

FLOYD THOMPSON, NOTED LAWYER, AT SUNDAY CLUB

"Constitutional Aspects of the New Deal" Is Subject on February 9

Floyd E. Thompson, former chief justice of the Illinois Supreme court, will speak on the "Constitutional Aspects of the New Deal" Sunday, February 9, before the New Trier Sunday Evening club in the New Trier High school auditorium. The program will open at 7:30 with music, and the invocation will be given by Dr. Herbert L. Willett, pastor of the Kenilworth Union church.

Mrs. Harriett Childs Atwood will be the soloist this Sunday, with Mrs. Leila Kingery as accompanist. Both are Winnetka residents.

By special arrangement Mr. Thompson is repeating his lecture, which was originally given before the Economic club of 700 business men at the Palmer House in December. It received a rising ovation and was generally remarked to be one of the finest addresses on the constitution ever given.

Remarkable Career

Mr. Thompson is a member of the law firm of Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson, and Cole, having resigned from the Supreme court in September, 1928, to run as Democratic candidate for governor. He was elected to the bench in April, 1919, to fill a vacancy, re-elected in 1921, and made chief justice in 1922 at the age of 34, the youngest ever to be chosen.

His career is a remarkable one in that he educated himself in the study of law after teaching school in downstate Illinois and editing the E. Moline Herald, 1910-11. In 1911 he was admitted to the bar in Tennessee and Illinois, becoming state's attorney for Rock Island county in Illinois, in 1912. He was re-elected in 1916.

Brilliant Lawyer

Mr. Thompson is a member of the American Bar association, the Illinois Bar, Chicago Bar; was president of the criminal law section of the American Bar from 1921 to 1923; was chairman of the committee on drafting the civil practice act of 1933 in the state association, president, 1933-'34, and in the Chicago Bar has been chairman of the committee on the administration of criminal law, 1931-'32.

He is also a life member of the American Law Institute, serving as adviser on the code of criminal procedure prepared by the institute, and a member of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology. He belongs to the leading fraternal orders, having served as grand exalted ruler of the Elks, is a director of the Economic club, member of the Union League club, Mid-day club, Glen View Country club, and is a resident of Evanston.

"Mystic India" on Feb. 16

On February 16 Frederic White, formerly with Burton Holmes and Dwight Elmendorf, will give an illustrated lecture on "Mystic India."

AUTHORIZE TAG DAYS

Two tag days were authorized by the Village board at its meeting Tuesday night. One is for the Chicago Federation of Aged and Adult charities, for Monday, May 6. This is one of the regularly established charities which has been accorded permits for many years. The other permit was granted to the Wilmette Health Center, the date not being specified.

Semi-Annual Dollar Days

Wilmette householders are reminded that two BIG BARGAIN DAYS are just in the offing.

We refer, of course, to those semi-annual WILMETTE DOLLAR DAYS which will bring exceptional values on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13.

Merchants throughout the village will co-operate in this grand bargain event sponsored by the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce.

The committee at work on the value-giving enterprise is comprised of Joseph J. Kuttan, chairman; Clyde Winter, Jr., D. S. Lyman, William Taylor, Frank A. Wilson, Jack Hughes, George Rapp, and A. C. Pearson, Jr.

DOLLAR DAY VALUES will be brought to the attention of villagers in a special DOLLAR DAY EDITION issued by the Chamber of Commerce, which will reach all the homes in the village Tuesday, February 11. Watch for this edition that will help you to get a good selection of Dollar Day values, and help you save money!

Safe Driving School Will Be Held on Monday

The first of a series of four Safe Driving schools to be provided by the chiefs of police of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glenview, in cooperation with civic groups will be held at Winnetka Community house, Monday evening, February 10. The session will open promptly at 8 o'clock and close at 9 o'clock.

The principal speaker for the first class, which is open to all residents of New Trier township without charge, will be Sidney Williams of the National Safety Council, Chicago, who has chosen for his subject, "Traps for Motorists." His address will be followed by a motion picture film, "Once Upon a Time," showing the hazards of driving an automobile, how not to drive, and the results of bad driving. This in turn will be followed by a question box, open to anyone present. Competent persons will be in charge, to give replies to all inquiries. The session will close with a talk by Edwin A. Robson, Wilmette Village prosecutor, who will explain motor laws and regulations.

In addition to the set program, there will be an exhibition of approved safety devices, and methods of testing the ability of drivers from the standpoint of judgment and physical coordination. This feature will be in charge of George Barton, traffic engineer of the Chicago Motor club who will be glad to explain the exhibits to "students" either before or after the class.

In this program, which is entirely new so far as participation by civic organizations is concerned, 68 civic groups of the township are cooperating with Chiefs of Police Cloyd C. McGuire of Wilmette, W. C. Yackel of Kenilworth, W. M. Peterson of Winnetka, and William Helke of Glenview. Considerable competition is developing between the civic groups of the four villages in the number of "students" they will send to the school, each striving to top the list.

Following sessions of the school will be held at New Trier Township High school, which is not available for the class to be held next Monday evening.

Continue Cooperation With Tax Committee

At its Tuesday night meeting the Village board voted to continue cooperation with the New Trier Township Tax committee in making audits of the 1934 tax collections, with a view to securing more prompt distribution by the county collector of tax funds due the various taxing bodies. The dates for making the audits were left for future determination.

DIRECTOR



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Mrs. Buelah Robinson of Evanston, a trained social worker, assumed direction of the work of the Wilmette Welfare board on February 1. The program of the board is being broadened with the objective of rendering a service beyond that of merely supplying food, shelter and clothing to the neediest families. Individual and family rehabilitation will be one of the major activities.

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WANT COUNTY TO CARRY THROUGH UNDERPASS JOB

Kenilworth Village Board Adopts Resolution Calling for Improvement

In a resolution passed at its meeting Thursday, January 6, the Kenilworth Village board called upon the Cook County Board of Commissioners to include the proposed pedestrian underpass opposite the Joseph Sears school in its next construction program, and to earmark the project as a preferred project to be constructed out of the first funds to become available. The location is about one block north of Melrose avenue, and the underpass sought is to extend under the Chicago and North Western and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric line tracks and Green Bay road.

Heavy Traffic Point

In emphasizing the need for this safety provision, the board pointed out that a traffic survey at Winnetka avenue, made by the Illinois Division of Highways, in November, 1934, before the Glenview-Highland Park link caused a further increase in traffic, approximately 8,000 motor vehicles pass the site of the proposed underpass daily. This flow of traffic will, it is added, be still further increased when the Evanston link of this highway is completed.

The survey also showed that 85 steam trains, some of them operating at high speed, notably the "400" which attains 110 miles per hour south bound, and 132 electric trains cross Kenilworth avenue daily.

Cite Other Reasons

These and many other reasons showing necessity for the project were given, and then the resolution quotes the report of the survey referred to above, as follows: "This intersection (Kenilworth avenue) is very complicated when views from an observation standpoint, including consideration for pedestrians. Our observations indicate that the pedestrian movement in itself is relatively unimportant. However, when combined with the great amount of vehicle movement that occurs through this intersection, it assumes greater importance due to the lesser amount of attention motorists can give to the pedestrian in negotiating safely the parking area, the intersecting street, the curvature in alignment and observing the stop sign."

In support of its request that the county pay the cost of the proposed improvement, the resolution sets forth that Kenilworth cooperated with the county in the construction and widening of Green Bay road, paying the entire cost of widening and 85 per cent of the cost of paving and draining, at a time when that improvement was of no practical value to the village, and that the Cook County Board of Commissioners has already recognized the project as a county-wide improvement by having once included it in its program, blocked at that time by the Federal Public Works Administration.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Miss Ann L. Whitmack, librarian, announces that the Wilmette Public library will be closed all day Wednesday, February 12, in observance of the 127th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.