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ONLY ONCE MORE TO FREE TRUST

Final Meeting in Council Tuesday to Clean up Village and Vacation Comes.

REST IS WELL EARNED.

A special meeting was held by the village Board of Trustees on Tuesday evening that the revised village ordinances might be read after having been engrossed and posted and matters cleaned up previous to the spring election. One more meeting will be held on next Tuesday evening and then the duties so faithfully performed by the members of the board will cease until the opening of the next session.

The first matter to come up for discussion was a request for permission for an out of town amusement company to exhibit a one ring show at some near date. The subject was placed at the disposal of the president pro tem. and the chief of police.

Trustee Wolf moved that a map of the village showing the election precincts and outlines be published in the Talk April 2. This was seconded by Trustee Heller and passed.

Four ordinances for local improvements were read and ordered engrossed and posted after which Trustee Davis read a protest from F. A. Bangard against a bill presented him by the village Water and Light department. A letter from Mr. De Santoro registered a similar protest. After considerable discussion of the pros and cons a decision was reached to refer the bills to the manager and superintendent of the Water and Light department that a report might be made to the Board of Trustees substantiating the charges and taking the means to refund any sum unduly demanded. The protest sent by Manager Sherer of Glencoe against a charge for services rendered by the Water and Light department, which came up at the last meeting of the council, was referred to the chairman of the Water and Light committee with power to act.

Trustee Wolf said he had received three requests from owners of dogs that a proclamation to muzzle be issued and he wished to make a motion that the President pro tem. issue a proclamation to muzzle dogs for the entire year. At this Trustee Davis took exception on the ground that it was nonsense to muzzle Winnetka dogs merely but that the custom should be universal along the North Shore to obtain a beneficial result. The motion which had been seconded by Trustee Heller and passed was open to an amendment. Trustee Davis maintained that there was as much reason to quarantine the New Trier pupils for a possible scarlet fever cause as to muzzle home dogs, but when Trustee Northrop, president pro tem. asked whether the children should be put on the same basis as the dogs no amendment was added to the original motion.

M. K. MEYER BACK AGAIN.

Mr. M. K. Meyer, who has been absent from home to undergo an operation for appendicitis, returned yesterday.

Elmer Rummel
3065 Spruce St.

Winnetka Party Says: Simonton is Well Qualified to be President

It has come to the attention of the campaign committee and gentlemen interested in the election of the Winnetka ticket and Mr. Harry P. Simonton, candidate on the ticket for the office of village president, that it is being persistently urged by the candidates and partisans for Mr. Rummel that Mr. Simonton should not be elected president of the village owing purely to the fact that he has not resided a great length of time in the village.

Mr. Simonton became an actual resident of the village of Winnetka during the latter part of the month of August, 1914, and, of course, has resided here since. For quite a number of months preceding his actual residence in the village, he was interested in becoming acquainted with the village affairs and village government, and since his residence in the village he has spent a considerable part of his time in a close investigation of village affairs.

It is not perceived how mere residence in the village would be a qualification or tend to qualify any person for an office in the village council, nor can it be perceived how a mere lack of a long period of residence in the village could disqualify an otherwise qualified candidate for office.

It is apt to question how many citizens there are in the Village of Winnetka who have become qualified, i. e., thoroughly familiar with village affairs by mere length of residence in the village alone. The bare question manifests this utter absurdity. It is not length of residence that would qualify a man, at most it might be taken as some slight evidence, if other proof to the contrary were wholly lacking, that a candidate was not to be presumed to be familiar with village affairs. However, when it is known that a man is thoroughly qualified for the office, as is the case with Mr. Simonton, by reason of long business and professional training, it seems indeed a poor argument against him that he merely has not resided in the village for a long period of time.

The village charter was originally drafted upon the theory that new blood and consequently new ideas, new force, and new constructiveness should be added to the village council each year, as it is provided that part of the councilmen shall hold over and that the new council, after each election, shall consist of the newly elected and the holdovers—the newly elected to furnish the new blood and the new effort, born of their individual experiences, while the holdovers supply to the council and to their newly elected colleagues whatever they may lack in intimate knowledge of village affairs. Thus you will see the village is properly safeguarded against the election of an entirely new council which might not be "in touch" with its affairs.

Mr. Simonton early recognized the handicap which his nomination placed upon him; not a handicap as to efficiency or ability to serve, but a handicap to the prospects to his election to the office, for the reason that his circle of friends and acquaintances is not as large as it would have been if he had been a long time resident of the village. The campaign committee believe that this handicap is more than offset by a strong forceful personality, coupled with a rich and varied ex-

perience in professional and business fields that will bring to the village, if he is elected, a type of service and ability that will soon manifest itself in village improvements and welfare.

We bespeak for Mr. Simonton and the other candidates upon the Winnetka ticket the consideration of the earnest, thinking voters of the village.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

The above statement was received from the Winnetka party following a request sent to both parties for a letter to be published in this week's issue of the Talk. The Citizens' Village party have not submitted a communication so we can only give viewpoint of one party.

A meeting was held last night by the Winnetka party at the Sacred Heart church hall in Hubbard Woods. Mr. Simonton and other candidates of the party were the speakers. The Citizens' Village party have not held any public meetings as yet, but it is thought that they will likely get together next week.

WINNETKA CHORUS TO DO FINE WORK

A chorus to be known as the Winnetka chorus, was formed at the Woman's club, Tuesday morning, with the following list of officers and members: President, Mrs. Frank R. Fuller; secretary, Mrs. Barret Conway; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Freeman; permanent musical committee, Mesdames J. Sidney Burnet, J. Tyrrell Cheney, John May; members, Mesdames R. H. Wallace, G. B. Calkins, Jesse Ricks, W. G. Baxter, Jirah D. Cole, W. R. English, Percival Hunter, H. A. Clements, E. C. Von Ammann, N. H. Gates, J. W. Bolte, R. H. Ross, M. E. Schoenthaler, Harry Street, Victor Elting, William Scott, Basil Thompson, J. H. Chappell, Charles Fuller, W. B. McIlvaine and Mrs. Gallagher, Misses Ruth Bradstreet and Sarah Hoyt. The professional leader is Mrs. Kohlsaat and Mrs. Arthur Dean, accompanist.

The meetings will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 at the Woman's club.

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA. PROCLAMATION.

Dogs to Be Muzzled.

Whereas, a number of cases of rabies have been reported in our neighboring villages, it is the judgment of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnetka that it is necessary for the safety of the inhabitants of the village that all dogs running at large within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnetka shall be muzzled.

Therefore, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on March 22d, instructing the President of the Board of Trustees to issue such proclamation in accordance with Sections 3 and 11 of Chapter 12 of the Village Code.

I, therefore, by the authority conferred upon me as President Pro Tem. hereby deem it necessary for the public welfare to declare that from the first day of April, 1915, until the 31st day of August, all dogs running at large in the Village of Winnetka shall be muzzled. CLARK T. NORTHROP, President Pro Tem.

"CIVIC ACTIVITIES" AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Topic Used by Many Interesting Speakers at Regular Meeting of Club Women.

EFFECTIVE WORK DONE.

An open meeting of the Woman's Club under the direction of the Civics and Philanthropy Committee, of which Mrs. Willoughby Walling is chairman, was the program at the regular meeting held in the clubhouse, Thursday afternoon. The subject was "The Civic Activities of Winnetka."

The Civics class, which meets an hour before the regular meeting downstairs, listened to a reading by Mrs. William Bross Lloyd on "Taxes." At the next session of the class Mrs. Murray Nelson, Jr., will speak on "Whom to Vote For and Why We Vote."

Mrs. John May opened the program for the afternoon with a group of songs. Mrs. H. F. Thurston, who is Probation Officer and Supervisor of the Poor, followed with an interesting talk on her work. During the past four years Mrs. Thurston has had the charge of 328 children. Of these 29 have been brought before the Juvenile Court, 12 have been brought up for delinquency, half of this number being girls; there have been 17 dependents, 9 cases of sub-normal development submitted to Dr. William Healy, one feeble-minded and one blind case placed in suitable homes. Mrs. Thurston's work takes in an area covering Winnetka, Wilmette and Gross Point, so 69 cases of truancy seem less formidable than they would at close range.

Mrs. Thurston thinks the golf clubs in New Trier township, with the exception of the Indian Hill Club, should be taken to task for the low moral tone prevalent among the caddies. Four of the boys have been taken to free clinics for treatment of adenoids and tonsils, 17 have been paroled, and 11 violations of law in games of chance have been found. "The police doesn't find these games, but it suppresses them when found," is the way Mrs. Thurston puts the situation. Cigarettes make the most difficult problem and swearing comes next. Mrs. Thurston spoke of the very efficient work done by Mr. Howard Moore of Evanston as Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court, and said that the elimination of "blind pigs" was largely due to his efforts. As treasurer of the Highway Commissioners Mrs. Thurston has the accounting for \$11,000 for the past year and of an additional \$1,700 as Supervisor of the Poor of New Trier township.

Mrs. Horace K. Tenney, as President of the Relief and Aid Society, read a paper on its work: "As long as the giving in any community is indiscriminate there is sure to be a state of feast or famine. Such a condition evidently existed when about eleven years ago the Relief and Aid Society was formed to meet this need of rationalizing the neighborhood's charitable activities. The directors who undertake this simple mission are twelve women. All subscribers of whatever amount are wanted as members of the society and may (indeed we wish they would) attend the an-