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PRICE FIVE CENTS

U. S. APPROVES ALLOTMENT FOR SWIMMING POOL

**Controller General McCarl
Puts O. K. on \$63,455 Federal
Grant to High School**

Contracts are expected to be let soon for the completion of a large natatorium at New Trier High school. The board of education of the high school called for bids recently when word was received that Controller General J. R. McCarl had approved the PWA allotment of \$63,455 which Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes had recommended for the project.

Application for the PWA grant was made by the high school board last September. The first notification that the natatorium project was one of a number of Illinois projects approved by Public Works Administrator Ickes came late last month. The more recent announcement that the controller general has approved the allotment for the natatorium makes possible the release of federal funds, and actual construction work is expected to be under way within a short time.

U. S. Grant 45 Per Cent

The government proposes to finance the project to the extent of 45 per cent of its total estimated cost. The \$63,455 allotment represents this 45 per cent.

The new natatorium was planned as part of the recently completed addition to the high school plant. However, because of financial conditions of the past few years, the board of education delayed finishing work on the pool.

Work Partially Done

Some of the preliminary work already has been done, but the tile work, plumbing, lighting and other features remain to be finished.

When completed the natatorium will be twice the size of a standard pool and will have a balcony for spectators. New Trier's present small natatorium was built to accommodate an enrollment of approximately 800 students. The enrollment now is almost triple that number.

EARLY DEADLINE!

Because of the New Year holiday Wednesday, January 1, the deadline for all news and advertising matter for the January 2 issue of Wilmette Life will be at 9 o'clock Monday night, December 30. Cooperation of readers and advertisers in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Wilmette's Forgotten Family

Of all the days in the year, Christmas morning in the American home is no doubt the happiest. A dash for the Christmas tree, the eager unwrapping of presents, the gifts from friends and relatives, a sumptuous Christmas dinner, entertainment during the evening, makes it the outstanding holiday of the year. It should be; but now that the excitement is waning, stop a moment and consider the families in our village whose Christmas yesterday was a very modest one. To them, provision of the bare necessities was cause for their joy. Had it not been for the Wilmette Welfare board and those citizens who through the Community Chest made Christmas possible for many such families, no doubt some homes would not have had even the most ordinary food, clothing and shelter.

If you had a Merry Christmas, why not "pass it on." Share it with those less fortunate. Many of those now being served by the Welfare board must have additional help to start the new year. Winter is here. The needs are at their peak at this season. Wilmette should take care of her own families. Additional funds are imperative if we are to carry on through the year. The Wilmette Community Chest must have an additional \$5,000, most of which is for welfare work, in order to meet the needs this season. If you are a subscriber to the Chest, try to make a special Christmas season contribution; if you are one of many who as yet have not subscribed, mail in your check, or send in the subscription blank printed on Page 6, making the payment when most convenient. *Make life mean more*, by sharing your Christmas joy with "the other fellow."

—F. D. ANDERSON.

President, Wilmette Welfare Board.

Children to Be Guests at K. of C. Yule Fete

The annual Christmas party for children of members of Ouilmette council, Knights of Columbus, is to be held Sunday afternoon, December 29, at 2 o'clock in the large hall at 1010 Central avenue. Santa will be there with presents for children of all ages, it is announced. There will be refreshments, too. The program committee consists of Peter Thalmann, chairman, deputy grand knight, Joseph Lynam, Frank Ortegual and others.

Here's Christmas Gift; Ice Skating Now Free

Through the cooperation of the Wilmette Park district the Wilmette Playground and Recreation board will provide free ice skating for villagers this season. This announcement came from Director of Recreation Daniel M. Davis this week. A small fee was charged for the skating privilege last year.

BURGLARS RANSACK HOME

The home of Ralph W. Faupel, 719 Tenth street, was entered by burglars early Saturday evening. Entrance was effected through a basement window, and the visitor left by a side door. The return of Mr. Faupel evidently frightened the intruder away. Dresser drawers were ransacked, but missing articles have not yet been checked.

Award Contract for Park Tennis Court Project

Announcement has been made that the contract for constructing a concrete drive and four tennis courts in Washington park, and four tennis courts in Vattman park, has been awarded to C. R. Peterson Construction company, 5689 Newark avenue, Chicago. This project, instigated by and under the direction of the Wilmette Park District board, of which Henry J. Haack, 1228 Gregory avenue, is president, is to cost \$37,143. Of this amount, \$11,143 is a grant from the federal Public Works Administration. It is said that the work will require eleven weeks to complete, and that an average of 54 men will be employed daily.

Seek Prompt Collection of Christmas Seal Fund

Mrs. J. D. Kinnear, chairman of the Christmas Seal committee of Wilmette Health Center, states that her committee is making special effort to close up its work before the end of the year. To do this it is necessary that all seals now in the hands of citizens be either returned or that remittances be made promptly. Money is urgently needed to carry on treatment among tubercular children of the community, and it is only through the sale of seals that it can be secured, says the committee in asking for immediate payment.

DR. McMURRY, TRAVELER, TO BE AT SUNDAY CLUB

**"The Buried Cities of Ceylon"
to Be Subject of Illustrated
Lecture at New Trier**

An illustrated lecture on "The Buried Cities of Ceylon" by Dr. Robert N. McMurry, will substitute for the lecture by Walter B. Pitkin, previously announced for the December 29 program by the New Trier Sunday Evening club. Professor Pitkin is unable to come west to fill the engagement.

Music will be provided by the Girls' Octet of New Trier Township High school under the direction of Miss Frances Anderson of the music faculty. Dr. Douglas H. Cornell, pastor of the Glencoe Union church, will give the invocation. The program begins at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

World Traveler

Dr. McMurry is a world traveler with a penchant for out-of-the-way places. His profession however is that of a psychologist and sociologist. He is personnel adviser to leading organizations in Chicago, New York, Berlin, and Vienna. His hobby is photography, and the Ceylon slides are made from pictures he took himself. He has spent the past two years in Europe.

They were spent chiefly in studying psychology at the University of Vienna, although he did considerable traveling among the peoples of south-east Europe. After leaving Vienna, Dr. McMurry again traveled to the Far East where he visited the buried cities of Ceylon, a civilization which has long been of great interest to him.

Knows Strange Peoples

His travels from time to time have taken him all over Europe, Asia, Africa, Dutch East Indies, Borneo, French Indo-China, the Philippines, and the Hawaiian Islands. He is a member of the well-known McMurry family of educators and brings to his hobby a trained mind and keen appreciation of the customs and culture of strange peoples.

Anyone wishing reserved seats for the rest of the season may obtain admission cards at the door in the New Trier high school auditorium, Indian Hill. Two seats will be reserved for \$5.

The lecture on January 5 will be given by Captain John D. Craig, photographer of under-sea adventure pictures.

OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE

Miss Anne L. Whitmack, librarian at the Wilmette Public library, reminded villagers this week that the library will be open as usual until 9 o'clock next Tuesday evening, New Year's Eve.

Greetings of the Season