



Public Forum



AN OPEN LETTER

November 18, 1934

To the People of Wilmette:

Two years have passed since a small group of civic minded people began its courageous task of establishing an institution for the purpose of providing a truly representative local government. You may think that this does not concern you, but it does. To be worthy of that sacred privilege of a free people you *must take part* in the nomination as well as the election of candidates. To exercise this prerogative is to strengthen it, and to strengthen it is to be worthy of its obligation.

New members of the Harmony convention are now being sought in each precinct of the village to fill vacancies caused by retiring members. Now is the time to suggest to the committee members you wish to represent your precinct in that convention. Cooperate with the non-partisan committee in filling these vacancies in this, *your convention*, and it will reflect the interest you take in it. Here are the names of that committee:

Wesley L. Brown, 1600 Washington avenue.

William B. Robinson, Jr., 1026 Ashland avenue.

E. C. Cazel, 1167 Wilmette avenue.
Mrs. C. P. Evans, 908 Central avenue.

Bruce Reynolds, 2030 Thornwood avenue.

Mrs. John F. Weedon, 204 Fifth street.

Hector Dodds, 720 Prairie avenue.

Mrs. John P. Pearson, 2009 Thornwood avenue.

A primary duty of the convention is, first, not to nominate new candidates, but rather to see that competent, experienced officials remain in office, and then to fill vacancies due to retirement and inaptitude with capable men and women of high character.

We must work together to keep alive the spirit of representative government embodied in the Harmony convention. Let us *all help* to stimulate and strengthen the wholesome, healthy community spirit that is so much needed in our social and economic life.

In the execution of the many responsibilities placed upon us in the complex life of today it is difficult to follow village administrative and legislative action. We *must*, however, take enough time to insure the success of an organization that makes it their business to see that the right citizens are entrusted with this responsibility.

—C. W. Lerch.

1715 Highland avenue.

COMMENDING MR. CALHOUN

November 16, 1934

Editor, WILMETTE LIFE:

Am much pleased at reading Mr. Calhoun's letter in this week's (November 15) Public Forum. At the same time I regret that it is necessary for one of our officials to thus deny charges made by some irresponsible person which have no foundation in fact. It is too bad that it is so easy to publicly make charges of this sort behind the shield of "I am told" this, that and the other. There is an old saying to the effect that the truth can never catch up with a lie, and unfortunately too many of us are too prone to think the worst of those holding public office, and to be too ready to believe such charges when published without first

finding out the facts. If the letter making the charges had to be published at all, it would have been, in my poor opinion, a very nice thing to have held it up until the answer could have appeared with it, thus making a laughing stock of the writer of these unfounded charges.

Yours truly,

C. S. Jackson, Hubbard Woods.

Veteran Houseman Dies Suddenly at "L" Station

S. H. Taylor, 70 years old, a colored houseman in the home of Henry C. Hall, 500 Central avenue, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain, Friday, November 16, in the "L" terminal station at Linden avenue. He had complained that he was not feeling well, and Miss Dorothy Hall took him to the elevated station, as he had expressed a desire to go to Chicago. On the way he seemed to get worse and Miss Hall called Frank Renkin of Chicago, whom she knew and saw on the street, to assist in getting Taylor into the station. Reaching the station, he was assisted inside and placed on a bench, where he expired. The body was removed to an undertaking parlor in Evanston.

Mr. Taylor had worked for a number of years in Wilmette, and was well and favorably known. He had been employed for 16 years by Alvin Butz, and when the Butz home was sold to Mr. Hall 13 years ago he was retained and remained in the service of the family continuously until his death. He enjoyed the complete confidence of his employers because of his reliability and fine character. He was of a thrifty nature, and is said to have owned a considerable tract of land at Morgan Park. He was identified with the Wayman church on the near north side of Chicago.

Characterist to Appear at Joseph Sears School

Sidney Landon, characterist, will appear at an assembly at the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth Friday afternoon of this week at 2:30 o'clock. Pupils from the third to the eighth grades inclusive will attend the assembly. With wigs, grease paints and a precisely vivid imagination Mr. Landon makes such characters as Edgar Allan Poe, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain, Bill Nye, Longfellow and others, live again.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mintz, 50 Crescent place, returned last Thursday from a three weeks' motor trip through the east. They visited in Cleveland, Rochester, Bronxville, Virginia Hot Springs, and White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Percy Cutler, 207 Woodstock avenue, Kenilworth, entertained a bridge foursome at luncheon Tuesday and another Wednesday.

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Infant Welfare Group Increases Membership

The Kenilworth Infant Welfare society held its annual lingerie shower on November 14 at the home of Mrs. J. P. O'Connor, 718 Elmwood avenue.

This group is composed of young women who took over the original Welfare society, the majority of the members of that group being the mothers of the present young women. They began four years ago with a membership of twelve and there are now over fifty. Their first president was Mrs. Claude K. Sanders, and their first benefit was a bridge tea and fashion show at Easter time, which was a great success, and which has since become an annual affair.

An unusually large number of north shore women attended the recent lingerie show which consisted of exquisite creations in silks, satins, velvets, and chiffons in lovely delicate colors.

The proceeds of the show will be used for the maintenance of the Seward Park station which this group is helping to support.

Bishop Waldorf Speaks at Thanksgiving Service

Methodists from all sections of the Chicago area will join in the annual Methodist union service of Thanksgiving to be held in Chicago temple the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 29, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf will be the speaker, discussing the topic, "Thankful—for What?" Music will consist of congregational singing and selections by a quartet recruited from The Northerners of radio fame, directed by Harry S. Walsh, director of The Northerners and of the Hamilton club chorus.

SUPPER HOSTESS

Beverly Holzworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holzworth, 1034 Ramona road, entertained thirty-eight guests at a buffet supper last Sunday in honor of her seventeenth birthday. Ben Rawlins, a graduate of Williams college, and an accordion player and singer, entertained the guests.

Edwin Kunze of Manitowoc, Wis. is visiting his sister and family, the James W. Alders, 931 Greenwood avenue.

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