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ASK PUBLIC TO BACK P. T. A. IN GYM DRIVE

Kenilworth School Board Explains Situation; Urge Need for New Auditorium

With all excavation work done and the construction of the foundation for the new addition to the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth well advanced, interest in the proposed financing of the erection of the gymnasium-auditorium unit of the structure was given added impetus by a meeting of the Parents' association held on Wednesday evening, May 9, and by a letter mailed to all of the residents of the Village by the school board.

The meeting of the Parents association was marked by a further discussion of plans for raising the funds for the gymnasium-auditorium unit by popular subscription and a keen interest in the program of school equipment expansion which would provide the school with adequate facilities for the training physically and mentally of the more than 400 pupils now enrolled in the school and provide ample facilities to care for the increased enrollment which is sure to come in future years.

Botthof Heads Drive

Walter Botthof, 156 Abingdon road, was appointed by the association to head the drive for the \$60,000 considered necessary for the erection of the gymnasium-auditorium unit of the new addition to the school. A committee of twenty-five is to be chosen within the coming week to aid Mr. Botthof in making a canvass of the residents to raise the funds.

A strong basis for starting the drive is offered in the unsolicited pledges of eight residents of \$500 each, which with several other pledges that have been made, is considered as a strong indication that the parents desire the addition.

In the letter, which was mailed out on the same day by the school board, the board's problems were outlined and the exact situation relative to the need for the gymnasium-auditorium unit outlined. The letter follows:

"In order to make perfectly clear to the public the problems confronting the Board of Education, we take this opportunity to express our policy with reference to our new building program.

"It is well known by this time, that, by vote of the people, your board was authorized to bond the District to its legal limit for the purpose of furnishing adequate school facilities for our children.

Limited by New Valuations

"We had every reason to anticipate a valuation which would yield us \$140,000 from the sale of bonds. The new valuation, however, limits us to \$122,000. This same valuation likewise curtailed our income from 1927 taxes by at least \$6,000. It further curtailed our last resort borrowing capacity (i. e., by issuing anticipation warrants) to the extent of about \$5,000. The net result was an approximate loss of \$30,000 anticipated resources.

"When the bids for the new building were opened, we found that, unless money could be raised from private subscriptions, it would be impossible for the board to complete other

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Trustees Approve Tenth St. Paving; Also Alley Jobs

Paving of Tenth street north to Sheridan road from Chestnut avenue was approved at the meeting of the Village board Tuesday of this week. This long-sought improvement formed the principal item in a program of paving which also included several alleys.

The Tenth street paving, entailing a cost of \$5,156, will be projected concurrently with the improvement of the section of the street lying within New Trier township, the combined improvement to render passable a bad spot in the natural gateway to the heart of the village from the north.

The township's share in the improvement will be carried through under supervision of James A. Williams, New Trier Highway commissioner.

Alley paving projects approved by the Village board last Tuesday included:

The first alley north of Lake avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets; the first alley south of Maple avenue between 14th and 15th streets; the first alley north of Lake avenue between Wilmette avenue and Seventh street.

N. T. Music Department Gives Concert Tonight

All branches of the music department of New Trier High school will be featured in an informal concert at the school this Friday night at 8 o'clock. The program will be given merely as an entertainment for the parents and as a practical demonstration of the work that has been accomplished by the musical department of the school.

The evening's concert will be opened by a selection of numbers presented by the Wilmette Grammar school orchestra, under the direction of Miss Catherine Granquist, formerly a student at New Trier and at present a member of the faculty of the Wilmette schools.

The program will include numbers by the New Trier Glee clubs, chorus and orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Marian Cotton, musical director of the school.

It will also include several selections played by Miss Pauline Manchester of Glencoe, prominent pianist, who last Monday evening appeared in Recital Hall of the Fine Arts building in a recital under the auspices of the Society of American Musicians.

Want Kenilworth Addition Rezoned as Residential

A petition signed by approximately 100 persons, requesting an amendment to the Village Zoning ordinance changing the classification of the Kenilworth Park Addition territory (lying immediately west of the North Western railway right-of-way and extending to the Kenilworth limits), from commercial to residential, was presented at the Village board session Tuesday of this week. The petition was referred to the Plan commission for investigation, and recommendation.

RESURFACE GREGORY AVE.

The Village board Tuesday evening approved the resurfacing of Gregory avenue with macadam pavement, from Park avenue west to 15th street.

Expect Decision Soon on Cleaning Plant Application

The Wilmette Plan commission has taken under consideration the application for a special permit, submitted by Schultz and Nord, Wilmette tailors, to use a building at the foot of Washington avenue, at the North Shore line tracks, for a dyeing and cleaning plant employing not more than five persons.

Following a public hearing on this application, held by the commission last Tuesday evening at the Village hall, Chairman Frederick J. Newey announced that the Zoning commission would make a scrutinizing investigation of the premises in question and render its decision in the near future.

At last Tuesday's hearing the firm of Schultz and Nord were represented by Attorney C. C. Carnahan, while opposition to the proposed cleaning establishment were represented by Attorney E. A. Zimmerman.

Chairman Newey made it plain that the hearing was called purely in compliance to state law which demands Zoning commission hearings on all such special permit requests.

Schultz and Nord, it was brought out at the hearing, were in no way responsible for newspaper advertising appearing in WILMETTE LIFE last week which indicated that the proposed dyeing and cleaning plant was already in operation. This fact was established when Lloyd Hollister, publisher of WILMETTE LIFE, explained that an advertising campaign in connection with the proposed plant had been inaugurated prematurely and in error by the advertising department of the paper and absolutely without the sanction of Schultz and Nord.

PASS ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for inspection of all electrical installation in the village was passed by the Village board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. This action was in conformance with Illinois statutes.

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the logical way
to solve your
PRINTING
problems

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TELLS HOW

ALL NEXT WEEK WILL BE "CLEAN-UP" WEEK

Householders and Business Folk Urged to Co-operate in Clearing Away Rubbish

Monday, May 21, marks the formal inauguration of Wilmette's Clean-up Week, authorized by the Village board and having the active endorsement of the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce.

While no definite program is outlined for the Clean-up period, the call goes out to all householders and all business folk to make a special effort to have their premises thoroughly renovated insofar as accumulations of rubbish and refuse in general are concerned.

Trucks of the Village department of public works will be placed in readiness to cart away all rubbish deposited in the alleys. This service will augment the customary ash removal service provided by the department, according to Superintendent C. C. Schultz.

Store and shop owners have received an especial appeal from Superintendent Schultz in a letter addressed to the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce and which reads as follows:

"To the Merchants of Wilmette:

"I want to make an earnest appeal for your co-operation and support in keeping our business section clean. This can only be accomplished by a united effort of the village and yourselves. We are trying to do our part, and are now asking you to do yours.

"If each individual merchant will see to it that his waste paper and rubbish are not allowed to blow onto the street, it will be a big step in the right direction. Please help us in this, as without your co-operation our task is almost impossible.

(Signed) C. C. Schultz
Superintendent of Public Works"

Radio Artists to Appear in Program Here Sunday

"Good Amusement in Wilmette" is the promise of A. E. Miller who this week sent forth an announcement of an entertainment to be given in the Wilmette Masonic temple auditorium Sunday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock, by outstanding artists from Radio Stations WMAQ, WQJ, and KYW, under the general supervision of the Chicago Daily News radio station.

"The entertainment," reads the announcement, "will consist of star features from WMAQ, WQJ, and KYW, including the Whitney Trio, Robert Whitney, director; the Chicago Concert company and quartet directed by Frank Bennett, and the Theatre Club Dramatic company under personal direction of N. H. Miller, presenting extremely interesting offerings, furnished through the courtesy of KYW."

Invite All Civic Groups to March on Memorial Day

All civic organizations in Wilmette have been invited by Wilmette Post of the American Legion to participate in the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies on May 30. The parade will get under way at 10 A. M. Complete details of the Memorial Day program will appear in next week's issue of WILMETTE LIFE.