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NEW BOARD DONS ITS WORK TOGS

Brief Ceremonial Precedes Business Session on Inaugural Night

The new Wilmette Village board met for the first time as the official governing body of Wilmette Tuesday night of this week and lost no time in getting down to serious business.

Important matters such as the appointment of standing committees, the appointment of the village collector, the appointment of the village attorney, the establishing of the new board of local improvements and the adoption of a resolution providing for going ahead immediately with the completion of Wilmette's portion of the new through highway on the north shore of which Main street is a part, were taken up.

Members of the new Village board are: Carbon P. Dubbs, president, and Stacy C. Bennett, Arthur Lee, A. W. Froehde, Ruth H. Snyder, Carl C. Rennecker and W. W. DeBerard, trustees.

Dubbs In California

Mr. Dubbs was unable to attend the meeting of the board Tuesday. He was called to California because of the serious illness of his mother. Both President Dubbs and Trustee Bennett were sworn in last week. The other two new trustees, Arthur Lee and A. W. Froehde, were sworn in at the formal inauguration Tuesday night by Village Clerk Lea J. Orr.

The inauguration ceremonies were attended by a number of former presidents of Wilmette and wives of former presidents, as well as former village trustees, and a capacity audience of interested citizens. Mayor Charles H. Bartlett of Evanston was another dignitary present. He gave a short talk after the new board had finished its business.

Old Board Closes Out

Before members of the new board took their places the old board, composed of Earl E. Orner, president, and W. W. DeBerard, Carl C. Rennecker, Stanton Van Inwagen, E. C. Cazal, and Mrs. Ruth H. Snyder, met as usual and transacted routine business.

Mr. Orner, the retiring president, who served as village clerk from 1905 to 1925 and as village president from 1925 to 1931, introduced a number of former village trustees in the audience and the following former presidents and wives of former presidents who sat on the platform: Mrs. F. L. Joy, Mrs. William Panushka, Samuel S. Dingee, Mrs. H. G. Drury, George W. Springer, Henry B. Gates, and Oscar W. Schmidt.

Receive Gifts

Dr. George P. Magill, former minister of the First Presbyterian church, then gave a talk and presented gifts on behalf of the community to Earl E. Orner, the retiring village president, and to E. C. Cazal and Stanton Van Inwagen, retiring trustees, in recognition of their services.

Following the adjournment of the old board and the swearing in of Trustees Froehde and Lee, the new

Garden Expert



Alfred Carl Hottes, associate editor of *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, famed writer and lecturer, principally on garden subjects, will be heard in Wilmette Friday evening, May 15 in a lecture sponsored by the Evening Garden club of Wilmette. The lecture will be given in the auditorium of the Wilmette Woman's club building, Tenth street and Greenleaf avenue.

Community Center Idea to Be Pondered May 18

Invitations are being issued to local organizations to participate in a meeting to be held on Monday night, May 18, in the Village hall to form a permanent organization whose purpose will be to determine the proper procedure for building and maintaining a community house in Wilmette. The Chamber of Commerce will be host at this meeting, according to an announcement made Monday by Alder R. Tighe, chairman of the special community house committee of the Chamber.

board proceeded with its business. Trustee Bennett was selected as president pro-tem in the absence of President Dubbs.

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Buying of Poppies Is Tribute to All Heroes

(Contributed)

The women of the American Legion auxiliary, who will be on the streets with the poppies on Poppy Day, Friday, May 22, in reality do not sell the flowers.

They offer the poppies to everyone who wishes to honor the dead in exchange for a contribution to help the living. No price is fixed for these flowers shaped by patient hands of disabled veterans. The child who drops a penny into the coin box of the poppy seller, the financier who tucks in a ten dollar bill, and the penniless unemployed who can give nothing—all will be given the same bright red poppy.

And every penny of the money which goes into these coin boxes will come out in service to needy disabled men and their families during the coming year.

Paying honor to the men who have died for their country should be a natural impulse with every patriotic American. Helping better the lot of the war's living victims is an obligation upon all of us. We can do both by wearing the Legion and Auxiliary poppy on Poppy Day.

Hold Commencement at Sears School June 12

Commencement exercises at the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth this year will be held Friday, June 12. A class of about forty-three will be graduated. The annual exhibit at the school will be held one week prior to commencement, on Friday, June 5. This exhibit is a summary of the year's work in the Kenilworth school, and all rooms and departments are represented. Parents attend in large numbers each year.



MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 10th

This is the one day of all days when mothers should be remembered with tokens of love and devotion.

Helpful suggestions as to what to give may be found in the Mother's Day advertisements appearing in this issue.

APPROVE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM

Village Board Takes Definite Steps to Improve and Expand Wilmette System

Wilmette voters on April 21 authorized the proposed \$100,000 bond issue to finance much needed improvements in the village water system, and the Village board is going ahead immediately with steps to prevent a water shortage such as has occurred in Wilmette in the past few summers.

The board held a late session at an adjourned meeting Wednesday night of last week and spent most of the time discussing the water problem. Village Trustee W. W. DeBerard, who is chairman of the sewer and water committee of the board, introduced Paul Hansen of the firm of Pearse, Greeley and Hansen, engineers, who have been retained by the village to draw up detailed plans for improvements in the water system. Later Mr. DeBerard presented three resolutions which provide for starting the improvements immediately.

Approve Committee Plan

The reports and recommendations of the sewer and water committee were received and concurred in by the board.

In his first report Mr. DeBerard stated that plans have been prepared for the building of a new meter pit and the installation of a new meter on the water supply main in Sheridan road near Roslyn street at the Evanston city limits. Evanston, he said, proposes to furnish and install the pipe fittings and new meter and to move the existing meter on this water main into the new meter pit.

On recommendation of Trustee DeBerard, Village Manager C. M. Osborn was authorized to have Evanston furnish and set the pipe and meters and to get bids on the building of the meter pit for the consideration of the Wilmette Village board. The estimate of the cost of this work, as submitted by the engineers, Pearse, Greeley and Hansen, is \$2,300.

West Side Booster Pumps

In his second report Mr. DeBerard stated that Evanston has agreed to allow Wilmette to construct a temporary booster pumping station on Prairie avenue near Isabella street.

"We believe," said Mr. DeBerard on behalf of the sewer and water committee, "that the construction of this booster station will aid the village greatly in furnishing a better water supply to its citizens."

On recommendation of the sewer and water committee, the Village board instructed Village Manager C. M. Osborn to proceed with the construction of the booster station and the installation of the booster pump by getting bids on the work for the consideration of the Village board, the booster pump station to be located on an abutting lot provided a fair rental for the use of the lot can be agreed on.

The engineers' estimates show the cost of this work to be approximately \$2,000, Trustee DeBerard stated. It is proposed to move the

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