

OBEE MAY BE NEXT COUNTY BOARD HEAD

Waukegan Newspaper Predicts His Election As Chairman of Supervisors

Supervisor William Obee, of Highland Park, a member of the county board of supervisors for more than a decade, probably will be the next chairman of the board, according to the Waukegan Times, which says:

"So far Obee is in the field alone. Between now and the reorganization of the board in April there is only one obstacle in Obee's way. That is the election he will have to face March 3 in the Town of Deerfield.

"Friends of Obee say that he will have no trouble in the Deerfield election and that chances are he will be unopposed.

"Several influential members of the board have pledged their support to Obee, some of them as long as three months ago when he announced to friends that he would seek the coveted chairmanship.

"Supervisor Frank Stanton had been mentioned as a possible candidate but he declined to run as he did a year ago when he backed Supervisor Harry Stratton, of Lake Villa, the incumbent.

"Obee has been a candidate for the chairmanship twice before. Each time there were circumstances that centered the vote on another candidate but this time board members declare that Obee, if he is returned to the board by his town, is certain to be chairman.

"During the past year he has been a member of the following committees: Public Buildings and grounds, Resolutions and Settlement with the Probate clerk, and road and bridge. Obee is a republican in politics."

Mrs. Joseph Zahnle Dies Tuesday; Funeral Today

Mrs. Joseph Zahnle, a resident of this community for about 50 years died Tuesday morning at her home, 336 N. First street, aged 73 years and nine days. She was born in County Sligo, Ireland, and had lived in the United States for 60 years or more. Her husband is living and there are two sons and three daughters, Charles and Joseph Zahnle and Mesdames Annie Lindstrom, Jane Lehr and Ellen Shifflet.

The funeral service was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at St. James church, Highwood.

The many friends of the family extend sympathy to the relatives who mourn the passing of this estimable woman.

Special Services at Baha'i Temple

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. Albert Vail is presenting the ideals of universal religion and universal brotherhood, of peace and of unity to which the Baha'i Temple, Wilmette, now being built, by contributions from all over the world, will be dedicated. Special lecture topic for February 22 will be "Religion Made Social; Social Service Spiritualized."

Bishop of Nevada Is Guild Speaker

The Right Rev. Thomas Jenkins, D.D., missionary bishop of Nevada, was the chief speaker at the meeting of the Trinity Church Guild, here, on Monday of this week. He was accompanied from Chicago by the Rev. Frederick F. Gratiot of the Church of Our Saviour, Fullerton parkway, Chicago, who formerly was connected with the local church. Bishop Jenkins gave a very interesting and illuminating talk on Nevada, describing conditions in that state. He said in part:

"Most of us live in more thickly populated places, or in smaller dioceses where churches, few enough, are not so very few and far between as in the great missionary district of Nevada, and this fact makes it difficult for us to appreciate Nevada's problems. Nevada is more than twice as large as New York or Mississippi, nearly twice as large as Michigan, but little Rhode Island has about ten times Nevada's population. To minister in Nevada is to reach people in small communities, isolated from the great currents of human life. A former bishop of Massachusetts has said that his diocese rarely necessitated his sleeping out of his own bed. The Bishop of Nevada considers himself fortunate if he averages one week a month at home.

Pours Out Fortunes

"The whole country owes a debt to Nevada, for that state, since its settlement in 1850, has poured out fortune after fortune from its boundless wealth. New York knows its copper mines. Boston knows its great shipments of wool. The federal government knows its vast potential value to be developed and secured by the great Boulder Dam. On the other hand, people from other states have brought scandal and reproach to it by taking advantage of its easy and innocent laws.

"None of the many fortunes carved out of Nevada's wealth has stayed to be spent in the state. No wonder, then, that there is but one self-supporting parish in the district.

"In all this situation, the great urgency of the church's work lies in the fact that many places are churchless to all facts, Godless. It is not that the churches are merely weak or in a minority in the population. The churches are not there at all, and consequently there is no leaven working in the lump. The penitentiary has too many youthful prisoners. They come from desert and mountain towns where no high influence, no religious teaching or Christian motives have been brought to bear upon them.

"Gambling is an open sore, tolerated by a license, the income from which goes to reduce taxation. And with gambling openly permitted go other evils. Nevada is still frontier in some of its attitudes."

Confetti Dance at Masonic Temple Sat.

* A gala confetti dance and entertainment will be held this Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Masonic temple. A surprise of fun and merriment is in store for those who attend. Groppis Revelers, the popular jazz band, will supply the music.

Boy Scout Movement Praised in Editorial by Metropolitan Paper

The following editorial from the Chicago Tribune of Feb. 12, 1931, is reprinted at the request of the committee in charge of the Boy Scout campaign on the north shore. The editorial is entitled "Boy Scout Week" and reads as follows:

This week the Boy Scouts of America and their friends are engaged in a drive to establish a . . . fund for the expansion of their work. In the midst of the effort throughout the nation to relieve the distress incident to our business depression and to drought conditions in certain regions, the Boy Scout appeal may seem untimely. We do not think it should be so considered. The work of the Boy Scout association is constructive work of first rate importance. It is citizenship building of the most practical and widespread benefit, present and future. This year there are over 12,000 on the scout registers, and since the founding of the organization 4,278,337 boys have belonged to troops. The love of outdoors, health habits, and the establishment of standards of conduct are the objects of scout work and it should be extended to reach as many boys as possible. There are many conditions in America of today which endanger the wholesome development of youth, and the American Boy Scout movement is one of the most effective means of defeating them.

Walter W. Manning of H. P. Dies in New York; Was Chicago Publisher

Walter Webster Manning, president of Manning Publishing company, died of pneumonia in the New York hospital Monday, Feb. 16, after an illness of two weeks. His home was 431 N. Linden avenue.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., May 23, 1875, and came to New York in 1910 as an advertising solicitor with McClure's magazine.

Later he was advertising manager of Ladies' World magazine and in 1914 he bought the Woman's World, a magazine published in Chicago, and was its owner and published to the time of his death.

He was a member of Exmoor Country club and was a member of their board of governors for many years. He was a member also of the Chicago Athletic club, Tavern club, in "Who's Who of Chicago"; in New York, the National Republican club, the Town Hall club, and the Society of Graphic Arts; he was also a member of the Tin Whistles of Pinchurst, N. C., and several advertisers clubs.

He is survived by his widow, Mabel Conant Manning, and three sons, Conant, Gordon, and Richard Manning."

Chicken Dinner Feb. 21

A chicken dinner will be given at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 21. Serving will begin at 5:30. Reservations may be made by calling a member of the committee, Mrs. George Pettis, Mrs. Carl Olson or Mrs. Fred Meyer.

DR. LEEDS ADDRESSES RAVINIA CLUB WOMEN

Interesting Talk on Education in Europe and America; Summary Given

Dr. Nellie M. Leeds, the noted educator, lecturer and writer, addressed the Ravinia Woman's club at the February meeting on present experiments in education current in America and in Europe.

She traced the activity in the elementary schools as a further development of the original kindergartens founded in 1798 by Johann Pestalozzi in Switzerland, 40 years later by Wilhelm August Fröbel in Germany and in 1907 by Mme. Maria Montessori in Italy. She indicated how these recent impulses tend definitely to shift away from the aristocratic to the democratic concepts of life, the veering from dilettantism and actual accomplishment. And, further, the chief point of departure is the approach from the concrete to the abstract.

Trend in Europe

Switzerland, the birthplace of the first modern educator, still adheres to the older codes of education, and refuses to countenance coeducation. Germany, the land that produced the famous Fröbel, and did not succumb to the new movement until after the war, in 1918. The number of schools fostering modern education are multiplying rapidly, many of them under government supervision. Modern education is accepted by the conscious element throughout the country. Coeducation is the rule. Vienna, too, is enthusiastic and is carrying that impulse into practical activity.

Upon Ovide Decroly, the eminent Belgian, has been focussed the spotlight of fame,—and deservedly so. His scheme is to start at the child's level, and to travel at his pace; to have him learn through experience; to develop equilibrium between mind and body. His plan has served as a basis of experiment in the Chicago "sub-normal" rooms, and the results, considered as a whole, have been singularly gratifying.

England Conservative

Although a pioneer in modern education, England, strangely enough, is trailing away behind Germany, Russia and America. The few schools advocating the newer methods are making scant impression on the phlegmatic Anglo-Saxon. Coeducation is definitely in the background. It was at the instigation of Englishwomen that the first world congress on education was held. These are held biennially. The next one will probably convene in France.

The Latin countries, France, Spain and Italy, are altogether inactive in the field of modern education. Considering that Italy has so splendid a model in the internationally known Montessori schools, it is surprising that she has evinced so little initiative in incorporating the modern mode into her public school system.

Russia Tries All

Of all the European countries Russia is making the most rapid strides in the adoption of new systems of (Continued on page 30)