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VOTERS FAVOR BIG SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Propositions for Purchase of School Land and Additional Construction, Win by Overwhelming Majority

WOMEN SHOW INTEREST

Cast More Votes Than the Men at Horace Mann School Polling Place

Winnetka voters last Saturday decided by a ballot taken at the Horace Mann school, to permit the sale of bonds to the value of \$34,500 for the purchase of a new school site in the Village and the improvement of the present school property.

Three hundred and eighty three voters, 175 men and 208 women, appeared at the school house to vote on three propositions recommended by the Board of Education.

Proposition 1, called for the purchase of ground at Elmwood street and Glendale avenue, and received the approval of 234 of the voters, only 40 voting against the proposition.

Favor Bond Issues

Proposition No. 2, provided for an \$18,000 bond issue to afford funds for the purchase of the proposed site. The vote stood 259 in favor and 88 against the proposed expenditure.

Proposition No. 3, calling for the issuance of bonds to the value of \$16,500, for improvement of school property, was approved by a vote of 283 for the proposed expenditure and 66 in opposition.

The bond issue will not increase the taxes of property owners but comes within the regular amount allotted to schools, which is 3 per cent of the assessed property valuation.

The \$16,500 issue will cover the expenditure of building an addition to the Skokie school which, when completed, will house the children until the new structure is erected and also make it possible to accommodate six grades in each of the three Village schools.

MADRIGAL MUSICAL CLUB IN FINE EASTER PROGRAM

A well worked out program, including some of the most beautiful and the most exquisite of Easter music, will be presented by the Chicago Madrigal club of fifty voices at the Hoyburn theater, Evanston, under the auspices of The Evanston News-Index, Sunday afternoon.

The concert will begin at 3:30 o'clock under the new time regulations which go into effect on Easter Sunday.

The Madrigal club, which is directed by D. A. Clippinger, noted Chicago conductor and musical authority, will be assisted by Noble Cain as accompanist, Miss B. May Wall, alto, and Guy C. Latchaw, baritone.

The usual small admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged for the purpose of paying the expenses.

It is expected many local residents will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this splendid musicale.

CHANGE OF TIME TO AFFECT EASTER SERVICE AT CHURCH

The members of Christ Episcopal church are planning their usual interesting and attractive Easter services for Sunday. These services in past years, have crowded the church building at Humbolt avenue and Sheridan road.

This year those who are interested are urged to note that the services will be timed, according to the new time schedule which goes into effect Sunday morning, an hour earlier than usual.

The first service will be held at 7 o'clock in the church, and the vested choir of women, girls and men, will sing. There will be a second service at 11 o'clock and at 4:30 in the afternoon will be held the Children's Easter Festival. The public has been cordially invited.

On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker Gowing, 739 Lincoln avenue, left Tuesday for a three week's trip to Atlantic City. N. J. En route they will spend a few days with their son, E. P. Gowing, in Boston.

Alter Precinct Limits To Accomodate Voters

Fig Street, West of The Railway Right of Way, Now is Southern Boundary of Precinct No. 1

Attention of voters in precincts 1 and 2 at the Village election next Tuesday, is called to the change made this spring in precinct limits.

The boundary between these precincts has formerly been North avenue, both east and west of the Chicago and Northwestern railway right of way.

The change referred to, makes Fig street, west of the tracks, the southern boundary of precinct No. 1, so that residents in the section, lying between North avenue and Fig street, are now in precinct No. 1, instead of precinct No. 2. No change has been made in the limits east of the railway right of way.

This change was made for the convenience of residents in the territory affected, practically all of whom take the train at the Hubbard Woods station, in the morning, and under the new regulation can vote at the polling place in Gage street, near the station.

It should be noticed that the above change applies only to the Village election and not to that of the Township, Park District or School Board.

War Activities

Empty Car, Unpatriotic

Are you driving to Chicago today? Call at the Parish house and ask if there are Red Cross bundles to send. You can render a most efficient war service by doing this any day before you start for town.

Two Boys Leave

Two Winnetka boys leave with the next draft contingent Saturday morning. They are Bertil H. Johnson, 635 Maple avenue, and Frank J. Klauke, 1173 Asbury avenue. Winnetka, is outfitting these boys, as it has the other drafted men, with a comfort kit, sweater and two pairs of socks and is outfitting in like manner 8 boys from outlying districts.

Need Socks

The 149. Field Artillery War Relief Association is asking for socks. Wool will be furnished free for knitting for this organization by the Winnetka chairman of this work for the 149. Mrs. Frank R. Greene, 776 Prospect avenue.

Liberty Loan

The drive for the third Liberty Loan campaign will soon be started. A large Committee of Winnetka men and women is preparing for this work. The village will be districted and the work thoroughly and systematically done. This drive will be in charge of the Executive committee and eight vice-chairmen who have under them a large corps of women. The Executive committee is composed of: F. Goddard Cheney, chairman; Mrs. Allan S. Wolff, co-chairman; John A. Jameson, Allan L. Withers.

The Vice-Chairmen are: Mrs. S. T. Burke, Mrs. L. Sherman Aldrich, Mrs. William A. Thrall, Miss Elizabeth Gemmell, G. Roy West, M. C. Chatten, W. F. Wallace, Leonard H. Roach.

Woman's Club Session

The next meeting of the Winnetka Woman's club will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be unusually attractive. Mrs. Charles Hubbard will speak concerning the "Woman's Farm Reserve Unit. The Art and Literature committee will present Mrs. F. W. Harnwell, who will read a one act play. This will be the last meeting of the club prior to the annual election of officers.

Liberty Loan Speakers

Mrs. James Porter, of Hubbard Woods, Mrs. Morris Greeley, 655 Maple avenue, and Mrs. Maurice H. Lieber, 988 Elm street, are the speakers enlisted for the Third Liberty Loan campaign.

More Men to Training Camp

LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE CHAIRMEN SELECTED

John A. Jameson of Hubbard Woods is Appointed Township Chairman for Third Liberty Loan "Drive"

BIG RETURNS EXPECTED

Caliber of Chairmen Selected, Expected to Put Loan "Over the Top"

When the Third Liberty Loan campaign is launched on April 6, New Trier Township will have a splendid organization to take charge of the "drive", which, it is proposed, will result in such a general response by residents of the north shore, as will exceed any previous effort in Liberty bond campaigns.

John S. Jameson, of Hubbard Woods, has been selected as Township Chairman of the campaign by the Cook County Liberty Loan campaign committee and Allen L. Withers, of Winnetka, has been appointed Township Sales Director.

Chairmen appointed to lead the campaigns in the various Villages are:

Clarence McNeil, for Glencoe. F. Goddard Cheney and Mrs. Alan I. Wolff, for Winnetka.

James H. Prentiss, for Kenilworth. F. A. Wheelock, for Wilmette.

John H. Schaefer, for Gross Point.

All of the appointees are said to be particularly well acquainted with the best methods of conducting such an important campaign and the result of their efforts is expected to be evidenced in an unprecedented response by residents of the Township.

GARDENS AND WAR TO BE TOPICS AT SUNDAY MEET

A patriotic meeting, under the auspices of the War Emergency Union, is to be held in Community House, Sunday evening, March 31, at 8:00 o'clock (new time). Winnetka people are planning to save their Sunday evenings for Patriotic meetings, as these have proven so enjoyable and valuable.

This meeting will be especially interesting as Winnetka will have the opportunity of hearing two splendid and inspiring speakers.

J. H. Frost of the Agricultural Extension department of the International Harvester company, now directing the garden campaign of the State Council of Defense, will bring a timely message on gardens.

The other speaker is S. J. Duncan-Clark, the well known war analyst of the Chicago Evening Post.

No one should miss this opportunity of hearing these prominent speakers on these vital subjects. The doors will be open at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome. There will be good music.

ESCAPES FROM NORTH SHORE HEALTH RESORT

William Semm, 53 years old, escaped at a late hour Thursday night, from the North Shore Health Resort in Kenilworth.

The description given to the police follows:

Weight, 155 pounds; height, 5 feet 6 inches. Wore at the time of his escape a brown suit and a black derby, a black overcoat with a velvet collar. He is described as having a scared look on his face.

The authorities think he was headed for Chicago.

REMEMBER ELECTION DAY COMES AROUND TUESDAY

Before you take the train to your office in Chicago next Tuesday morning, April 2, or, go to your work at home in the Village, stop at your polling place and vote for your favorite candidates on the Village and Township tickets.

That is the earnest request of those in charge of election activities, who fear, lest the general apathy of voters in regard to local affairs in these times of national concern, may result in a light balloting for Village and Township candidates.

Soldier Song Author Wins High Compliment

Kenilworth Woman Stirs War Camps With Song of Home and Country

Laura Harney Rathbone, Kenilworth singer and composer, who has gained an enviable reputation in the realm of Opera, is making a decided hit with her patriotic song, "Way back Home in Dear America", written and composed by herself, and now being introduced at naval stations and army training camps throughout this country and in Europe.

"Way back Home in Dear America", is said to be as popular in the ranks of the "Yanks" as was "Tipperary" among the fighting men of Great Britain.

Popular at Camps

Camp singing leaders have become enthusiastic over the melody and sentiment of the song and it is being widely introduced throughout the country, having been adapted to band and orchestra use.

Mrs. Rathbone is the wife of Henry Riggs Rathbone, of Sheridan road, Kenilworth, prominent in legal and political circles, with offices in Chicago.

With reference to the song Mrs. Rathbone says:

Doing Her "Bit"

"It is my object and hope that it will inspire a greater love of our country and a deeper and broader sense of loyalty at home. I want it to be the means of strengthening the old home ties, with the boys who follow our colors to a foreign shore. I want them to give expression, in song, to American sentiment, on the battle-scarred fields of Europe, that it may not only be an inspiration to themselves but to our allies.

"If it accomplishes this and fills our boys with confidence that back of them stands the love, loyalty and unbounded good faith of a united nation, I shall feel that I have done my "bit."

ILLNESS PROVES FATAL TO NORTH SHORE VIOLINIST

Ruth Specht, accomplished Musician, Dies Following Brief Illness

Funeral services for Ruth Esther Specht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Specht, of Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette, who died suddenly on Monday, March 25, following a brief illness brought on by a nervous breakdown, were conducted from the family residence, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The services were in charge of the Eastern Star, of which she was a member, assisted by the Reverend Roy E. Bowers.

Miss Specht was an accomplished musician and was in attendance at the American Conservatory of Music, in Chicago, where she was an apt pupil of the violin. She had become well known in north shore and Chicago musical circles and was organist of the Eastern Star in 1917.

Her devotion to the study of music was said to have been responsible for the breakdown which resulted in her death.

She was born in Wilmette on February 15, 1898, and had lived here all her life.

She is survived by the parents, six sisters, Mrs. Etta Fischer, Mrs. Josephine Remington, Marguerite, Isabel, Viola and Laura, and one brother, Henry.

NORTH SHORE GAS COMPANY SEEKS REHEARING ON RATES

In answer to numerous inquiries concerning the status of the "gas rate" question in Winnetka, information, received from Village officials, states that application has been made to the Public Utilities commission by the North Shore Gas company, for a rehearing of the rate case.

At a hearing before the Commission last December, the gas company was granted and increase of rates. As yet no action has been taken by the Commission, on the applications.

SIXTEEN DRAFTED MEN ENTER CAMP THIS WEEK

Another Contingent from New Trier Township to Leave Wilmette For Camp Grant, Saturday

MOST MEN IN THE SERVICE

Quota for District No. 3, Reported Near Point of Exhaustion

Sixteen men drafted into the United States army from Local Board District No. 3, covering New Trier Township, will leave for the Camp Grant national army cantonment from the Wilmette station of the Chicago and Northwestern railway at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The men will appear at the exemption board headquarters in the Brown building, Wilmette, at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, when they will be formally inducted into the service of the country.

Of the present contingent of eighteen men called this week, two, both of them Wilmette boys, left for Camp Grant last Monday on special call. They are Howard Shurtleff and Thomas L. Hall.

Several Towns Represented

The sixteen men who are to enter the service on Saturday are all residents of the North Shore and adjoining Villages to the west, within New Trier township. They are as follows:

H. J. Hens, of Gross Point. Rudolph De Groot, of Gross Point. Arthur A. Taylor, of Glencoe. Henry J. Schindler, of Glencoe. Louis Kadlec, of Morton Grove. Charles Woerter, of Morton Grove. Frank Styskal, of Morton Grove. Henry A. Wenzel, of Morton Grove.

Bertil H. Johnson, of Winnetka. Frank G. Klauke, of Winnetka. John Nadin, of Rogers Park. John Mostyn, of Chicago. Arthur T. Nemitz, of Niles Center. Martin Ehmcke, of Nordwood Park. William T. Werner, of Kenilworth. John Nadin and John Mostyn, while residents of Chicago, are credited to the local district by reason of having registered in the district, last June.

Credit for Transfers

Seven men, former residents of New Trier Township, now scattered throughout the country, will be inducted into service simultaneously with the men who leave from the local district Saturday. They will be placed into service by the respective boards to which they have transferred but will be credited to the local draft quota.

In answer to special call, several drafted men of the north shore have recently been placed in service by the local board, so that the quota allotted to this district has nearly been exhausted.

Enter on Special Call

Men who have responded to the special call are:

Aram K. Mestjian, of Winnetka, who entered Camp Grant on March first.

James W. Roome, of Glencoe, who left for Camp Grant on March 9.

Swan G. Blaed, of Kenilworth, and Arthur J. Braun, of Wilmette, who went to Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, on March 12, to serve as special mechanics in the aeronautic service.

Harold J. Bohnen, of Winnetka, who was sent to the Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, on March 12.

W. J. Fitzgerald, of Wilmette, who, on March 16, joined the Hospital Unit No. 14, now stationed in Chicago, but soon to be ordered to Camp Custer, Michigan.

Lionel C. France who, on March 25, joined a hospital unit at Camp Logan, Texas.

The men to leave for Camp Grant on Saturday will be inducted into service promptly at 5 o'clock, Friday afternoon by exemption board officials, George J. Pope and Fred A. Smith, under whose supervision they will remain until entrainment time on Saturday morning.

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