

WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

Nearly Everybody In Winnetka Reads The Talk

VOL. VII, NO. 48.

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1919

SIX PAGES PRICE FIVE CENTS

BUSINESS MEN AND WIVES TO BANQUET

Officers of New Trier Commercial Association Announce Dinner for Wednesday, February 19

WIVES ARE HONOR GUESTS

Every Business and Professional Man in Township Sought as Member of Body

Business men of New Trier Township who are affiliated with the New Trier Commercial association are working overtime these days in the effort to line up every merchant in the township as a member of the organization.

The membership campaign now in progress finds every member of the association a solicitor of new members. Special meetings are being held with frequency and plans are formulated to acquaint every north shore merchant with the merits of the organization.

Dinner for Business Men

One of these meetings which promises to be of unusual interest will be held at Community House in Winnetka on Wednesday evening, February 19. There will be a dinner and social and every business and professional man on the north shore is invited to be on hand. The wives of the men are to be the guests of honor.

Justice Otto Falk, secretary of the New Trier Commercial association, this week issued the following appeal for attendance at the dinner:

Issues Appeal for Members

"Remember Wednesday, February 19, 1919, at the Community House in Winnetka, Illinois. There will be a dinner and social for the business and professional men of New Trier township, and their wives. Every business and professional man should attend and make application for membership in the New Trier Commercial association. This association is a part of every man's business and is working on every day business problems. You need the association and the association needs your cooperation. Become a member now. Great problems are confronting all business in these days of reconstruction. Can you face them alone? Come in and join the association."

GOVERNMENT EXTENDS WORK OF THE BOYS WORKING RESERVE

An industrial unit of the U. S. Boys Working Reserve, the aim of which shall be to maintain the agricultural training of all American boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty who are engaged in industry, is the plan of the Reserve for 1919. This unit is already partly organized after the plan of the Farm Unit of the Reserve.

Other plans for 1919 which the Boys Working Reserve has announced in its booklet of information issued by the Department of Labor at Washington are as follows:

"To enroll and place on American farms 500,000 boys.

"To afford all these boys training in farm practice before they go to the farms, by means of the Central Farm Training Camps or Training Farms, and Farm-Craft lessons.

"To help raise enough foodstuffs to feed Europe in 1919.

"To help maintain the education and welfare of all American boys of high school age."

Many high school boys on the north shore are members of the U. S. Boys Working Reserve.

Rosewood Circle Entertains

The Rosewood Circle entertained the Pine Street Circle at Community House, Thursday afternoon. More than 40 guests were present.

Firemen's Ball Success

The Firemen's Masquerade Ball held at Community House, Thursday evening, was pronounced a decided success. Many residents of the Village attended the affair.

Mrs. H. B. Robeson has sold her home at 647 Lincoln avenue, and accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mabel Robeson, left early last week for New York City. Miss Robeson was the choir mother of the boys at Christ church, and was a favorite among them.

The East Willow Street circle will meet at the home of Mrs. A. R. Dean, 441 Willow street, on Tuesday, February 18, at 2 o'clock.

Why Winnetka Should Have a Filtration Plant

By H. L. Woolhiser, Village Manager

Two large bottles of water stand side by side near the entrance to the Village office. This card hangs above:

Which do you prefer?

1. Evanston water—Filtered
 2. Winnetka water—Not filtered
- Both from the lake.

The contents of the bottles tell the story. No. 1 is clear and sparkling, an inviting draught. No. 2 is turbid and dull, the water supply of our Village.

These exhibits, however, merely symbolize the facts. Colon bacilli, indicating the presence of sewage contamination, are not visible to the naked eye. Turbidity suggests, but does not prove, that a water supply is dangerous.

Health experts have agreed upon certain standards, whereby the quality of a water may be determined by bacteriological analysis. One standard is that the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter when incubated for a period of 48 hours at 37½ Centigrade shall not exceed 100. Another is that when incubated in test tubes, under certain conditions, not over 2 tubes out of 10 shall show the production of gas.

Winnetka Water Below Standard

Bacteriological tests of Winnetka water are made three times per week by the Health Department of Evanston. A analysis of the results of 162 such tests, made since November 1, 1917, indicates that 11.7 per cent of the samples, taken after chlorine treatment, did not comply with the first standard stated above and that twice during this period, the number of gas producing tubes was greater than the standard. Based on the foregoing record, Winnetka's water supply scarcely can be considered safe, and for instance, would not be allowed by the Government on passenger trains, carrying interstate traffic.

The point may arise as to the source of the sewage contamination unquestionably present in our water supply. The present intercepting sewer of the Sanitary District of Chicago, does not divert sewage originating north of the Cook County line. All municipalities and military and naval posts to the north of Winnetka, with the exception of Glencoe, discharge treated or untreated sewage into Lake Michigan. The North Shore Sanitary district has been formed for the purpose of improving this situation in Lake County, but the prospects of diverting the sewage from the lake are, nevertheless, very remote. The trustees of the North Shore Sanitary district have made a most exhaustive study of the sewage conditions within their district, and have published a report by Alvord, Eddy and Fuller, three of the foremost sanitary engineers of the country, stating that sewage treatment is not adequate to render safe the water supply from the lake.

In addition to the foregoing, other possible sources of contamination exist, such as private homes and clubs along the lake shore, not connected to sewer systems, the overflow of the sanitary sewers during storms, pollution carried by ice, sewage from passing boats and general pollution from surface drainage.

Danger of Typhoid

Although no deaths from typhoid have occurred in Winnetka during recent years, which are directly attributable to a contaminated water supply, yet the conditions exist which make this possibility far from remote. Our fortunate escape from a typhoid epidemic is largely due to the strong treatment of the water supply with liquid chlorine, and to the fact that our intake, extending 3,000 feet into the lake, has never happened to break. An unsuspected break in the intake line was once the cause of a typhoid fever epidemic at Evanston. A break in the intake pipe at Gladstone, Michigan, was not discovered for several months, during which time polluted water was being pumped to the city.

In order to make our water supply as safe as possible, under present conditions, it is now being treated heavily with liquid chlorine at the plant. Chlorine causes the oxidation of all organic matter in the water, including bacteria of all kinds, both dangerous and harmless.

This method is very unsatisfactory from the standpoints of safety and

palatability. The rapid changes in the organic content of lake water makes it very difficult to vary the treatment to suit conditions, to the end that all bacteria may be destroyed. A sudden increase in the organic matter contained in the water, due to weather conditions or other causes, results in incomplete destruction, thus allowing some bacteria to pass into the distribution system unharmed. In order to be reasonably safe, it is necessary to overdose the water, thus producing a taste which is extremely disagreeable to many persons.

Water Often Turbid

In addition to unpalatability from excess chlorine, the water supply of the Village is often extremely turbid as the result of prolonged storms on the lake. The existence of a water supply which has these characteristics, while not strictly dangerous, does not encourage the drinking of an adequate amount of water, and the existence of a clear, sparkling supply would result in increased use.

Experts state that while a water may not contain bacteria productive of typhoid or other virulent diseases, other bacteria are present which cause intestinal disorders, particularly during the summer months.

Filtration Only Safeguard

How can Winnetka remedy the foregoing unsatisfactory conditions? In 1907, Alvord and Burdick, one of the leading sanitary engineering firms in the United States, recommended the construction of a filtration plant. This firm made a similar recommendation in 1916, and the same action was recommended by the Illinois State Water Survey in 1912, and by Samuel A. Greeley in a very complete report on the situation in 1916.

The construction of a filtration plant would not only absolutely remove the possibility of all forms of bacteria existing in our water supply, but would render the water free from all sediment, giving it a clear sparkling appearance.

Furthermore, a filtration plant would furnish additional storage capacity, amounting to from 3 to 5 hours use were the intake at the lake closed by anchor ice in winter. Trouble from anchor ice has occurred a number of times in the past, although not recently. The present storage capacity at the plant is only 54,000 gallons, which would be a very inadequate supply, in the case of a bad fire.

Other suburbs of Chicago supplied from Lake Michigan, have recognized the importance of filtration, and are now being furnished with good water. Among these are: Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Lake Forest, Fort Sheridan, Great Lakes naval training station and Whiting, Indiana.

Cheaper Than Bottled Water

Filtered water from an adequate and efficient filtration plant would be cheaper for Winnetka residents than the purchase of bottled water, or the use of individual house filters. Were it necessary to increase the rates now being paid for water in Winnetka to cover the added cost for filtration, it would amount to only \$4.62 per family per annum. It is quite possible that such an increase in rates might not be necessary. In comparison with this cost, it should be observed that the present cost for a Red Cross house filter is \$7.20 per year, and the cost of bottled water is considerably more than that.

In view of the foregoing facts, it is believed that this matter should receive the careful consideration of Winnetka citizens, in order that our water supply may be rendered satisfactory and safe at the earliest possible date.

Sell Artistic Bungalow

The artistic bungalow of the Charles Van Deursens, at 1111 Spruce street, has been sold to David Kennicott of Morgan Park who will take possession on April 1. The Van Deursens will take apartments in Evanston for a year and have made plans for a bungalow in Winnetka near the Skokie.

Hostess at Shower

Mrs. A. G. Freeman, 651 Lincoln avenue, was hostess at a shower this afternoon for Miss Eva Frye who is to be married on April 15 to Henry Reginald Weber. The couple are to reside in New York.

Neighborhood Valentine Party

An old fashioned neighborhood Valentine party was held at Community house this evening.

MERCHANTS ADOPT CENTRAL DELIVERY PLAN IN WINNETKA

Prompt and regular delivery of your groceries and meats is the promise of four leading Winnetka merchants who have joined in a central delivery plan to be known as the Merchant's Central Delivery.

The Co-operative grocery, G. L. Zick and company, Vollman Market and George Rudolph, the grocer, have united on a central delivery plan which will be placed in effect in Winnetka on Monday, February 17.

The merchants interested in the new venture, which has proved successful in many communities throughout the country, emphasize as merits of the system, the prompt delivery of merchandise at specified hours of the day and a material cut in the cost of delivery which, obviously, promises proportionate reduction in the cost of merchandise to the customer.

Another desirable effect of the central delivery plan, the merchants say, will be the elimination of irregular deliveries by individual merchants. Often, they argue, as many as four or five delivery boys are knocking at the same back door within a brief period in the day thus becoming a nuisance to these in charge of any well directed household.

FAVOR SKOKIE AS PART OF COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE

An interesting movement is being started in Winnetka with the view that it may be the means of arousing new interest in the Skokie with the hope of saving this unique feature of our neighborhood by having it taken over by the Forest Preserve. The time has come when it can either live up to its beautiful memories of the past or become a nuisance and an eyesore to the surrounding country. Consequently there will be two meetings held at Community House on Saturday, February 22, at 4 o'clock and Sunday, February 23, at 5 o'clock.

Ransome Kennicott, chief forester of Cook County, will speak on the subject at the Saturday meeting. Hugo von Hofsten's beautiful and characteristic pictures of the Skokie, which aroused such interest in the Cook county offices in Chicago, will be on exhibition at both meetings and there will be other interesting features bearing on the subject.

Some of Winnetka's best known women have the matter in charge and will serve tea at the Saturday afternoon meeting in the Assembly room of Community House where the pictures will be on exhibition. Everyone is cordially urged to attend the meetings.

GIRLS PLAY BASKET BALL AND ENJOY LUNCHEON

The basket ball team of the Girton school for girls will line up against the strong squad from Faulkner High school on the Chicago floor, Saturday morning.

The proposed Winnetka line-up is Dorothy Klotz, center; Marjorie Farkel, side center; Elizabeth Klotz and Louise Kellogg, forwards; Olivia Fentress and Alma Fenn, guards. Miss Esther Grantham, coach, will accompany the team.

The Faulkner girls will entertain the Winnetka team at luncheon.

The local team will meet the University High five on the home floor, Saturday, February 22.

Parent-Teacher Musicale

The Parent-Teacher association will hold a social and musicale at Greeley school on Monday evening, February 17, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. P. B. Kohlsaat, Mrs. Grace Sammons and Mrs. Arthur Dean will have charge of the music. There will be a short program followed by Community singing. Everyone is invited.

Kindergarten Party

The teachers of the Skokie school gave a party at the school, Tuesday afternoon. Kindergarten games were played and luncheon served, followed by dancing in the Kindergarten rooms.

Many Attend Lecture

There was an unusually large attendance at the Skokie school Wednesday afternoon to hear the lecture by Professor Earl Barnes of Philadelphia, on the subject, "Poland as a Disputed Nationality."

Buys Pine Street Home

George E. Gonsalves this week bought the property at 1040 Pine street. Renovations are being made on the residence.

POLICEMAN COOPER HURT IN COLLISION

Daring Nemesis of Speed Fiends at Alexian Brothers' Hospital Suffering Fractured Skull

CONDITION IS VERY GRAVE

Though Physicians See Chance for Recovery former Injury Aggravates Case

Motorcycle policeman William Cooper, nemesis of speed fiends, lies critically ill at the Alexian Brothers' hospital in Chicago, suffering a fractured skull.

Cooper, last Saturday, afternoon, was riding north in North Western avenue, Chicago, when his machine collided with a horse driven vehicle. He was thrown from his machine his head striking the pavement.

He was unconscious at the hospital throughout the week though his condition was slightly improved today. Physicians declared he had a fair chance of recovery.

Cooper was not on duty when the accident occurred but was visiting friends in Chicago. He had not been on motorcycle duty during the winter months serving instead as patrolman on the night squad, according to Chief Peterson.

Second Accident in his Career

The accident marks the second serious accident in the daring motorcycle policeman's experience. Several years ago he sustained an injury to his head which necessitated the insertion of a silver plate.

Cooper came to the Winnetka police department three years ago from Glencoe where he served in the capacity of chief of police and motorcycle policeman. He is considered one of the most daring and efficient motorcycle men in the vicinity of Chicago.

Cooper's accident is the second in the department within a period of 8 months. Chief Peterson was seriously injured on July 18, 1918, when he was thrown from a motorcycle in a collision with a speeding automobile in Wilmette. His left foot was badly mangled and it was only a few weeks ago that his condition was sufficiently improved so as to permit walking without the aid of crutches. He has been on active duty directing the affairs of the department.

Boy Scout Motion Pictures

Beginning on Saturday, March 1, the Boy Scouts will show motion pictures at Community House. There will be one exhibition each month and the proceeds will go to the Boy Scout movement. The pictures will be of especial interest to children.

Announce Engagement of Teacher

Word has been received of the engagement of Miss Marie Shufflebotham, former teacher of literature in the seventh and eight grades of the Horace Mann school, to a Y. M. C. A. physical director on overseas duty. Miss Shufflebotham is doing canteen work in France under the direction of the Y. M. C. A.

Buy New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood Shoemaker, who have been living at 643 Walden road during the past year, have bought a home on Green Bay road, Hubbard Woods, and will move to the new location about April 1.

Record Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Whitlock, recently of New York, now of 1144 North avenue, Hubbard Woods, announce the arrival of a son. Physicians have declared the youngster a record baby.

Girton School Starts Choral Work

Choral work in the upper school at Girton school began this week. Mrs. Burton H. Atwood of Winnetka is director in charge.

Entertains Pine Street Circle

The Pine Street Circle met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Rahning, 972 Pine street. Refreshments were served. Mrs. William Joy assisted the hostess.

Spring and Speeders

Justice Northrop slapped fines on several Chicago speeders in Winnetka this week. He says its the spring weather.