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## COMMUNITY HOUSE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Director Davies and Members of the Board of Governors Send Out Letters and Application Blanks

### EXPLAIN MANY BENEFITS

Show that Community House Has Become a Village Institution Covering many Needs

Director of the Winnetka Community House, Rev. J. W. F. Davies, has directed the distribution of circulars to residents of Winnetka requesting renewed interest in the work of Community House. The purpose of the campaign is to enlist new contributions to and members of the Community House.

The letter reads in part as follows:  
In Ninth Year

Dear Friends:

Community House has well under way the work of its ninth year, since its organization in 1911. Gymnasium classes, group organizations and the various clubs have been formed, and others are materializing.

Community House is a Village institution, its purpose being to provide a center for wholesome recreation for young and old, and a meeting place for all group activities. It has helped to make Winnetka what it is, and its continued service is indispensable to the welfare of the Village.

Your co-operation is needed to maintain this enterprise.

Community House is supported almost entirely by annual voluntary subscriptions, contributors being entitled to memberships by virtue of their support. Single memberships may be obtained at \$2 each and entitle the holder to all the privileges extended by the various organizations of the house.

Enclosed with the letters are membership application blanks and contribution forms.

The Governors of Community House are:

William C. Boyden, Victor Elting, W. B. McIlvaine, S. Bowles King, Rev. J. W. F. Davies, director.

### EDWIN C. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Edwin C. Austin, 1330 Sheridan road, was elected Saturday, December 6, a member of the New Trier Township High School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major E. J. Vattmann.

In all precincts in Glencoe, Winnetka and Kenilworth Mr. Austin was elected without opposition. In Wilmette he was second choice receiving 58 votes as against 96 for J. R. Gathercoal.

The ballot was as follows:

Glencoe, Austin	.....32
Winnetka, Austin	.....26
Kenilworth, Austin	.....53
Wilmette, Austin	.....58
Gathercoal, J. R.	.....96

According to election officials Mr. Gathercoal's petition was filed with the clerk of elections too late to permit the name to be placed on the official ballot.

### SISTER OF WINNETKAN DIES AT LAKE FOREST

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Fowler Weed of Lake Forest, sister of Mrs. L. B. Sherman, 575 Sheridan road, were held from the home in Lake Forest, Tuesday, at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Weed died at her home in Lake Forest, Sunday December 7. She is survived by the husband, William F. Weed, her father, Bernard Fowler, a brother and four sisters.

### MASQUERADE DANCE

The Evanston Bulla Bulla club will give its third annual masquerade dance on Tuesday evening, January 6, at Jones' hall, Wilmette.

The dance is under the supervision of "Baum" and the stirring strains of music will be furnished by Wulff's orchestra.

### AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE

Two automobiles got tangled at Elm street and Lincoln avenue, Wednesday morning of this week. In the first place a machine, owned by Mrs. Percy Adler of Lincoln avenue, became stalled immediately east of the North Shore line tracks. Along came a man in another car and crashed right into the Adler machine. Both machines were slightly damaged. Mrs. Adler had journeyed to a nearby garage to order her car towed in when the collision occurred.

## Winnetka Teachers Get \$1,200 Salary Minimum by Action of School Board

Teachers' salaries in Winnetka were placed on a \$1200 minimum basis by the Board of Education at its meeting Thursday evening. This minimum will go into effect beginning July 1, 1920, and will result in teachers who remain on the force receiving full salaries through the summer months. This action on the part of the Board of Education follows the action by the County Superintendent establishing a \$1000 minimum throughout the county. Winnetka went into the lead last spring by establishing a \$1000 minimum. Now that the whole of Cook county and many places outside of Cook county have come up to this minimum, Winnetka's opportunity to get the cream of teachers would be greatly diminished, were it not for an increase in the salary rate. Glencoe has had a \$1200 minimum this year and Highland Park \$1350.

In recommending this action to the Board of Education Superintendent Washburne presented data gathered from a careful study of the actual expenses of teachers in Winnetka. This study revealed the fact that less than a quarter of the teachers in Winnetka were receiving a salary sufficient to carry them through the year. The minimum amount on which a single woman, boarding in Winnetka at the standard rate of \$10 a week, can live is \$1284 a year, according to this study. In establishing a \$1200 minimum it is assumed that those teachers who are receiving the minimum salary will earn the difference between this and the lowest amount on which they can live through the year by summer-school teaching or tutoring. The graduated scale of salary increases based upon experience, professional training, and efficiency will remain in force.

At the same meeting the Board of Education confirmed the appoint-

ment of Mrs. Thomas H. Ellison as a special assistant in the domestic science department. Mrs. Ellison will conduct classes for tuition at the Greeley school from 3 until 4 o'clock on Friday afternoons for little children, and from 4 until 5 o'clock for older ones. She may later open a class for older children at the Horace Mann school. Mrs. Ellison will be paid entirely from the tuition of pupils taking her special work, but will come under the general supervision of the Public Schools, which will duly accredit her work.

Nearly sixteen per cent of the total school taxes for the present year were reported to the Board of Education as non-collectable. This is an unprecedented amount, and will result in throwing the Board over \$12,000 further into debt. An investigation is being made to discover the cause for this large amount of non-collectable taxes, and if possible to remove the cause. It is hoped that when the 1919 taxes, based upon the new tax rate voted last June, begin to come in the deficit of the Board will gradually be cleared off. It is on the basis of the larger income which should begin next April that the teachers' salary minimum has been increased.

A diploma issued by the National Education association commending the Winnetka Public Schools for high professional spirit and 100 per cent enrollment of the teaching force in the National Education association was presented to the Board at its meeting.

Mr. Calvin Fentress, elected to serve for the unexpired term of Mr. Edward Yeomans, and Mrs. John Olmsted, elected to serve for the unexpired term of Mrs. George Gordon, took their places on the School Board for the first time at Thursday's meeting.

### "THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT" YES, THEY'VE FADED AWAY

In the good old days of real sport Justice C. T. Northup was wont, on snowy, wintry days to hitch old Dobbin to a stylish speeding sleigh and go skimming—with another passenger—over the snowclad country sides.

In this day of the motor car and scarcity of the equine species the justice has found little use for that stylish sleigh so he has placed it on the market at a greatly reduced price. Owners of prancing steeds please notice!

### BOY SCOUT PICTURES

Today will see the "Arizona Cat-Claw" at the Community House under the direction of the Boy Scouts. Another episode of the "Carter Case" will be shown. Barbara Castleton and Irving Cummings will be featured in next Saturday's movies the title of the release being "The Heart of a Girl". It is a stirring political story.

### RENDER "MESSIAH"

Of interest to many Winnetkans is the Christmas Community Messiah performance to be given at the First Methodist church, Evanston, Sunday evening, December 21, jointly by the Evanston Musical club and the Community Music association of Evanston.

### ROSEWOOD CIRCLE MEETS

The Rosewood circle met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Johnson, 997 Vine street.

At the same time the East Willow street circle met at the home of Mrs. Marc Newman, 516 Willow street. Mrs. Sylvan Hirschberg was assisting hostess.

### MORE PROGRAMS

The supply of beautiful souvenir programs presented to Winnetka veterans of the World war at the Welcome Home reception at Community House two weeks ago, has not been exhausted. Service men who did not receive their programs are requested to apply at Community House offices at any time to obtain a program free of charge.

### PREPARING FOR PLAYLET

The Holy Name society of the Sacred Heart church is preparing for several playlets to be held the latter part of this month.

The Holy Name society of Sacred Heart church will hold its annual election of officers at its monthly meeting to be held next Tuesday.

### HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES SUNDAY P. M.

The annual Christmas festivities at New Trier Township High school will be held at the High school Sunday at 4:30 o'clock.

The entertainment will be in the nature of a concert participated in by the two Glee clubs of the school—boys and girls—the New Trier band, and the children of the public schools of Wilmette, Kenilworth, and Glencoe.

All residents of the north shore are invited to attend the festivities.

### YOU MAY HELP RELIEF AND AID ON CHRISTMAS

Toys, books, ornaments and of course, the practical things in the way of clothing and shoes, are especially needed this time of the year. Send everything you can spare to Miss Kate Dwyer, 858 Elm street, where they will be sold for the benefit of the Winnetka Relief and Aid society, or phone Mrs. Lawrence Stein, Winnetka 170, to have packages called for.

### TRIANGLE CLUB DANCE

The Triangle club will give a dance at the Winnetka Woman's club, Tuesday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock. The club orchestra will furnish the music.

### 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.

### REAL ESTATE FIRM OPENS NEW SUB-DIVISION HERE

McGuire and Orr Offer Winnetka Residents Initial Opportunity To Purchase Lots

McGuire and Orr, Real estate operators of the north shore this week announced the opening of the "Winnetka Heights" subdivision. The sub-division as described by the representatives of the real estate firm is bounded by Fig street on the north, Locust street on the east, Pine street on the south and Rosewood avenue on the west.

Ely street, Starr road and Locust street are to be opened and the street improvements put in as soon as the Village authorities award the contracts, according to the firm members, are now in process. The property has already been surveyed and the streets marked. Iron stakes have been driven at the corners of each lot.

The opening of the new sub-division, according to McGuire and Orr representatives, is in line with the effort to co-operate in every possible way to help maintain Winnetka the "high-class suburban community it has always been". Winnetka residents, it is said, will be offered the first opportunity to purchase lots in this territory before they are opened to the general public.

The location of the new sub-division is within easy distance from both the Winnetka and Hubbard Woods railway stations, near the new Municipal Golf links and within a very short distance of the proposed new school location.

### CHRIST CHURCH MEMBERS CONDUCT BIG CAMPAIGN

Meeting at Parish House Sunday Displayed Enthusiasm of Members; Returns in Sunday

One of the most enthusiastic gatherings ever held of the people of Christ church took place in the Parish house Sunday. It inaugurated the Nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church in Winnetka. Some 150 men and women met for the supper and for a discussion of the methods and objectives of the campaign.

The church canvass of the Village has continued throughout the week and the informal reports received to date have been most encouraging. The final reports of the campaign teams will be made at a similar meeting to be held in the Parish house tomorrow evening.

### POLICE CO-OPERATE TO RECOVER AUTOMOBILES

"Railroaders" selected Friday evening, December 5, as the time and the Winnetka Woman's club as the scene of their activities. The came into the Village from Wilmette where they had pilfered an automobile. Casting eyes upon a beautiful coupe parked near the Woman's club they decided upon a hurried trade, left the Wilmette car and sped away with the coupe which happened to be the property of John Nash Ott, 4 Indian Hill road. The Wilmette machine was recovered by Chief Peterson's forces and the Winnetka car was found abandoned by the Wilmette police. They simply traded.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Preliminary plans for the annual Community Christmas celebration give evidence of a splendid program on the Village Commons on Christmas Eve. There will be a huge Christmas tree about which will be grouped the school children who will entertain with Christmas carols. In the event of inclement weather it is expected the festivities will be held at the Winnetka Woman's club.

### RIFLE SQUAD

Winnetka now possesses a highly efficient rifle squad. It consists Coppers Hanselman and Ottone who are equipped with high power rifles and a side-car-motorcycle with which to answer hurry up burglar calls.

### SKATING POND

The skating pond at Skokie school is being put in condition this week and will be ready for use soon, weather permitting.

### "A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS"

"A Damsel in Distress" will be the feature film at the Community House next Friday. It will feature June Caprice and Creighton Hale.

## R. W. HARDENBURGH HEADS LEGION POST

Members of Winnetka Post of American Legion Held First Annual Election of Officers last Tuesday

### CANDIDATES WITHDRAW

Race Is Between Hardenburgh and Boal When Others Quit the Ballot

Raymond W. Hardenburgh, Tuesday evening, December 9, was elected commander of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion over Ayres Boal, the other candidate for the important position.

Originally there had been four candidates for the office of commander. At the meeting Tuesday evening, however, Hoyt N. McClain and Herve Badgerow withdrew from the list at a time when the members had requested additional names be placed on the ballot.

J. M. Dickinson the only candidate for Vice commander was named to assume the duties of that office.

### Other Officer Selected

Harold L. Clark was elected secretary and Noble Hale chosen treasurer of the local post. They were lone candidates on the ballot for the respective offices. The candidates for the various offices were selected recently by a nominating committee. The officers elected at the Tuesday evening meeting represent the permanent leaders of the organization. They will assume office to replace the temporary officials chosen upon organization of the Post several months ago.

### DO'S AND DON'TS FROM UNCLE SAM'S POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Some "do's" and don'ts" for the people of Winnetka to follow during the Christmas rush in regard to mail and parcel post:

DO mail Christmas cards early in order to avoid congestion of parcel post. First class mail is given preference in handling the mails so it is desirable to avoid as much trouble as possible when the "the big ones" begin to pour in.

DO wrap packages well as they receive more handling during the rush season than the thin paper and thread in which they are usually wrapped and held together can withstand and still remain intact.

DON'T fail to put a two-cent stamp on an envelope containing a postal card bearing writing as such mail is considered first class.

DON'T fail to mail all parcels and first class mail EARLY. This season promises to be the biggest the postal service has ever witnessed and you can assure yourself of better service if you do your mailing early. Information from a reliable source is to the effect that some of the mail trains will be taken off while the coal shortage continues. Another reason for mailing early.

### WANT HOME-MADE CANDIES FOR HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS

Director Otis of Red Cross headquarters at the Fort Sheridan hospital has issued an urgent request to the women of Winnetka to make candies and cookies for Christmas for the bed patients at the hospital.

The home-made confections are to be mailed direct addressed to Mr. Otis, Red Cross headquarters, Fort Sheridan, Ill. It is requested the parcels be mailed so as to reach the Fort on the day before Christmas.

### BROTHER OF WINNETKA MAN DIES SUDDENLY IN CHICAGO

Funeral services for George R. Dean, brother of Arthur R. Dean, 441 Willow street, who died suddenly at the Henrotin hospital, Chicago, on Wednesday, were held today at 2 o'clock at St. Chrysostom's church, Chicago.

Mr. Dean is survived by the widow, Mrs. Emily Washburne Dean. He was well known in Winnetka.

### BREAKS ARM

Frederick B. Thomas is carrying an arm in a sling the result of an attempt to crank a balking machine. The accident occurred Saturday evening near the Winnetka Woman's club. Mr. Thomas had attended the Holiday Fete at the club house.