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ASKS MORE PAY FOR WINNETKA TEACHERS AND COOPERATION OF PARENTS IN SCHOOLS

At the annual meeting of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association in the Horace Mann school, Monday afternoon, May 22, officers and committees made their reports, and Mr. C. W. Washburne, the new superintendent of schools, gave his first talk to the parents. This being Health Week, Miss Garretson, school and community nurse, followed Mr. Washburne with a report on the health work being done in Winnetka. Mr. Washburne spoke, in part, as follows:

"Never have I seen so cordial, so hospitable, such a fine group of people as you Winnetkans. I didn't suppose there was a place in the war-torn world where one could find the genial, intelligent, warm-hearted, forward-looking community that you have. Mrs. Washburne and I have only been here a week, yet already this is home. We fell in love with you right away.

"May I take this occasion to thank the Parent-Teacher association, on Mrs. Washburne's behalf and my own, for the beautiful basket of fruit that greeted us on our arrival, and for your part in Wednesday's big party? As Mrs. Washburne truly said—"You would think we were just coming to our own home town after a long absence." That is what you have made us feel. We are not outsiders. This is our home town hence forward as long as you will own us.

"You people, no, I mean we people, should have schools equal to the best in America. The schools are mighty good now, and I'm going to do everything in my power to make them still better. And that is why I am so glad that Winnetka has such a live Parent-Teacher association.

Co-operation Needed

"Too often the parents are lined up against the teachers—why, in some places parents even take it on themselves to interfere with the methods of the teachers, or the organization of the schools! And the teachers go to the other extreme, and have the temerity to tell the parents that the education of their children is none of the parents' business. But where there is a large, co-operative organization of parents and teachers together, like this, such misunderstandings cannot arise. When we work and talk together, you parents are bound to realize that the way a teacher teaches, and the way a school system is organized within itself are matters requiring technical training and skill, and belong, therefore, entirely to the teaching staff. And we, on our parts, come to know you and to realize that after all it is your children we are educating, and that what they are to know and be able to do when they leave us is primarily your affair. You give us the most responsible trusteeship in the world; and we must render you a strict accounting. If we do not give you back your children with the knowledge and abilities you demand, we have failed in our trust.

"The worst of it is that we do fail in our trust all the time. And one reason is that you do not give us the means of giving your children the education you demand. May I read you a few extracts from an excellent article in a current periodical, which will show you just what I mean?"

"It is strange that the generous-hearted American people, who poured out their riches so prodigally in response to every patriotic, every charitable appeal and who accorded such enthusiastic and liberal support to every measure and to every group that helped win the war, should have neglected to properly encourage and reward the services of one of the noblest professions in the field of human activities—a profession that in lofty ideals, in unselfish principles, in sacred responsibilities, stands side by side with the ministry of the gospel itself.

Teachers Underpaid

"The men and women who are making the Americans of tomorrow are being treated with less consideration than the janitors who sweep out the buildings in which they are employed; they are earning on the average, less than the wages given to the scrubwomen employed in the public buildings of the United States Government. Normal school graduates receive less salary than street sweepers; high school principals and superintendents less than section foremen; country school teachers less for instructing the farmer's children than he pays his hired man to feed his hogs.

"No wonder there are fifty thousand vacancies in the teaching forces of the schools. No wonder the

and with immature women who merely use the profession as a stepping stone to something better." "No wonder two of Winnetka's best teachers are leaving for Glencoe where they have been offered a living salary."

Future With Teachers

"Never has there been a more urgent need for high-minded, great-hearted, splendidly trained, 100 percent American instructors to drive home the vital lessons that these times hold. Never has the future of the nation been so clearly committed into the hands of the teachers. And yet thousands of men and women of ability who would prefer to teach are reluctantly leaving their chosen calling, forced by the hard necessities of their very existence.

"The teachers ask no largess at the hands of fortune. But they invest years and money in preparation for their life-work and the knowledge they gain is shared with others who themselves use it to their own profit. Teachers, then, by every right and in all justice expect a return that will permit them and their dependents to live decently and in comfort.

Invest in Schools

"Let each community invest in schools so that it may thereby invest in a trained manhood and womanhood that can play their part in the great period of rebuilding and reconstruction that lies before us. Let each community set for its goal, as far as is practicable, a minimum wage of at least \$1,000 a year for the teachers of America. This would cost the nation perhaps as much as we spent so gloriously in but one week of the great war.

Pleading for America

"We are not pleading merely for the welfare of some single profession; we are not pleading for a special class; we are pleading for America; for her larger, her brighter, her richer future, for the fulfillment of her glorious promise. We are pleading for a coming race of men and women who shall be qualified to make complete the work of our forefathers who founded this nation and dedicated it to liberty, and who will bring to full fruition the new victories that we have won in freedom's cause. We are pleading for a wider teaching of the principles, the purposes, and the ideals of this nation that all men shall know her meaning and shall have equal access to her opportunities; that the light of Americanism will so shine that it will flood every home, every heart, in our great land.

Special Election, June 7

"Two days before this article appeared I asked our admirable board of education for a minimum salary of \$1,000 for our teachers in Winnetka. Every member of the board admitted the desirability of it, but we came against the stone wall of financial incapacity. Fortunately, however, the recently passed Hicks bill gives us a chance to remedy this evil. On June 7 there is to be a special election to decide whether Winnetka, like practically every other city to which it has been referred, is willing to increase the school revenues. I have no doubt whatever but that the measure will pass. And I have the word of the board that if the measure does pass, we may have a thousand dollar minimum for Winnetka teachers.

"You parents who are here are the ones on whom we are counting to put this measure through at the special election, June 7. No one needs

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AID INFANT WELFARE AT TRIPLE ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday, May 24, the benefit entertainment for the Winnetka branch of the Infant Welfare society will take place at the Woman's club. Three parties will be given, two for the children in the afternoon and a dance for adults in the evening. The arrangements for the entire entertainment are under the general management of Mrs. John Ott and her executive committee. All sorts of amusements have been provided for the children in the afternoon and the evening's entertainment promises to be a big success. Mr. Ayres Boal has charge of this dance. Assisting him are Mrs. Cornelius Lynde, Mrs. Ayres Boal, and the Messrs. Lawrence Howe, B. Conway, John Ott, John Syme, D. Dallas, Goddard Cheney and Alan Withers. Several special features will be provided for this entertainment and a large attendance is expected.

Memorial Services in Winnetka Sunday

Memorial Day ceremonies in Winnetka will be held on Sunday, June 1, according to advance information from those in charge of the municipal services.

As has been customary in previous years the Community Memorial Day services will probably be held on the Village Green under the auspices of Civic organizations and direction of Village President, John S. Miller, Jr.

Winnetka men who served in the great World War and have been honorably discharged will, it is expected, assume a leading part in the ceremonies. Exercises will include Community Singing, addresses by prominent citizens and special exercises by the school children and the Boy Scouts, according to tentative plans of the committee in charge.

The services this year will bear a new significance as Winnetka pays respect to heroes dead of three victorious crusades in the cause of Liberty and justice for humanity.

NEW TRIER CADETS HOLD FIELD MEET

The Cadet battalion of the Township High school will finish their course of military training Saturday afternoon, May 24, with a spectacular program of military features and contests. The event is given primarily to show the parents and friends of the high school the type of work given and accomplished by the Cadet battalion. The program is arranged to be of entertaining value to those who come as spectators. Besides the customary military marching special novelty numbers have been planned which should be intensely entertaining to any man, woman or child in the township. No fee will be charged for the event and it is scheduled to start sharp at 2:30 o'clock.

The program in part is as follows:

First Part

1. Battalion Drill, Band and Cadet Battalion.
2. Cadet Rifle Drill, Cadet Battalion
3. Battalion Review and Retreat Parade.
4. Company Stunts:
 - Company A, Bayonet Drill.
 - Company B, Marching Maneuvers.
 - Company C, Company Pyramids.
 - Company D, Guard Mount Ceremony.

INTERMISSION

Second Part

1. Finals in Competitive Wall Scaling
 - a) Individual Competition.
 - b) Squad Competition.
 2. Cadet Races, Fifteen Cadets from each company.
 - a) Gun stacking Race.
 - b) Straddle Rifle Race.
 - c) Wall Scaling Relay.
 - d) Skin the Snake.
- It is hoped by the two hundred cadets and officers that a large crowd will present themselves for this display of their military prowess and endeavor. Keep in mind the date, next Saturday, May 24, at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be conducted on the drill field at the High school.

Parent-Teacher Activities

The fifth and sixth grade of the Skokie school combined two morning exercises, a play and a musicale, and gave a benefit performance, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The pupils of the Horace Mann school and Greeley school attended. The proceeds were for the soldiers' bronze tables at the Horace Mann school.

There was a grade meeting in the sixth grade at Greeley school Thursday afternoon. The parents were invited to attend the regular exercises of the room. During the afternoon the boys and girls presented the play "Rip Van Winkle" which was written by them. Mr. Washburne spoke to the mothers at 4 o'clock. The hostesses for the afternoon were Miss Casey, Mrs. Ayres Boal, Mrs. W. R. English and Mrs. Arthur R. Dean.

Annual Luncheon

The North Shore Catholic Women's league will hold their annual luncheon in the Narcissus room of Marshall Field's on Wednesday, May 28, at 12 o'clock, to be followed by a matinee at Wood's theater. This affair will conclude the club program for the year.

OPEN BIG RAVINIA CLUB FUND DRIVE PLAN ENTERTAINMENT FOR 30,000 MEN

The Spring campaign of the Ravinia club to interest the people of the north shore in the coming season at Ravinia began on Monday, May 19, and a vigorous drive will be undertaken for two weeks to push the sale of advance subscription books to a higher total than any previous record.

Ticket books of 20 admissions including war tax: \$10.

A. Children's Day: Thursday afternoon. All children under 14 free. Seats free for everyone.

B. No Student Artist Day.

C. Friday afternoon concert to be made special occasion for wounded men with suitable program, tea, etc. All seats in Pavillion free.

Meeting of Ravinia club every Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the park at which every subscriber to a 10 dollar book is welcome. Arrangements can be made for luncheon and a large attendance is desired each week. Recreation for men in uniform. The club entertained 42,000 men last summer.

D. There will be 25,000 men at Great Lakes and about 4,000 at Fort Sheridan. Plans are being made to repeat the same work the club did last year: Athletic events in the afternoon, vaudeville between 6 and 8 P. M. Canteen supper for which a small amount will be charged. Club rooms open as last year. Some reserved seats for Opera free. No dancing.

E. Opera: The Opera season is to far transcend the beauties of any previous year. The Chicago Symphony orchestra in its entirety with Mr. Papi and Mr. Haggeman as lead-TWO — TALK

ers will be an orchestra unequalled in the opera world. With such names as Florence Easton, Mabel Garrison, Alice Gentiles, Leon Rothier, Thomas Chalmers, Milo Picco and Francis McLeman, the public must realize what a privilege it has close at hand and that generous support alone can assure its continuance.

Officers of the Ravinia Club

President, Mrs. Frank R. Greene. First Vice-President, Mrs. Edgar Snow.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. Irving Osborne.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Warren J. Burke.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Foresman.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Cresap.

Town Chairmen

Rogers Park, Miss Cordelia Hanson.

Wilmette, Mrs. Charles Wanner.

Kenilworth, Mrs. W. W. Wheelock.

Winnetka and Hubbard Woods, Mrs. Norman K. Anderson.

Glencoe, Mrs. Morris Miller.

Ravinia, Mrs. Julius Rosenwald.

Highland Park, Mrs. Walter Baldwin.

Lake Forest, Mrs. Leeds Mitchell.

Lake Bluff, Mrs. Otto Kreutzberg.

Libertyville, Mrs. J. Carroll Gridley.

THOSE COMMUNITY DANCES ARE BIG HIT THIS SEASON

With Colonel Reilly as the guest of honor and many Winnetka honored "Bucks" present, the second Community dance proved very successful. More than two hundred people turned out to witness the young people dance and help welcome the "Bucks" back to Winnetka. Community House had been decorated very appropriately with a large rainbow on the stage and many palms and flowers throughout the hall. Jackies from Great Lakes and many soldiers from Fort Sheridan were present.

During the evening applications for over fifty memberships were turned in to those in charge of the dances.

On May 31 all men who were in the service are invited to appear in uniform. This will be the first real gathering of the Winnetka service men since the end of the war. As is to be the custom throughout the summer all men in uniform are to be admitted free, whether a veteran or still in the service a uniform is a pass on May 31 at Community House. Anyone wishing to apply for membership may still do so by writing to Mrs. E. W. Wortley, Community House, Winnetka, Illinois.

Captain Jacob Guthrie of Winnetka arrived in New York aboard the transport Espagne from overseas on May 14.

Campaign Committee

Mrs. Leeds Mitchell, Mrs. Frank R. Greene, Mrs. Bruce MacLeish.

Guarantee Fund Committee

Mrs. Leeds Mitchell, chairman, Mrs. Irving Osborne, Mrs. William Sutherland, Mrs. Douglas Smith, Mr. John R. Washburne.

Why Support Ravinia?

1. Because it is nationally one of the greatest civic movements without profit, and without a large support it cannot go on.

2. Because one is able for 50 cents or one fifty, if one wants reserved seats, to hear under ideal conditions as perfect opera as is given by any other company in the world, considering the necessary physical limitations of time and place.

3. Because Ravinia is unique in the world and should be a source of pride to the north shore.

4. Because, if every one who can afford it would take one ten dollar book Ravinia would soon be self supporting and its future assured. We owe it to ourselves to have enough civic pride to support such a wonderful enterprise. We owe it to Mr. Eckstein and other members of the Ravinia company, such as Mr. C. T. Boynton, Mr. Ward Willets, Mr. Landon Hoyt, who, without stint, have given of their time, their money, and their support with no thought of reward or profit except the gratitude of the people who enjoy Ravinia.

5. Because it gives to the thousands of people who are shut up in the city an opportunity to hear the best music out in the country.

Why Should High Priced Opera Be Given?

1. The general public go to Ravinia, not to be civic, but to hear good music and any other kind of concert, light opera, band, etc., would not draw enough people to pay the taxes.

2. There are a great many people who cannot go to Chicago for Opera or who cannot afford grand opera prices who do go and enjoy Ravinia.

3. If the standard of Ravinia were not kept up, or if the project were given up the property would fall into the hands of some money making enterprise that would be a detriment to the whole north shore.

Are The Finances Of The Ravinia Company Carefully Spent And Audited?

1. Most emphatically yes. The books may be examined by anyone. Mr. Eckstein gives two-thirds of his time, his office force's time, makes no charge for traveling expenses, telegrams, long distance calls, etc., and no move is made without the knowledge and approval of his committee. No one in the Ravinia company gets any salary or remuneration whatsoever and the funds all go to the actual running expenses of the park, such as taxes, opera, upkeep of grounds, and equipment.

ANNOUNCE BLIND BOGEY EVENT AT VILLAGE LINKS

The Winnetka Playfield association will hold a Blind Bogey golf tournament on the Winnetka golf links on Decoration Day, May 30.

The event is to be open to all members of the association and to new members upon payment of one dollar initiation fee.

Play will be opened for this competition from 9 o'clock in the morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon and a suitable prize will be awarded. Each contestant will turn in his net score for 18 holes with such handicap to which he considers himself entitled. Play will be in pairs, threesomes or foursomes exclusively.

Arrangements for the play were completed by the Sports and Pastimes committee of which C. J. Eastman is the chairman.

Convalescing

Mrs. J. W. Strackbein of 480 Sheridan road, returned to her home this week from a Chicago hospital. She is reported as much improved. Mrs. Strackbein was taken to the hospital several weeks ago.

Don't Forget!

Don't forget the All-Star Vaudeville at Community House Wednesday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Proceeds to go to the Parent-Teachers association.