressive occasion and it is the hope of the post that every legionnaire in the community "sense his duty and be present."

"The G. A. R. looks to the Legion to 'carry on,' and the Legion must of necessity look to such organizations as the Scouts to follow after the same span of years," reads a notice of the meeting. "At the scout age examples set by the elders is a big thing and the opportunity which is afforded Wilmette Post on this occasion should be felt and realized by every member of this post."

The seating facilities in the Stolp auditorium are very limited, it is explained, and the invitation is extended to all members of the Woman's Auxiliary, the parents of the scouts, Peter J. Heurter Post, Evanston Post and Winnetka Post to be in attendance. The people of Wilmette are also especially invited, it is emphasized.

"A Wilmette boy is to receive this coveted decoration," states the announcement. "The services are under the auspices of your own American Legion Post and as members of the community you should feel proud. So come out and show your interest in the young blood. After all it is they who will in the not distant future step into active civic duties. Be among these to start them off on the right foot!"

A program appropriate to the occasion has been arranged for the evening and there will be an address by a prominent Scout executive, special musical numbers and entertainment by the inimitable ventiloquist, Bradley.

### Action on Street Widening Postponed at Board Session

An ordinance was introduced at Tuesday's meeting of the village trustees providing for the widening of Fourth street, from Laurel to Greenleaf avenues, and the widening of Linden avenue, from Third to Fifth streets. The ordinance called for an extension of five feet to the road beds. Trustee Baker urged that action be postponed until the next meeting, a procedure which was vigorously opposed by Trustee Frederick Tilt.

"This matter has been under consideration for three years," said Mr. Tilt, "and surely that should be long enough. I'm anxious to have the ordinance passed immediately so that we can advertise at once for bids and get the job done this year."

"What's the Baker motion?" Trustee Hoffman inquired.

"It's not a motion," retorted Mr. Baker, "it's a demand. The rules of this body are that any report made to it may be put over upon the request of two of its members."

Trustee Clarence E. Drayer had joined the Baker program of delay, so the matter will rest until the board meets again.

### Wilmette Optimists to Attend Milwaukee Meet

A large representation from the Wilmette Optimist club will make an automobile trip to Milwaukee Friday, June 13, to attend the sessions of Optimist International to be held in the Wisconsin metropolis from June 12 to 14 at the Pfister hotel.

E. A. Dannemark, president of the local club, is official delegate to the convention.

## Youngest Optimist Wins Lofty Title of a Life Member

An atmosphere of optimism hovers over young Mr. Howard George Klem, who, at this writing, is a few days shy of being one week old.

Howard George, you no doubt have heard, is the newest addition to the Ray C. Klem household. He arrived at 7:15 o'clock Saturday morning, May 31—7½ pounds—and yelled so lustily in sheer joy of living and made everybody around the place so happy, he was immediately labeled an optimist.

Now, Howard's daddy, who conducts the Gift Shop in the Boulevard building, is an honored member of the Wilmette Optimist club. But he came into ill repute this week when his fellows in the club chided him because of his conspicuous absence from the club ranks in the Memorial Day line of march.

"I have a written excuse," retorted Mr. Klem in defense, as he produced a telegram announcing the arrival of the heir to the Klem fortunes.

"Let's make him a life member of Wilmette Optimist club," chorused the crowd after Ray completed reading the joyous message.

"So ordered," bellowed President Dannemark.

And thus, George Howard's label got the official stamp of approval.

## K. OF C. PLAN DINNER, THEATER PARTY, JUNE 15

The Wilmette Council of the Knights of Columbus plan a dinner and theater party for Sunday evening, June 15.

The affair, it is explained, is to be a sort of patriotic expression prompted as a result of the spasmodic spurts of pacifism and anti-Americanism in the various sections of the country.

A committee consisting of W. G. Obermeier and his aides, Al Schaefer and Frank Kreusch, is handling all of the details. It has been arranged that the party will dine at Madame Galli's 18 E. Illinois street, and from there will proceed to the Auditorium where the men will occupy an entire section to witness the picture "America."

All Wilmette K. C.'s, their wives and friends are cordially invited, it is announced, and those intending to be in the party are requested to get in touch with any of the members of the above named committee.

## Ravinia Prepares Free Concerts for Children

Children's Thursday afternoon programs of the Ravinia concert season will be one of the features of the summer course. This year Eric DeLamarter will conduct the Chicago Symphony orchestra on Thursday afternoons.

Several years back when similar afternoon concerts were given by the Chicago Symphony orchestra in Chicago, tickets were all sold out months in advance of the dates of the concerts. This year at Ravinia the Thursday programs will be free to children living in the north shore district. Members of the Ravinia concert season committee will be in charge of these programs.

Reports from the Wilmette campaign ticket and subscription committee show that the sales have been very slow up to June 1. People living on the north shore are urged to subscribe so that accommodating arrangements can be made.

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## BUILDING LAW BOARD ISSUE

**The Linden Crest Becomes  
"Stormy Petrel"**

According to a report submitted by John C. Blaylock to the village trustees, Tuesday night, the materials being used in the Linden Crest apartment structure in process of erection at Fifth street and Linden avenue, is of the finest quality and the best that Mr. Blaylock has seen used in the village in the past five years.

Mr. Blaylock, a former board member, had been delegated by the trustees to make an inspection of the structure. He did so and found it more than up to the standard in every particular, judging by the report he made.

The report, however, did not satisfy Trustee Baker, who declared the building was not fireproof. Under the village ordinance edifices of more than three stories must be of fireproof construction. The Linden Crest will be a three-story building, with basement. Mr. Baker wanted to know if the Wilmette ordinance properly defined a "basement." He said the Chicago building ordinance did and that the floor of a basement there had to be a certain number of feet below the sidewalk surface; if it did not reach the proper depth it would be not a basement, but a story of the building. He was not quite sure that, in these circumstances, the Linden Crest would not be a four-story structure.

Mr. Baker's point led the trustees into a lengthy argument during which Mr. Blaylock ventured the information that the building ordinance required the all footings to be five feet under ground.

"That's not the question," said Mr. Baker, "where will the floor of the Linden Crest basement be? Is that basement one-fifth under ground and four-fifths above the surface?"

The debate ended by instructing Mr. Blaylock to peer once more into the Linden Crest building, with particular orders to examine the basement dimensions.

## Celebrated 4 to 3 Vote on Board Bobs Up Again

Parliamentary procedure came in for an airing when the finance committee of the village trustees sent in a report, Tuesday night, approving a few bills against the municipality. Trustee John Clark Baker, one of the newly-elected members of that body, opened the program by an objection to the report. Mr. Baker claimed there is no finance committee of the board of village trustees in existence. President Edward Zipf thought otherwise and a debate followed.

"The chair did name the new committees for the coming year at the last meeting," Mr. Baker explained, "but there was no motion that these appointees be confirmed by the board. I have gone through the Wilmette trustees' records for the past ten years and find every precedent confirms my view, namely, that the chair's committee selections must be approved by the board. I'm raising this point to learn if the trustees are prepared to abandon that prerogative."

President Zipf ruled against Mr. Baker's contention and the latter appealed from the decision of the chair. And this was the result: Voting to sustain the chair's ruling—Tilt, Hoffman and Page; voting against the chair—Baker, Drayer and Wiedlin. The tie vote revealed the three new trustees aligned together and the three holdovers in opposition. President Zipf cast the deciding vote against the Baker contingent, and thus gave the finance committee a legal status. The bills it approved were then O.K'd.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET

The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, June 9, in the Community room at the Village hall. The hour is 8 o'clock.

## CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day will be observed in most Wilmette churches Sunday, June 8, with appropriate programs by the various church schools.

If you are interested in the children and their very own special day in the church calendar, read the Children's Day programs on the Church Page of this issue of Wilmette Life.

## Bob the 'Baccy Man Says Bees Cure Rheumatics

Robert I. Koens, yclept "Bob" to hosts of north shore village folk, and premier tobacconist of Evanston, where he has been located, local historians will tell you, since before the advent of Columbus, broke from his perennial moorings at 1624 Orrington avenue yesterday, and drifted into Wilmette.

"I'm here," he told a friend, "to either purchase or trap or steal an active bumble bee; I want and need one with a real sting, the more piercing and more powerful, the better."

"What's the big idea?" asked Bob's wondering friend, to whom the reply came:

"Rheumatism, which attacked and abandoned me years ago, is returning. The sting of a bee is an infallible cure for rheumatism. I'm itching to be stung."

In addition to knowing how to cure rheumatism, and more about tobacco than any other man, Bob is an authority on bugs, insects and other families of that ilk and a variety of the specimens of them—particularly several species of rare butterflies—which he bred, are now prized and on exhibition in the scientific department of Northwestern university.

## WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE TO HAVE LOCAL UNIT

Organization of a unit of the League of Women Voters in Wilmette will be the object of a meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, June 11, at 2:15 o'clock in the Wilmette Woman's club under auspices of the Civics and Legislation committee of the club.

Miss Edith Rockwood of the state headquarters of the League of Women Voters and another speaker from headquarters to be announced later will be present to assist in the establishment of the unit in Wilmette. There will also be representations from Evanston and Winnetka branches of the organization.

The League of Women Voters, it is explained, is a progressive movement which will mean much to the future education of the women of the community in matters of citizenship, since the membership is open to every woman voter in Wilmette. Every woman in the village is urged to attend in order to become enrolled as a charter member of the local organization. The fee is nominal and covers a subscription to the league bulletin.

## Scouts and Dads Plan Ball Game and Feast

Boy Scouts of Kenilworth will meet their fathers in a baseball game, tug-of-war, story telling and eats, Friday evening at the Joseph Sears school. The fathers as well as the Boy Scouts have been looking forward to this evening to show their skill in the national pastime and the social activities.

During the morning and afternoon of Friday, all the children in the Joseph Sears school will take part in the annual field meet. The boys and girls will be divided into three classes according to weight. The meet will be in charge of Robert Townley, athletic director at the school.

Graduating exercises at the Joseph Sears school will be held Friday, June 20.

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## TEST WILMETTE ASSETS MONDAY

**Better City Campaign Judges  
to Visit Community on  
June 9**

### WILL TOUR VILLAGE

**Open Quiz to be Held in the  
Evening**

Monday, June 9, will be a "red-letter" day in the history of Wilmette. On that day, under the auspices of the Wilmette Sunday Evening club, the village will be judged in the long-heralded "Better City Campaign" to determine whether Wilmette is entitled to the Chicago Evening American's \$1,000 prize offered for the ideal community near Chicago in which to rear children.

Dr. William A. McKeever, the Kansas author and sociologist, who has the general campaign in charge, has selected four judges of wide renown to inspect the physical assets of the village and to listen to reports of community leaders. The Sunday Evening club has gathered a group of such leaders to receive the judges, escort them about the village in automobiles, entertain them at dinner and in the evening to conduct an opening meeting at which all the good points of Wilmette can be presented for consideration.

On the reception committee which will make the afternoon tour will be representatives of the village government, schools, churches, Sunday Evening club, Wilmette Life and local business men. The tour will occupy about two hours and will include visits to parks, playgrounds, beach, churches, grammar schools, high school and residential districts.

**Dine in Club House**  
At 6 o'clock this group will be augmented by a large number of persons active in work with and for children and youth, and the entire body will dine at the club house of St. Augustine's church, Wilmette avenue near Lake avenue. At 7 o'clock the open meeting will be convened in the parlors of the club house and the judges will start their quiz.

Men and women active in the local campaign have been busy cataloging Wilmette's childhood assets and they report their chief difficulty is the superabundance of strong points. They are confident that in many respects the community enjoys advantages that are absolutely unique in the entire country.

**Eminent Judges**  
The judges who will accompany Dr. McKeever and render the final decision for the \$1,000 prize award, are the following:

Clyde W. Whipple, treasurer of the Crolier Society of Kansas City, Mo., member of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and of the Kansas City Advertiser club, an official and a trained authority in church extension work, a member and a sponsor of the Missouri State Parent-Teacher association, and with many other connections.

Dr. Earle F. Young, professor of sociology in the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; assistant director of the School of Social Welfare, a graduate of the University of Chicago and formerly a professor therein; one of the ablest authorities in social science and a discerning critic of all classes of welfare work.

Miss Lorraine E. Wooster, ex-state superintendent of public instruction, of Salina, Kansas, a high ranking official in the National Education association and in the Federation of Clubs, author of a well-known series of school readers bearing her name; a member of the legal profession, with license to practice in several states, and an expert in the consideration of all classes of school and home problems.

Miss Ellen A. Reynolds of Lexington, Ky., assistant professor of home economics in Cornell university, member of the American Home Economics association, and of the American Public Health association, with many other similar credits to her list of qualifications. Miss Reynolds will not accompany the other judges on their rounds, but will serve in the capacity of advisor.

**STORK VISITS WINNETKA**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Clore, Jr., of Winnetka announce the birth of a daughter, May 27. The baby is to be named Grace Lucile.