

Advance Bill to Give Townships Power for Raising Poor Funds

In an effort to provide machinery by which townships may obtain funds for the support of paupers, the house at Springfield last week passed the Finn measures providing for a special town meeting to be held in 1931 for the purpose of levying taxes for the support of the poor. Under the present law no funds could be obtained before the regular town meeting next fall.

The bills passed 113 to 0 and 114 to 0 and will go into effect upon signature of the governor.

Several members expressed themselves against the pauper bill passed at the last session but voted for these measures today believing it would remedy a bad bill. Some also said they would support the bill of Rep. Robert J. Wilson of Kewanee to repeal the act transferring pauper support to townships, when the repealer comes up.

White Elephant Sale in Evanston Friday

The Evanston N. S. Smith College club is having a White Elephant sale on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Congregational church house, 1417 Hinman avenue, Evanston, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of raising its annual Scholarship fund. Miss Charlotte Sykse is general chairman, Mrs. Dana Bigelow is in charge of the white elephants, Mrs. W. Irving Bullard is chairman of the plant and food tables assisted by Mrs. H. H. Riddle and Miss Virginia Jones, Mrs. E. S. Clark and Miss Helen Jones are in charge of the books, Mrs. John R. Montgomery Jr. the clothes, Mrs. W. B. Pierce will be selling chances, Mrs. Tim Lowry is auctioneer for the day, Mrs. Elmer Bersbach and Mrs. W. B. Eldred are planning an unusual luncheon and Miss Olive Dougherty is working on the publicity assisted by Miss Caroline Schofield and Mrs. Malcolm Ross Byron.

And donations left at the church on Thursday, Dec. 3, would be greatly appreciated and everyone is welcome to look in on December 4. A moderate priced plate luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty. Please phone Miss Charlotte Sykes, University 1529 for luncheon reservations.

Rabbi Shulman Speaks Next Sunday Morn at Congregation Israel

At the Sunday morning service, Dec. 6, at 10:45 o'clock, at North Shore Congregation Israel, Lincoln and Vernon avenues, Glencoe, Rabbi Shulman will speak on: "How far the little candle throws its beams," a Hanukah sermon.

The Jewish Festival of Hanukah, or the Feast of Dedication, is observed for eight days, commencing at sundown on Friday, Dec. 4, the 25th day of Kislev in the religious calendar of the Jews.

The holiday is known as a minor festival because its observance is nowhere mentioned in the Pentateuch, since it commemorates an historical event dating from the middle of the second century B.C.E. Syrian oppressors under Antiochus Epiphanes attempted to foist a pagan religion and a foreign culture upon Israel. In the year 165 B.C.E., under the leadership of the pious family of Hasmonians—the High-priest Mattathias and his five sons—Israel was able to throw off this yoke of oppression and restore the temple to its former pure, monotheistic worship.

Hanukah is observed for eight days, symbolic of the duration of the festivities attendant upon the rededication of the temple. Legend has it that a cruse of oil, fit for use in the home throughout the holiday. One candle is lit on the first evening, two on the second, continuing thus until eight candles are lit on the last evening of the festival.

The observance of Hanukah was instituted by the early Rabbis to attest the triumph of religious freedom over intolerance and bigotry, and in this light it has significance for mankind to this day.

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