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## MAJOR-GENERAL WOOD SUNDAY EVE. SPEAKER

Noted Army Leader and Advocate of National Preparedness To Deliver Address At Second Community Get-together

### SPECIAL MUSIC PLANNED

Excellent Quartet and Other Special Music To Be Provided; Every Winnetkan Is Invited

Major General Leonard Wood is to be the speaker at the second Sunday evening Community get-together of the season to be held at Community House Sunday evening, October 12, at 8 o'clock.

General Wood is commander of the Central department of the United States army with headquarters in Chicago and has for many years been a consistent advocate of national preparedness. He will have something of interest for every Winnetkan and residents can ill afford to miss this excellent opportunity to hear one of America's leaders, a man who has been spoken of repeatedly in connection with presidential candidates for 1920.

### Special Music

Excellent singing by a real quartet will be one of the special features of the program. There will be other good music.

The Community Sunday evening meetings are for every person in Winnetka. The meetings are to be made very much worth while and started with splendid success last Sunday evening when Bishop N. J. Thomas spoke before a large audience.

The meetings are conducted under the joint auspices of all Protestant churches in Winnetka.

## ATTENTION!

Business and Professional Men

Members of the New Trier Commercial association and other business and professional men of the Village who are interested in New Trier township business and general affairs are invited to reserve plates for the banquet to be given by the association at Community House, Winnetka, Monday, October 13.

The occasion marks the opening of the fall season of the organization and will be in the nature of an open meeting for the business and professional men of the township. Business men are invited regardless of whether or not they are members of the organization. The women are also invited.

"We want you to be present at the dinner," reads the official invitation of President Henry B. Gates. "We believe that with the co-operation of all the business and professional men, much can be accomplished."

"Come prepared to submit written suggestions as to the work you would like this organization to take up and how it can be of the greatest help to the township."

## FINDS TWO SCOURGES ARE RAVAGING NORTH DAKOTA

Police Magistrate Clarke T. Northrup returned this week from Jamestown, North Dakota, where he and Mrs. Northrup had been visiting relatives for the past three weeks.

"Two scourges are playing havoc in North Dakota these days," says the justice. "One is the grasshoppers which have destroyed vast fields of grain; the other is the Non-partisan league which is undermining the good citizenship of the state and is robbing farmers and business men in an appalling manner. The league controls the state and makes its own laws."

## W. C. T. U. MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS ARMY PROBLEMS

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. G. Moody, 921 Greenwood avenue, Wilmette, Monday, October 13. The subject will be "Work among Soldiers and Sailors."

Miss Elizabeth Gordon recently returned from Boston, to the home of her sister, Miss Anna Gordon, of Rest Cottage, Evanston, will give the address. Miss Anna Gordon is president of the National W. C. T. U.

Five members of the local union attended the County convention held in the Englewood Methodist church on Thursday and Friday of last week.

## Fear Incendiarism As Series of Fires Sweep Winnetka Business District; Loss \$20,000

Three fires in as many evenings each emanating from some mysterious source and all starting at approximately the same hour of the evening, this week cost Winnetka property owners and business men approximately \$20,000 and considerably vexed Fire Chief G. M. Houren and the local police.

Is it the dastardly crime of a crazed pyromaniac or the pranks of a group of irresponsible boys who derive great pleasure in witnessing fire engines clanging through the streets? Chief Houren is inclined to the latter theory.

"It does not look like the work of a professional firebrand," he explains, "rather I am inclined to believe it is the work of small boys. None of the fires were started in business structures proper, as far as can be determined, but rather in adjoining or nearby frame sheds or garages. Several villagers have reported seeing boys loitering about after dark near the scenes of the fires, but in no instance could suspicion be attached to any particular person or group."

"All the fires started in the same hour of the evening between 7:50 and 8:50 o'clock. In each instance we found either baskets or heaps of rubbish or excelsior located in places where it was evident the fires had started."

The latest fire was Thursday evening when the entire upper floor of the Prouty Garage and Store rooms was "gutted" out by flames. The roof of the structure was a total loss and much furniture stored on the upper floor, property of Carlton Prouty, was destroyed. Three cars on the main floor of the building were saved. The garage proper was not seriously damaged. The remains of a heap of excelsior were found just beneath a trap door leading to the upper floor. No further evidence of the source of the blaze could be determined. The estimated loss was \$500.

Wednesday evening's fire was located in a small storage shed in the rear of the Duncan confectionery on West Elm street. Here again firemen were said to have discovered inflammable material which had been placed with evident intent of starting

a blaze. The loss was less than \$50. The entire West Railroad avenue business block between Elm and Spruce streets was threatened with destruction Tuesday in a conflagration which completely destroyed two business establishments and considerably damaged a third before the combined Winnetka and Wilmette departments could get the flames under control.

Heavy losers were The Vollmann Commercial Delivery company, the Sing Lee laundry establishment and the Winnetka Commission company. John Cruse, proprietor. Buildings destroyed and damaged were owned by Theodore Flynn and son and another by H. H. Dennick. The estimated total loss was approximately \$15,000, according to Chief Houren.

As far as could be determined the blaze started in the rear of the Commercial delivery barns. Explosion of gasoline tanks in five motor trucks literally shot the flames over the buildings and within a remarkably short time the buildings were a mass of ruins. The auto trucks were a total loss. The adjoining meat market was water damaged and much of the interior accessories and supplies were destroyed or damaged. The family of Oscar Augdahl which occupied an apartment over the meat market, was driven into the street, the little children clad only in sleeping attire. They were accommodated by friends during the night and later in the week moved to Wilmette, it was said. All of the household goods were saved. The building is of brick construction and was but slightly damaged by the flames.

Sing Lee conducted an outdoor business this week. He was fortunate in saving a considerable quantity of Winnetka's laundry supply and passed out goods throughout Thursday and Friday to many an anxious customer.

Through the courtesy of friends the Commercial Delivery company was enabled to continue with the delivery of groceries this week. The firm will soon be located in a permanent establishment.

John Cruse continued business under difficulties, with cash register, scales, and other store fixtures considerably damaged.

## RELIEF AND AID BODY HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

Associate Members Especially Requested To Attend Meeting of Association On Monday

The annual meeting of the Winnetka Relief and Aid association will be held Monday, October 13, at 10:30 o'clock, in the basement reading room of the Winnetka Public Library. An annual donation of any amount makes of the giver an associate member of the organization, with the privilege of attending the annual meeting and getting into touch with the work which has been done during the past year.

The Board most earnestly desires a large attendance of its associate members and is hoping the generous givers will come to the meeting and learn not only how their contributions have helped those who have had to battle with adverse circumstances of life either in what we call our emergency cases or in our more chronic cases, but also of the wonderful work the association's trained nurse, Miss Garretson, has done in the schools, in guarding the health of all the children in the Village. Come and learn what your money is helping to accomplish.

## INDIAN HILL TO HAVE LARGE STORE AND OFFICE BUILDING

William F. Temple and Company To Construct Fireproof Two-Story Structure In Near Future

Construction of a combined office and apartment building is planned for the near future at Winnetka avenue and Bertling Lane, Indian Hill, by William F. Temple and Co. The Village permit is temporarily delayed pending changes in street arrangements in that vicinity.

The proposed structure is to be of fireproof construction with a tile front roof. There are to be six store places on the main floor, 6 offices and 4 large apartments on the upper floor. Eight fireproof single garages are to be built in the rear of the building apart from the main structure.

## JOHN MILLER TRUST FUND TO BE \$15,000

Total Contributions Far Surpass Original Goal of \$10,000; Theater Benefit and Baseball Scoreboard Boost Total

### LAKE FOREST GIVES \$1,200

North Shore Contributions' Pass \$5,500 Mark As Campaign Draws To a Close; Committee Meets

John Miller, flagman, who is at the Evanston hospital recovering from serious injuries received when he was struck by a Chicago and Northwestern limited train at the Gage street crossing, in Hubbard Woods 8 weeks ago while attempting to save the lives of Mr. and Mrs. William Tanner, is a happy man today. Also the members of his little family in Glencoe are happy. The reason is this:

The John Miller Fund originally set at \$10,000 has passed that mark and is destined to reach \$15,000 when all the contributions and pledges are turned in to L. Sherman Aldrich of Hubbard Woods, chairman of the fund.

### North Shore Gives \$5,500

North shore towns between Wilmette and Lake Forest contributed over \$5,500 to the fund. Lake Forest came in with subscriptions this week indicating a total contribution which will surpass \$1,200. These contributions together with the receipts of a benefit performance given recently in a Chicago theater and the receipts from admissions to the Chicago Tribune electrical score board arrangement which recorded the World Series games, will, it is estimated, bring the fund well over the \$15,000 mark when the final figures are computed.

### Committee Meeting

A meeting of the committee in charge of the Miller Trust Fund will be held in Chicago late this week or early next week to determine the disposition of the Trust Fund. A complete report of the disposition will be made in an early issue of the Weekly Talk.

Donations to the Fund acknowledged by Mr. Aldrich this week were:

\$50—"J. S.", Winnetka.  
\$25—Mrs. Rudolph Matz, Hubbard Woods; Mrs. Charles E. Butler, Hubbard Woods; A. D. Lasker, Glencoe; M. Born, Glencoe; Howard W. Foote, Glencoe; Charles A. Stonehill, Glencoe; Mrs. Edwin S. Rosenbaum, Glencoe; Adolph J. Lichtstone, Glencoe.

\$20—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Klee, Winnetka; Mrs. Albert Paul Smith, Highland Park.

\$15—N. H. Blatchford, Winnetka.  
\$10—Ralph S. Farwell, Hubbard Woods; Edward P. Farwell, Hubbard Woods; Mrs. J. B. Murphy, New York; F. W. Penfield, Glencoe; Mrs. Ferdinand Hotz, Glencoe; Edgar R. Born, Glencoe; Mrs. J. H. Wilkerson, Glencoe; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mayer, Glencoe; Mrs. C. L. Daggett, Glencoe.

\$6—Indian Hill Benefit, Kenilworth.  
\$5—Adolph Rosenthal, Winnetka; Edwin E. Brown, Winnetka; Claude Nathan, Winnetka; F. B. Thomas, Winnetka; "A. P.", Winnetka; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kniebel, Winnetka; Mrs. N. H. McClain, Winnetka; C. E. Burkhardt, Hubbard Woods; Mrs. W. A. Levering, Glencoe; Allan Murray, Glencoe; Mrs. William V. Schurr, Glencoe; Chesley R. Perry, Glencoe; Ottmar M. Krembs, Glencoe; F. C. Gaertner, Glencoe; F. A. Robbins, Glencoe; Mrs. W. Harry Davis, Glencoe; Maurice Miller, Glencoe; K. F. Howard, Glencoe; Mrs. C. M. Dennis, Glencoe; Mrs. H. C. Hughes, Glencoe.

\$3—Charles S. Jewell, Winnetka; Mrs. Julia Chandler, Winnetka.  
\$2.50—A. D. Watson, Glencoe.  
\$2—Mrs. Robert Walker, Glencoe; Edward Haupt, Glencoe; A. W. Paulson, Glencoe; Fred C. Wernecke, Glencoe.

\$1.50—Mrs. Gordon Sibley, Glencoe; Mrs. F. B. Laws, Glencoe.  
\$1.10—Collected by Marie L. Tilroe, Winnetka.  
\$1—Mrs. E. A. Meyer.

**HUBBARD WOODS I. A. MEETS**  
There will be a meeting of the Hubbard Woods Improvement association Tuesday evening, October 14, at 8 o'clock. Plans for the fall season will be discussed. The meeting will be the first since before the summer season.

### OPEN SATURDAY EVENING

The Winnetka State Bank has announced that the bank will be open on Saturday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

## COL. REILLY PLEADS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Addresses St. Mark's Men's Club of Evanston Telling Cf Conditions Of United States When the War Began

### NATION RELAPSING NOW

Would Make Same Mistakes, He Declares, In Meeting Another War In Near Future

An eloquent plea for their support of national defense legislation so that the United States will not repeat past mistakes in the next war was made this week by Colonel Henry J. Reilly of the 149th field artillery, Winnetka's leading World War veteran, in his address before members of the Men's club the St. Mark's Episcopal church, Evanston.

"The United States was not prepared at the declaration of war and even a year later was not ready to do her share in helping the allies," declared Col. Reilly, "and today she has relapsed into that old condition of unpreparedness. Just when the divisional staff officers were really learning how properly to function, they were largely removed, and I say here that if we were suddenly confronted by another war we should make the same mistakes in meeting the emergency."

### Influence of America

"Just as soon as the declaration of war was issued France and England knew that they could depend upon all of America's resources in money, industry, materials, and the indomitable American spirit. I was in Paris when we declared war and could not help noticing the remarkable influence which it had in raising the morale of the British and French troops. The fighting men had become war weary and they were tired. It was the realization that their brothers across the sea had offered to join with them in fighting the enemy which strengthened their morale and enabled them to continue the struggle."

"Not long after April two great military leaders, French and English, arrived in America and impressed congress that what the allied forces needed right away more than any other aid was soldiers. And we did not have the soldiers to give them. And almost a year later when that great German offensive starting March 27 was launched against our allies we were unable to contribute any assistance in the form of soldiers. But the allies were patient and waited for us to prepare. Throughout the summer they fought on, still waiting. In the fall offensive planned by Marshal Foch we finally supplied men, and but for their timely arrival the Germans surely would have won."

### Need Preparedness

"In talking with foreigners it is all right for us to say that America won the war, for it is true. But here in this hall, where all are Americans, it is well to consider the actual truth, and that is, that we came so near to losing the war that the experience ought to convince us it is necessary for us to attend at once to the present preparedness program. There is not a bill down in Washington on this preparedness question which does not aim at exempting some particular class of favorites. We ought to give our attention to the preparedness program—for what is more important?"

Colonel Reilly presented some vivid descriptions of field engagements in which many local men, members of his unit, participated. How they were quickly transferred from their positions assumed after winning St. Mihiel and ordered to the Argonne, was described.

The fundamental idea of his address was the need for preparedness today, and he emphasized this whenever possible.

### PAVING NEARS COMPLETION

Winnetka's south east paving project is nearing the stage of completion. Already approximately \$171,000 worth of paving has been completed. The entire project is expected to be completed before winter, barring further delays in obtaining necessary materials. The section under improvement is bounded by Sheridan Road and the railroad tracks, Willow street and the south limits of the Village.

### BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

The Winnetka State Bank and the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank will be closed all day Monday, October 13, in commemoration of Columbus Day.

### NEW SUBDIVISION

Village officials report the proposed subdivision of the Williamson estate on Sheridan Road south to the North Shore Health Resort. Another proposed subdivision is of property at Sheridan Road and Essex street.