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ADD MORE GOVERNORS FOR COMMUNITY HOUSE

Enlarged Growth of Activities at Community Center Necessitates Augmenting the Board of Governors.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

S. Bowles King Is Secretary and George D. Wolf Is Named to Become New Treasurer.

Community house, because of the enlarged growth of its activities and opportunities has enlarged its board of governors from five to nine.

The following men have been elected to serve the following terms:—Messrs. Wm. C. Boyden, J. W. F. Davies and Victor Elting for a term expiring 1923; Messrs. S. Bowles King, Wm. B. McIlvaine and Lloyd R. Steere for a term expiring 1922; for the term expiring 1921, Messrs. Ayres Boal, Lawrence M. Stein and Geo. D. Wolf.

Elect New Officers.

The new officers for the year were elected, S. Bowles King as secretary and George D. Wolf succeeding Mr. Lloyd R. Steere as treasurer. The board was then organized in three committees. The finance committee, Messrs. Boyden, McIlvaine, Stein and Wolf. House committee, Messrs. Boal, Elting and Steere. Activity committee, Messrs. Boal, Boyden and King. Mr. Davies being ex-officio member of all committees.

U. S. MAY HAVE WEATHER STATION AT UNIVERSITY

Negotiations Are Underway for Placing Instrument Shelter on Campus.

Northwestern university may become the location of an official weather bureau for the United States government.

"That an instrument shelter is to be established on the campus is certain," said Prof. H. B. Ward of the department of geology. "The university has been in touch with the weather department, but nothing can be announced about the negotiations because they have not yet been completed."

"We are going to open a station here as an instrument shelter, though because we believe that students of the geology department should get the weather reports at first hand."

"The university station will be centrally located and probably will be placed between University hall and Old college. Here various meteorological instruments will be kept, including maximum and minimum thermometers, thermography and barography. It is suggested that an anemometer and wind vane be placed on the top of one of the nearby buildings. If the government decides to make the Northwestern shelter an official station, an official weather-bureau will record the data to be sent to the central station in Chicago."

INDIA WELFARE WORKER PREACHES HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Robert Hume of Ahmednagar, India, will preach at the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday morning, December 28. Dr. Hume has been for many years one of the leading welfare workers in the Orient and is well known to many Winnetkans.

He preached in the pulpit of the Congregational church on a previous occasion and was accorded a big reception in the parlors of the church. The services will begin at 11 a. m.

WINNETKA STATE BANK EMPLOYEES GIVEN BONUS

Employees of the Winnetka State bank are all assured of a very Merry Christmas this year. What with the many gifts they are to receive from many friends, they were the recipients this week of a 10 per cent bonus. The bonus was voted by the bank directors at a meeting late last week.

POSTPONE SOCIETY MEETING. The meeting of the Woman's society of the Wilmette Baptist church, scheduled for Friday, January 2, has been postponed to January 9, and will be held at the home of Mrs. P. R. Finlay, 816 Lake avenue.

CHIMNEY FIRE. Fire Chief Houron's men were summoned Saturday to extinguish a chimney fire in the home of Roy Smith, 1169 Scott avenue, Hubbard Woods. There was no damage.

Indian Hill Improvement Association Fights "Business Block" Proposition

A very interesting and what will undoubtedly prove to be an epochal meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, was held Tuesday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the New Trier High school.

Attendance was better than it has been for some time but more members should have been present. The important subject of "zoning" the Indian Hill district of Winnetka was discussed with lively interest.

The consensus of opinion as developed by the discussion was that this entire district should be zoned for residence purposes only.

Excellent arguments were presented in support of this contention. It was stated that, should business property be developed in close proximity to the New Trier High school, it would materially add to the already difficult problem of protecting the morals of the children attending this school. The statement that the property would undoubtedly create undesirable surroundings for the high school pupils, such as a poolroom providing a loitering place and a place for the sale of cigars, made a deep impression on all present.

The fact that the High School Board is on record by resolution against the construction of more store buildings adjacent to or near the high school greatly strengthened this impression because it was felt

that the school board would not concern itself to such an extent unless the members entertained the belief, from experience, that the subject deserved careful consideration by all concerned.

A resolution was unanimously passed embodying these sentiments. A committee was appointed to draft a letter urging all residents of the Indian Hill district to be sure to attend the first public hearing of the Winnetka Zoning commission, to be held Friday evening, January 2, in the Winnetka Council chambers. Edwin F. Fitch, president of the Indian Hill Improvement association, concluded the evening's discussion with the statement:

"The president of the association urgently appeals to every resident to carefully consider this subject and to bear in mind the far-reaching effect of letting down the bars to business or apartments in this community. Once permitted, you have jeopardized your property interests for all time. Think, think, think what this may mean to you and your children, and then attend the Zoning commission hearing prepared to fight for the preservation of your home environment."

President Fitch announced through the columns of The Winnetka Weekly Talk, that he will be glad to hear, either by letter or phone, (Winnetka 509-W.) views of the residents on this important question.

NEW TRIER HIGH NOTES

NEW TRIER HEAVIES DEFEAT CARL SCHURZ

Just as was predicted, Carl Schurz's representatives could not stop New Trier Friday evening. The heavies won 19-7, the light weights copped 29-5, while the bantams unfortunately lost their game in a fierce tussle, 14-11.

The heavy weight victory is considered a great one when one is aware of the fact that Carl Schurz won the Cook county title last year and that their 1919 team consists of practically the same players as last year.

Richards was the star of the game, scoring over half the team's points. Aspenwall also had his eye on the open basket, making throws twice that were good for a brace of points. The light weights won easily 29-5, having no serious opposition at any time. They are evidently in for a successful season if they continue in their present winning streak.

The feather weights lost out by three points, principally because Prescott was unable to make free throws. Of his six attempts he made only two baskets. He made up in a measure for this fault by sinking two baskets.

ARTISTS AND WRITERS FORM LITERARY CLUB

The New Trier Contributing club is on the way to success. They have a

president, secretary, good members and better than all, a wonderful motive.

W. Harlan Ware is president of the organization; "Dot" Schmetgen, secretary; a number of enterprising young people, the members and the motive.

It has been discovered that there are students at the high school with the literary ability to become good writers and receive good American money for their works. The same can be said of a number of artists who are on the list of members.

ENJOYING VACATION.

At 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 19, New Trier's 800 and more students and faculty started their Christmas vacation and are now enjoying the first of two weeks of fun.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

Inasmuch as this publication went to press Tuesday, the scores of Tuesday evening's games at New Trier will not appear until next week.

G. A. A. PARTY.

The G. A. A. of the New Trier high school held a party at the school Friday afternoon at which time new members were initiated.

The New Trier campus was flooded Saturday evening and skating will be in vogue during the holidays.

BAPTISTS TO HOLD OLD-TIME WATCH-NIGHT MEETING DEC. 31

Excellent Program Is Prepared for Gathering at Church Headquarters in Brown Building.

Members of the Wilmette Baptist church will participate in a watch-night gathering Wednesday, December 31. The program will be an expansion of the regular mid-week services of the church. The general program is announced by the pastor, Rev. Francis C. Stiffer, as follows:

8 to 9 o'clock—Assembly.
9 to 11 o'clock—Games and recreation, in charge of M. E. Reid.
11 to 11:30 o'clock—Refreshments, in charge of Miss Signy Ouse.
11:30 till midnight—Devotions in charge of the pastor.

Members and friends having appointments on New Year's Eve are requested to attend the gathering at the church in the Brown building after such appointments have been concluded.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

Members of the Winnetka Congregational church are to participate in a Watch-night service on Wednesday night, December 31, New Year's eve. The services will begin at 11:30 o'clock.

Village Hall Notes

Chimney and Water and Light Plant Completed.—The new radial brick chimney at the Village power plant was completed on Monday. The height is 200 feet, and the total cost will be approximately \$10,000, including hte concrete foundation. Considerable care has been taken by the Village to make this chimney as pleasing in appearance as possible, as to color and design.

NOTED MUSICIAN HOME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY

Carlton Kaumeyer of the Robin Hood Opera company returned to Wilmette early this week to spend Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. Kaumeyer, 601 Linden avenue. He left for Peoria on Christmas day for an engagement in that city.

Miss Mary Baker, a member of the Robin Hood company, was a guest at the Kaumeyer home this week.

Harold E. Moore of Morristown, N. J., returned to Wilmette Tuesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, 531 Washington avenue.

NOTICE!

This issue of The Winnetka Talk was printed on Wednesday, December 24, because of the closing of the offices of The Lake Shore News on Christmas Day and during the week-end. The issue is dated Saturday, as usual, and announcements of Christmas programs in the various churches and organizations are written in the past tense, although the time of many of the meetings and events was actually in the future at the time of going to press. Readers interested in such announcements will be guided by this explanation.

—The Editor.

NORTHWESTERN PLANS BIG MOCK CONVENTION

Gavel and Rostrum Club Invites Residents of North Shore to View Mock Proceedings.

North Shore residents will soon have an opportunity to witness a mock republican convention in Evanston. Members of the Gavel and Rostrum club of Northwestern university last week decided to begin arrangements for a convention to be held in the gymnasium and it will be an exact reproduction of the legitimate national conventions. Students of the university will be delegates. Some important Republican leaders will be invited to attend and to participate in the meeting.

The mock convention held at the college a few years ago attracted huge crowds of North Shore residents, who were interested to see exactly the procedure of such an organization. A committee to make plans for the convention is to be named by the society.

BOWLING LEADS SPORTING EVENTS IN KENILWORTH

Bowling alleys at the Kenilworth gymnasium opened Monday night, December 22, with a large attendance of the men of the village to try their skill at toppling the pins.

Under the direction of Jack Patterson, New Trier High school athletic department leader, the members of the Kenilworth Bowling club are expecting to engage in a lively tournament during the winter months. The alleys are to be used exclusively by the club members. It is also the intention of Director Patterson to organize a woman's bowling club. Present plans are to make Tuesday evenings "open night" at the alleys.

WILMETTE PASTOR PLAYS SANTA TO SHERIDAN MEN

Rev. Herman W. Meyer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church of Wilmette, and Visiting Clergyman at the Fort Sheridan hospital, played Santa Claus to 250 Lutheran men at the army hospital on Tuesday, December 23.

Mr. Meyer conducted Christmas and Communion services at the hospital. Two hundred and fifty boxes of "bats" were distributed among the wounded men, the gift of various Lutheran organizations in Chicago and the north shore.

LIKES FRANCE SO WELL HE'LL GO BACK AGAIN

Charles Burkitt, former resident of Winnetka who until his recent return to the north shore was associated with Y. M. C. A. work and later with a construction company in France, is planning to go back to France early in 1920.

Burkitt confesses a fondness for France and will probably be associated with a construction company upon his return to Europe. He is living at Highland Park.

POSTPONE HEARING

The hearing before the Zoning Commission to consider the establishment of a business building on Winnetka avenue, immediately west of Bertling Lane, has been postponed from Wednesday evening, December 31, to Friday evening, January 2. The hearing will be held at 8 o'clock at the Village Hall.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

S. J. Duncan-Clark, noted War Analyst, gave an illustrated lecture before the members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion, Tuesday evening at the legion headquarters in the Winnetka Woman's club building.

MEN'S CLUB TO HEAR BIG AGRICULTURIST

Prof. Sam Higginbottom, Scientific Farmer, to Tell of Unique Experiences With the People of India

THE ENEMY OF FAMINES

Substitutes Practical American Methods for Theoretical Ideas and Crude Practices.

The December meeting of the Winnetka Men's club has been set over from the midst of the holidays to Tuesday, January 6, and will be addressed by Prof. Sam Higginbottom, who tells of a unique experience with the skill and finish of a rare public speaker. His subject will be "India in War and Peace."

Invited, as he was finishing his course at Princeton, to join the faculty of Allahabad college in North India, he began his career as a professor of economics. A short time sufficed to show him the folly of teaching theoretical economics in a destitute agricultural community where they called it plowing to scratch the soil with the point of a stick and where the choice specimens of vegetables or fowls were exploited for commercial ends and only the stunted or deformed were allowed to perpetuate the species. And since India is essentially agricultural and since precept must give place to practice, he returned to America and took a college course in scientific agriculture, crowding into a few brief months the entire requirements for the diploma of the Ohio State university.

Remedies for Famines

He returned with gas engines, tractors, subsoil plows, threshing machines, churns, methods of soil analysis, seed selection, pruning, grafting and fertilization in place of text books. The result is the beginning of the only sure remedy for Indian famines.

All of this Mr. Higginbottom narrates with a wealth of diction, an aptness of anecdote, a lightness of touch and a depth of feeling that dignify and exalt the humble farmer of India and make the listener envy the opportunities of this endeavor and honor the man whose clear insight and direct approach discovered and appropriated them.

ACCUSE BROTHERS OF WINNETKA BURGLARIES

Harold and Lloyd Potter Are Held to the Grand Jury when Evidence Indicates Implication

Harold and Lloyd Potter of Chicago, brothers charged with perpetrating a series of burglaries in Winnetka homes, were held to the Grand Jury in Justice C. T. Northrup's court Tuesday in \$10,000 bonds.

The brothers were arrested by Chief Peterson's men several days ago under circumstances indicating implication in several burglaries in the Village.

The arrest and confinement of the brothers will, it is expected, have the effect of putting an end to the series of December housebreakings.

ASK \$800,000 TO BUILD BOULEVARDS ALONG CANAL

Drainage District Announces Annual Budget Including North Shore Channel Highway.

Among the improvements listed in the recently announced annual budget of the trustees of the drainage district is included construction of the "North Shore Channel Highway" at a cost of \$800,000.

According to a recent announcement by engineers of the drainage district the project will include the construction of a boulevard along the banks of the canal along its course on the north side of Chicago, through Evanston and connecting with Sheridan road at the canal bridge in Wilmette. Construction is expected to be underway early in 1920.

HIGGINBOTTOM LECTURE.

Women of Winnetka are to have an opportunity of hearing Prof. Sam Higginbottom on Wednesday afternoon, January 7, at 1:30 o'clock. The occasion is the regular meeting of the Women's society of the Congregational church at Community house. It will be the first meeting of the New Year. Every woman in Winnetka is welcome to the meeting and requested to invite friends.