

PUBLIC FORUM

AN APOLOGY AND A DISCLAIMER

February 12, 1935

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

As pastor of the church that happens to act as host to the Sunday Evening club, I wish to publicly apologize to China and the Chinese people for the injustice done them by a recent speaker whose caricature of their intelligence and character had all the appearance of a studied misrepresentation and distortion.

I am repeatedly asked why such speakers are permitted to hold forth under our apparent auspices. The answer is that we secure our lecturers long in advance and do not always know their special emphasis. It has been the policy of the club not to muzzle or muffle its speakers, but to let them speak out what is in their minds and on their hearts in the interests of fairness and instruction.

It often happens that opinions are expressed and positions are taken from which the participating churches cordially and vigorously dissent and we are never responsible for the views expressed.

We hope that we shall have a speaker in the future who will interpret China with honest understanding and without prejudice or professional interest, as we have had in the past.

We further regret and deplore that a speaker with such an obviously extreme view did not carry out our forum plan and give an opportunity for question, challenge and discussion in accordance with the club tradition.

Thanking you for your generous publicity for these great gatherings and for your courtesy in printing this open letter to awakening China and the Wilmette public I am,

Ever sincerely yours,
John G. Hindley
Minister of the First
Congregational Church

APPRECIATION

February 9, 1935

To the children of Wilmette:

The Jack and Jill Players have enjoyed giving their plays in Wilmette very much. It has been so nice to play to appreciative and interested audiences.

During "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Raggedy Ann in Cooky Land," and "Walk the Plank," it seemed as though every laugh or every sorrow was understood immediately. Both children and adults responded to all the varying emotions portrayed in the plays.

The behavior of the young people before and after the plays and during the intermission is also to be commended. They were always so well-behaved and so mannerly.

The Players are so glad that they are going to have another opportunity to play for the young people of Wilmette on Saturday afternoon, March 9, at 2 o'clock in the club house of the Woman's Club of Wilmette. At that time they will present "Five Little Peppers," and they hope that in the near future they will be able to present many other plays.

Jack and Jill Players, Marie Agnes Foley, director

Charles Spinner Dies From Injury in Crossing Crash

Double funeral services for Charles Spinner, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip V. Spinner of Wilmette, and his grandfather, Joseph Spinner of Chicago were held on Monday morning at the Piser undertaking parlors, 5206 Broadway, Chicago.

The boy died at the Wheeling hospital early Friday morning of injuries received in an automobile accident last Thursday evening. His grandfather's death occurred on Saturday at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Chicago.

The accident which resulted in the boy's death occurred on Lake avenue at the Outer Belt line railroad crossing west of Curtiss airport. Young Spinner and four of his eighth grade classmates at the Howard school, Bob DeVinny, Tom Carney, Bill Cloud and Royal Haugsness, were returning from DesPlaines, where they had played the DesPlaines junior high school basketball team Thursday afternoon. Gerald Spinner, an older brother of Charles, was at the wheel of the car, which ran into a moving freight train. Poor visibility caused by adverse weather conditions and the fact that the railroad crossing is unlighted and has no flashing warning signals were blamed for the accident. It was snowing at the time.

All of the boys were taken to the hospital. Tom Carney is the only one of the group still there. He is suffering from a slight concussion, a deep cut on his forehead and other cuts and bruises about the body. He has lost considerable blood, and prob-

ably will have to remain in the hospital for some time, is was stated by members of the family on Tuesday.

The Spinner boy is survived by his parents and by his brother, Gerald, a high school student. Boy Scouts of Troop No. 4, Wilmette, of which Charles was a member, were pallbearers at his funeral.

Joseph Spinner, grandfather of Charles, is survived by seven other children besides the son, Philip, living in Wilmette. Both the boy and his grandfather were buried at the New Free Sons cemetery, Waldheim.

Mrs. Theresa Ricksen, 84, Claimed by Death

Mrs. Theresa I. Ricksen, 84 years old, died early Tuesday morning at the home of her son, Robert E. Ricksen, 1006 Michigan avenue, Wilmette. Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from the late residence, with Dr. Hubert Carleton, rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be at Graceland cemetery. Besides the son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Mamie C. Babcock of Chicago, and four grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive. Mrs. Ricksen, who lived in Wilmette twenty-one years, was a member of Wilmette Chapter No. 753, O. E. S.

Sister Sophia Schmitt, 79, Dies on Thursday

Sister Sophia Schmitt, a seamstress at the Maria Immaculata convent on Ridge road, died there last Thursday of heart disease. Sister Sophia was 79 years old. She was born at Honesdale, Pa. The funeral services were held on Monday, and burial took place at the convent cemetery.

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