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LEASES ISLAND FOR SCHOOL BOYS CAMP

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Workshop Director in The Winnetka Schools Evolves Unique Plan for Summer Recreation

What promises to be an interesting and unique experiment in a summer camp for boys, is the plan of Charles A. Kinney, director of Shop-work in the Winnetka Public Schools. Mr. Kinney has just secured a ten year lease, with the exclusive right to establish a camp for boys, on Chambers Island, the largest of the island group in Green Bay, upper Wisconsin.

The island, situated midway between the Wisconsin and Michigan shores about 75 miles from Chicago, consists of about 3,000 acres of woodland and has a shore line of about thirteen miles. It is rugged and wild, with much timber, and is inhabited by large numbers of deer, fox and smaller animals and among its most romantic features are more than twenty-five miles of Indian and logging trails. There are two lakes in the island, one about a mile long and containing two small islands.

Aside from its caretakers, the keepers of the government light-house, Chambers island is uninhabited, save during the summer months, when the family of the late F. A. Dennett, of Shaboygan, and their guests occupy the splendid estate at its northernmost point.

The signing of the lease by Mr. Kinney represents the fulfillment of a plan he has been working on for several years, but which was interrupted by the death of Mr. Dennett a year and a half ago. The plans for the new camp, as outlined by Mr. Kinney call for an entirely different organization from the conventional camp for boys. Emphasis will be placed, he says, on constructive activities of an engineering nature. Aside from the great log lodge, and dining hall which will be erected immediately, the construction work will be carried on by the boys.

Build Own Shelters
In small groups under able leadership the island will be explored and surveyed, a real harbor with docks, harbor lights and lighthouse laid out, wireless stations located and cabins, shacks, tree houses and caves planned and built. The abundance of timber and other natural building material will furnish an inexhaustible supply of material for almost every type of habitation the heart of a boy could desire.

Sea-scouting will be one of the most important activities, and cruises of exploration will be made to the other islands of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

The whole plan is to make the island a real "island of adventure" where boys may live the life of Long John Silver, of Captain Kidd or Robinson Crusoe or whoever chances to be the story-book hero.

VOLIVA'S THEORY IS QUOTED IN LONDON

"Daily Mail" Says Illinois State Board Teaches That Earth is Flat

Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction, has received many letters from distant places inquiring whether or not action is to be taken because Voliva compels the school children of Zion to learn that the earth is flat.

In the January issue of the Educational Press Bulletin Mr. Blair discusses the matter in the following article:

The London Daily Mail publishes a story from its New York correspondent to the effect that the State Board of Education of Illinois has ruled that the teachers in the Zion City schools shall teach the earth flat. Within the last two weeks many letters have come to the superintendent of public instruction from New York and other eastern cities inquiring concerning the action of the state board. We will always find people incredulous enough to believe any theory about the shape of the earth or the moon so long as there are other people incredulous enough to believe that a state board of education could authorize or enforce such a decree. It is passing strange that many of the large achievements of public education can never break their way onto the front page of our newspapers. Yet, some little trifling thing that has something extraordinary or unusual about it, whether it has any basis in fact or not, will get at times a large and prominent space. But the last ten years has seen a most commendable change in this among the leading daily newspapers of Illinois and of the nation in their attitude towards the cause of education. They have shown themselves willing and eager to give space to educational items that have any general interest whatever in them. But perhaps the most striking change is found on the editorial page. Within the last year editorials which show the keenest intelligence and the widest information on school objectives and school organizations have appeared in some of our large daily journals. It should, therefore, be noted as per-

haps an oddity that a London paper should give such a prominent place to such a trifling item as the one under consideration.

ROCKFORD GIRL WINS BEN-HUR SCHOLARSHIP

By announcement in "The Chariot" official organ of the Supreme Tribe Ben-Hur of America, Northwestern University has been notified that Miss May Youngberg of Rockford, has won the Ben-Hur scholarship at Northwestern for the current year. In discussing this award the editor of "The Chariot" says in part:

"The complex civilization of today emphasizes the need for higher education. The day of drifting without a definite objective has passed and we face the universal demand for young men and women equipped with the best of preparation to cope with the problems which are taxing the greatest minds of the country."

"The Supreme Tribe Ben-Hur acted wisely at its last session in establishing the Gerard Memorial Foundation, which gives free scholarships to its members who qualify, enabling them to enter the higher institutions of learning. This forward step places Ben-Hur in the very front ranks and opens vistas of great possibilities for a wider, and still greater, future of usefulness."

President Walter Dill Scott and the trustees of Northwestern University were duly notified of the award by this organization, and acknowledgments have been duly made. In a recent issue of "The Chariot," various attractive views of buildings and campus scenes of Northwestern were published, and in the midst of some an attractive picture of Miss Youngberg also appeared.

TWAIN HUMOR GOOD CURE FOR BLUES

At no time in the history of the American nation has there been so great a need for the wholesome, hearty, even pedagogic humor of Mark Twain, as right now. With the minds of the people in the darkest hour of the reconstruction era, his fanciful, good natured manner of dealing with life as it is lived in all times, is the best tonic conceivable.

At the Woods theatre is being shown a film version of his greatest work of this nature, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court". And how better than by the film could the humor of the Great Humorist be translated and brought to the understanding of the restless, dissatisfied populace of today?

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