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CONTINUE WAR ON HIGH TAXES

Citizens' Association Urges Member to Fight for Cut in 1929-30 Tax Bills

The North Shore Citizens' Association, Inc., a non-profit organization made up of north shore property owners, which a year ago launched a movement to assist its membership in obtaining equitable adjustment of 1928 tax bills, is laying its plans to continue similar activity in regard to 1929 and 1930 tax bills, or during the balance of the current quadrennial.

To further this work the association is asking its members to retain their membership status by payment of the \$5 fee per tax year and is urging every taxpayer in New Trier Township to affiliate with the organization on that basis.

Make Good Progress

A communication sent out to members late last week by the audit committee of the association, Charles von Weller, chairman, calls attention to the fact that almost insurmountable difficulties have been coped with and in a measure overcome in reference to securing readjustments of 1928 tax bills and that a sound foundation has been laid to carry through this work with marked success in relation to adjustments of 1929 and 1930 tax bills.

"While the work done so far has has been largely to provide protection, so far as possible, on the 1928 taxes, the nature of the effort has been such that a very substantial foundation has been laid for equalizing the valuations for the 1929 and 1930 taxes," the committee states. "This provides a logical appeal for membership from every taxpayer in the township. If our efforts are productive of the results we have reason to hope for, not only our own members but every taxpayer will benefit because of the setting up of sounder and lower land valuations and establishing fairer standards of determining valuations on corner influence, and a fairer application of the depth factor."

Work Within Income

"An audit of our expenses," the report explains, "now on file at the association office, and open to inspection shows that we have been fortunate in being able to accomplish all this work (readjustment of 1928 tax bills) and still keep within our income of \$5 per member."

"There is very little disposition on the part of the valuation staff of the Board of Assessors to give any voluntary relief from the remaining inequalities existing in New Trier township for the remainder of the quadrennial (1929-1930) assessments," the report reads. "It is absolutely necessary that the fight for just valuations for these two years be continued. The Board of Assessors have

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Call Contributors to Chest Meeting

The annual meeting of the Wilmette Community Chest association will be held in the Wilmette Village hall Monday evening, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting, the work of the Chest for 1930 will be reviewed and reports received from the various officers. The principal purpose of the meeting will be the election of five members of the Advisory board to succeed the following whose terms expire: Robert M. Johnston, C. Miles McDonald, Mrs. Paul L. Roche, Dan G. Stiles, Judson F. Stone.

All contributors to the Chest are members of the association and it is the hope of G. H. Redding, president that they will display their interest in the work by being present at this meeting and assisting in the election of those who will guide the work of the Chest during the ensuing year.

Jubilee Quartet at Sunday Evening Club

The Hampton Jubilee quartet, world renowned exponents of Negro spirituals and plantation songs, from Hampton institute, an educational project for the advancement of the Negro race, will give the program at the Wilmette Sunday Evening club November 16 in the First Congregational church.

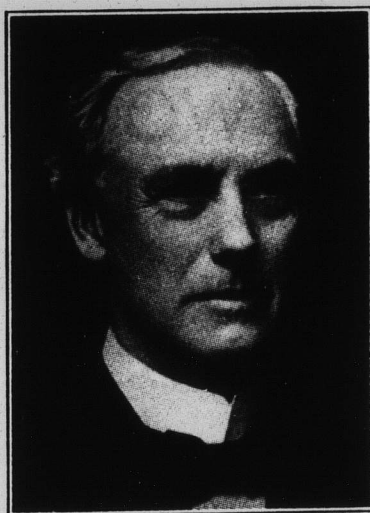
The Hampton Institute quartet is known the country over for the singing of the Old Plantation songs. These constitute the only original folk music in the English language and for that reason, as well as for the melody, rhythm, and deep religious quality, are prized as a national possession.

These songs are made up of various types, the most familiar of which are the spirituals, but there are also work songs and dance or play songs. The spirituals are more numerous and are the most interesting as well as the most beautiful.

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Interim Pastor



Dr. Charles H. Beale comes to the pulpit of the First Congregational church of Wilmette as interim pastor until a successor can be found to Dr. Vere V. Loper, who recently accepted a call to the First Plymouth Congregational church of Denver.

Dr. Beale was for twenty years the minister of Grand Avenue Congregational church in Milwaukee. Since retiring from the Milwaukee pulpit when his son succeeded him, he has served a number of Congregational churches as interim pastor. Among them are First Congregational church, Oak Park; Congregational church, Winnetka, and First Congregational church, Madison, Wis.

Dr. and Mrs. Beale were guests of the church at the parish dinner held Wednesday evening, November 12.

Dr. Beale will preach Sunday, November 16, on "The Divine Fullness."

Free Tickets To Notre Dame Northwestern Football Game

Turn to page 49 of this issue and see how near you can come to solving the football contest. Free tickets to the Notre Dame - Northwestern game await those who win.

VILLAGE BALLOT LEAGUE SUBJECT

Wilmette Civic League Invites to Discussion of Pertinent Questions

What about Wilmette's Village election next spring? What should be the apportionment of Village trustees between east side, near west side and far west side? Will there be more than one ticket in the field? How should the best candidates be secured?

This is the general subject matter for the discussion at the next round-table luncheon of the Wilmette Civic league to be held Friday noon, November 21, at the University Club of Chicago.

In the notice of the meeting sent out this week to members of the league, Dr. Donald M. Gallie, president, announced that the directors, after careful consideration, had appointed a Political Action committee. It was also stated that the committee had progressed far enough in its plans to discuss the matter with the membership. Arthur B. Seibold will lead the discussion.

Would Abolish Strife

In speaking of the plans in general, Dr. Gallie said:

"It will be recalled that last spring when the Wilmette Civic Luncheons were transformed into the Wilmette Civic league, we announced our intention to take a militant part in Wilmette affairs. This action is part of the plan. Of course there arise from time to time questions purely of measures in our civic affairs, as distinguished from those of candidates for office. But the directors of the league feel most deeply that there are two fundamental political problems to be solved in Wilmette.

"The first is to abolish if possible partisan strife and bickerings, with the accompaniment of a mud-slinging campaign. There are many high grade executives living in Wilmette who never will consent to serve the village at the expense of such ridiculous campaigns. The second question is how to requisition for village service the best ability the village affords.

"This matter is not something that has just come to a head. The directors of the league have had meetings all summer and fall on this one subject. We think the time has come to put the full force of our hundreds of members solidly behind the solution of these problems.

"I should like to repeat through the kind offices of WILMETTE LIFE, our oft-stated invitation for interested citizens to join the league. I have observed that when a situation reaches the stage of a controversy citizens come out in large numbers to vote. But this is only part of the story. Literally thousands of voters avoid the most minor responsibilities unless this type of controversy arises. It seems to me a very easy, sociable and pleasant way of taking part in civic affairs to join the Wilmette Civic league."