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## MRS. M. K. MEYER TAKEN BY DEATH

Winnetka Pioneer and Leader in  
Congregational Sunday School  
and Educational Circles Dies  
Suddenly

## HEART ATTACK IS FATAL

Community Mourns Passing of Phil-  
anthropist and Friend of the Un-  
fortunate

Mrs. Nellie Moth Meyer, Winnetka pioneer and one of the most highly respected citizens of the community, passed away suddenly at her home, 829 Elm street, Friday morning, December 5. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs. Meyer was a resident of Winnetka for the past 46 years. Her father, Robert S. Moth, built and conducted the first store in the Village and was for many years a leading figure in the community.

Surviving Mrs. Meyer are her husband, Mr. M. K. Meyer, and a daughter, Mrs. H. K. Humphrey, of Houston, Texas. Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

Mrs. Meyer enjoyed a wide acquaintance in Winnetka and throughout the north shore.

She was a member of the Winnetka Woman's club almost since its organization. She was a most faithful and industrious worker and her zeal in the sphere of women's affairs was a constant inspiration to her associates.

Mrs. Meyer's most notable service to the community was in her work in the Sunday school of the Winnetka Congregational church. She was, for many years, director of the Primary and Kindergarten department in the school. She toiled unceasingly in the interest of the religious and educational development of the children who experienced her motherly care and her splendid influence has left its indelible impression upon the lives of many Winnetkans who passed under her excellent supervision.

Mrs. Meyer was one of the leading figures in the work of the Winnetka Relief and Aid society. She was a philanthropist, but her endeavors in charity and aid were marked by no ostentation. Many experienced her very personal interest and help, and the many deeds of kindness never to become common knowledge because they were performed quietly, without thought of personal advantage or social prestige.

Mrs. Meyer was one of Winnetka's first school teachers. She taught in the Winnetka Public school from 1884 to 1888. Prior to that time she taught in the Public school at Gross Point.

Possibly it was this early experience in the field of education that made Mrs. Meyer the loyal friend of the school teacher. One might say the mother of the school teacher, for she was that in every sense of the word. Her home was the refuge of many lonely girls who, from year to year, came to Winnetka to serve in the schools but who seldom found the homelike surroundings they yearned to enjoy. Mrs. Meyer came to know these teachers in a most personal way. They sought her advice, accepted her motherly hospitality and always found in her a friend, advisor and confidant in their lonely and despairing moments. Al-

## CO-OPERATION!

The Winnetka Weekly Talk, in compliance with the Coal Saving Order of the State Utilities Commission, will observe strictly the six and one-half hour working day placed in effect on Friday.

Until such time as the order of the Utilities Commission shall have been rescinded the offices and printing shops of the Weekly Talk will be open for business from 9 A. M. until 3:30 P. M. daily.

The Weekly Talk solicits the co-operation and consideration of its advertisers, subscribers and job printing customers, in the present crisis. In the interest of all concerned we announce that all communications and advertising copy must be in our offices on or before Wednesday evening to insure publication in the current issue of the publication.

The Editor.

## GAGE CROSSING TO HAVE GATES SOON

Village Officials Receive Definite  
Word from Northwestern Road  
that Gates Have Been Order-  
ed for Grade Crossing

## ALSO PROTECT ELDORADO

Two Railways Plan Work on Plans  
For Jointly Operated Gates for  
Important Crossing

After several weeks of negotiation with the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, Village President John S. Miller and Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser received a welcome bit of news at the offices of the division superintendent of the railroad Saturday, when a definite statement was made that crossing gates for Gage street had been authorized by the railroad and that the equipment had been ordered.

It was also definitely stated that the Northwestern and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad are working on a plan for jointly operated gates at Eldorado street.

Protect Cherry Street  
As stated recently, the North Shore line has ordered gates for the Cherry and Oak street crossing.

The Village authorities intend to leave no stones unturned to secure the early installation of the gates promised in order that Winnetka may have one hundred per cent protection at all railroad crossings.

## WE DIDN'T KNOW SO MUCH— WELL, HE'S SAFE ANYWAY

"Fitz" is married. Yes, girls, you've guessed it. None other than that good looking, shy, easily provoked to blushes Village Manager we used to have just before the argument with the Kaiser got to white heat and he chose to get into the khaki via the First Officers' Training school at Fort Sheridan.

Need we mention his name? Not at all; but its customary. Robert L. Fitzgerald formally assumed the responsibilities of the married state on Saturday, November 29. She was Miss Regina Cameron of Chippewa Falls, Wis. The ceremony was held in a little church in the Wisconsin town. The couple are honeymooning in the east after which they will be at home in Wilmette.

We had some time getting that information. At first we tried our "little girl reporter" who picked and hunted this out of her prolific typewriter. Its too good to edit.

Robert L. Fitzgerald, former Village Manager of Winnetka, who served as lieutenant in the war, one of the first men from Winnetka to leave for active overseas service, was married Saturday A. M. in Chippewa Falls, Wis., to Regina Cameron of the same falls. Romance of school days, har! har! After an extended wedding trip in the east, (Lord, knows how he could afford it), they will make their home on Isabella street, Wilmette.

"Fitz" was about 6 foot tall, wore good looking clothes, and was known as a decided flirt. Loads of people had fun watching him blush. I also heard at one time that he was a frequenter at the States Restaurant in pre-war times, having been seen there several times with a prominent Village official.

He ate most of his meals at the Tea room. At that he looked prosperous."

## TRIANGLE CLUB DANCE

The Triangle club members are preparing for their big dance to be held Tuesday evening, December 16, at the Winnetka Women's club. Their own orchestra will provide music which will be a big attraction as that particular orchestra is acquiring fame through the drum, piccolo and saxophone medium.

## SPEAKS AT WAUKEGAN

Mrs. Frank D. Fulton will speak at the Waukegan Woman's club on Monday, December 8.

most every teacher in the Winnetka schools came to know Mrs. Meyer as a personal friend. She was intensely interested in educational work as it applied to the primary schools.

Her passing is a distinct loss to the community. Her influence will be felt for countless years. Her beautiful life is a splendid example of the character of true American womanhood.

## Winnetka School Children Get Practical Business Experience with Mathematics

An interesting project in the teaching of business arithmetic to the eighth grades is being worked out by Miss Mary Reese, departmental teacher of arithmetic in the Horace Mann and Skokie schools. Instead of the usual text book method of procedure the children in Miss Reese's class go through the actual operations incident to modern business life. At the beginning of the term they had a bank. Miss Reese collected bank checks and deposit slips from various banks and the children went through all the operations of depositing and taking out money in commercial accounts, checking through their statements and cancelled checks at the end of the month, and depositing money and calculating interest on savings accounts. Certain children in the class acted as 'tellers' and rendered the monthly statement.

When they had accumulated enough hypothetical money in their savings accounts they decided to invest it in real estate. Each child picked out an actual lot in Winnetka, made inquiries as to the price of it, assessments due and improvements needed, and then went through the operation of buying this lot, using real deeds for the transaction. They then planned a house to be built upon it, arranged with the Building and Loan organization in their own classroom for the funds, and worked out the interest on de-

ferred payments. The children are now working on the insurance rates which they will need to pay for their houses, on the taxes which will come due, and on special assessments for paving, etc. Later they will lease their houses to some one else, using real leases for this purpose.

By this means Miss Reese is succeeding in giving her pupils a living realization of many forms of business which are ordinarily taught in a dead, uninteresting manner. Commenting upon Miss Reese's work Superintendent C. W. Washburne said:

"It is exactly the right sort of thing to do. Miss Reese is working under a handicap in that she has to go to the Skokie school for half a day and to the Horace Mann for half a day, thereby losing considerable valuable time and finding it difficult to have all her material in both places. We could have much more of this kind of specialized work if we had a departmental school attended by all the upper grade children of Winnetka. When we put up our new building for the upper grades we shall be able to carry out similar projects in history, geography, civics and other subjects. I know of no better argument for the departmental plan of teaching in the upper grades than the sort of work Miss Reese is doing. Her efficiency will be greatly increased when the upper grades are centralized in one building."

## Coal Saving Order

The State Public Utilities Commission Coal Saving Order effective immediately is summed up briefly as follows:

1. ELECTRIC LIGHTING: Stop all unnecessary interior and exterior display lighting, including signs and show windows.

4. RETAIL STORES: Retail stores in Chicago downtown districts shall receive service not to exceed six and one-half hours a day (11 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.). Stores in outlying districts may receive service from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. and on Saturday night until 9 o'clock P. M.

5. OFFICES, BANKS: Offices and other places of business shall receive service from 9 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. Every possible economy in light, heat and power. Newspapers shall exercise every economy consistent with the nature of the business and the publication of the papers.

MUST ECONOMIZE: Drug stores, meat markets, and grocers, bread makers, hotels and restaurants are not restricted as to hours of operation, but are required to exercise all possible economy of heat, power and light.

The commission earnestly urges upon the public the necessity of co-operating in every way possible to make this order effective. Domestic consumers of gas and electricity are reminded of the importance of reducing their consumption of the same to the very lowest point possible lest there be none for their necessities within a very short time.

C. F. Edinger of Edinger & Co., Wilmette, has been elected a member of the coal dealers' committee to handle all retail applications for fuel in Chicago and suburbs. Mr. Edinger will represent the north shore towns in the coal crisis.

## WINNETKA GAVE \$4,500 IN RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Announcement is made this week by Mrs. H. F. Williamson, chairman of the recent Red Cross Roll Call and Third War Fund campaign in Winnetka, that Winnetka's contribution, according to latest available figures, was \$4,500.

Winnetka, Mrs. Williams reports, excelled all other communities in this vicinity in the campaign fund, except Kenilworth.

Leaders at Red Cross headquarters in Chicago have expressed appreciation to all those who kindly gave their services in the campaign.

## NEWMAN COUNCIL WINS

Newman Council of the Knights of Columbus defeated the local team Sunday afternoon at Evanston 24-14.

## VISITS IN EAST

Miss Anna Rohrig, 1069 Chatfield road, Hubbard Woods, left Thursday morning for the east to visit relatives and friends.

## SELL RED CROSS SEALS

Red Cross Christmas seals are on sale at Adams' pharmacy, The Winnetka Pharmacy and at the Community House.

## SOCIAL LEADERS AT BIG HOLIDAY FETE

Two Plays this Evening, Games and  
Entertainment for Young and  
Old Features Week-End  
Events

## CHRISTMAS SALE FRIDAY

Woman's Guild of Christ Church Di-  
rect One of Season's Most Elab-  
orate Social Functions

The Holiday Fete is in full swing this week at the Winnetka Woman's club. It opened on Friday at 2 o'clock with a Christmas sale and will not be over until midnight today when the approach of the Sabbath calls a halt to the dancing.

The original plan of the sale was to have only practical articles but it was decided that it was better to make a concession to the holiday spirit and have everything that would tempt the Christmas shopper. However, although the daintiest possible gifts may be found at the sale, they are also truly useful.

A real event in the community life is the Children's party this afternoon and no young person of Winnetka should miss the great treat in store for them at the Woman's club. Little ones under eight years of age are invited at 2:30 o'clock and they will find Mrs. Sebastian Hinton waiting to greet them and see that they have a great time with games and dancing. Then they will have introduced to them a wonderful trick man and, after he has shown them many marvels, Mrs. Joseph Husband will see that everyone has some ice cream and a favor before they go home at 4 o'clock to make room for their older brothers and sisters who are invited at 4:30 o'clock and will be received by Mrs. Ralph Hobart. They also will be entertained by dancing and the "prestidigitator", enjoy refreshments and be made to feel that Saturday, December 6, has been a Red Letter day in their lives.

The two evening entertainments are both to be exceedingly gay. The program includes "Fame and the Poet", a charming and amusing fantasy by Lord Dunsany, and a farce by Stephen LaCock entitled, "Behind the Beyond". The farce is a parody on the well known problem play and in the English language.

The dancing, after the plays, promises to be extremely popular. The boxholders for Friday night include Mesdames Herman Butler, Robert Greenlee, John N. Ott, R. F. Clinch, Calvin Pentress, Earle Barber, Eben B. Fenton, Raymond Durham, John Buckingham, Charles Butler and Mrs. Larned.

The boxholders tonight will be Mesdames Walsh, James Houghtling, Rudolph Matz, Horace K. Tenney, William P. Sidley, Angus Hibbard, Frank J. Bersbach, Ayres Boal, Walter A. Strong, Buckingham Chandler, Edward W. Isom and Allen L. Withers.

The Woman's Guild of Christ church planned and directed the fete for several weeks.

## "THE THIRTEENTH CHAIR"

Community house movies for next Friday will be "The Thirteenth Chair", with Prizma pictures as an added attraction.

## READ THIS!

For the information of present and prospective subscribers to the Winnetka Weekly Talk the management of the publication announces that on and after January 1, 1920, the annual subscription rate of The Weekly Talk will be increased by one dollar making the subscription price of the publication two dollars per annum as against the present rate of one dollar per annum.

The management of The Weekly Talk had wished to maintain the original rate of one dollar per annum but the constantly increasing cost of publication has necessitated an advance in the subscription price.

Subscribers who desire to renew their subscriptions and others who wish to enter their names on the subscription list are to have the advantage of the original price by payment of subscription in advance before January 1, 1920.

## COMMITTEE CONSIDERS SKOKIE PRESERVE IDEA

Dwight H. Perkins, 2319 Lincoln street, Evanston, is a member of the forest preserve plan committee which is considering the acquisition of Skokie marsh in the forest preserve of Cook county, west of Winnetka and Glencoe.

Announcement was made this week of the proposal to place the valley to the north under the control of the forest preserve. At a meeting held in the county building the plan committee of the forest preserve met with President Peter Reinberg and members of the real estate committee of the county board and the opinion of the session was that if the price is satisfactory the county board will buy the big tract to be converted into a public forest.

All north shore residents who own automobiles and many who make walking trips along the north shore know the beauty of the Skokie, which lies west of Winnetka and Glencoe. The valley is of irregular shape and extends westward from the ridge. The portion of the Skokie in Cook county comprises 3,000 acres which are available for purchase.

## FOR STAY IN NORWAY TAKE YOUR GUN AND WEEKLY TALK

L. Irgens, veteran employe at the Winnetka Water Works, who has obtained a year's leave of absence to visit his parents in Norway, is determined to remain in close touch with Winnetka affairs. Consequently he has ordered The Weekly Talk to follow him to Gibstadt, Norland, Norway.

Irgens left Winnetka late last week after purchasing an American shot-gun. He's expecting to spend most of the days in hunting and fishing and the evenings in reading the home town paper.

## LONELY DAYS AT FIRE HOUSE BRINGS REQUEST FOR MUSIC

If you intend to buy a new victrola or graphophone for Christmas or have already purchased one and don't know what to do with the old one, here's a bright suggestion.

Fireman Flaherty and his pals at the station house get lonesome these cold evenings. Sitting inside with nothing to do but smoke is their idea of a "punk" existence and they yearn for someone to come to their assistance and donate a victrola, age no object, and some records. They'll do the rest and you can content yourself with the thought that if your home ever takes fire they'll do a regular rescue stunt.

## WINDOW DESTROYED

The big plate glass window of the Sweet Shop on Lincoln avenue was demolished by the heavy wind Saturday afternoon. The damage amounted to \$250. A new window was installed this week.