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BOWLES KING HEAD OF PLAYFIELD ASS'N

New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting Held in Community House Tuesday Evening, March 2

\$3,000 FOR A NEW COURSE

\$2,000 Needed for Additional Nine Holes Which will be Ready Next Summer

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Winnetka Playfield association was held on Tuesday, March 2, at 8 o'clock, in the Community House.

The retiring President, Mr. Wallace D. Rumsey, called the meeting to order and the reports of the chairmen of the committees on finance, grounds, house, sports and pastimes, rules and regulations and women's activities, were submitted in detail. The candidates for office as submitted by the Nominating committee to serve for the following year were unanimously elected and these officers together with the three directors Mrs. H. H. Barnum, Darrell S. Boyd, and Fred T. Richardson, Jr., who serve for another year, were elected.

President—S. Bowles King.
Vice-President—C. E. Burkhardt.
Secretary—John Ritchie.
Treasurer—M. K. Meyer.
Director—Wallace D. Rumsey.
Director—E. E. Parr.
Director—Barrett Conway.

In order to make clear previous reports it should be noted that the annual dues of the Association for the coming year still remain at \$1. The Park Board registration fees, for individuals residing within the corporate limits of the village, have been raised from 75 cents to \$2 for adults and for children under sixteen years from 50 cents to \$1 for the season; also the charge of non-resident for Saturday, Sunday and holiday golf has been raised from \$1.50 to \$2 per day over the period from March 1 to October 1.

Report of Year's Work

The following report submitted by the retiring President is of common interest:

"The support which the community has given the Playfield association in its first year of existence is gratifying to us all, I believe, when we realize that there have been 261 who have indicated their interest by paying the membership fee of \$1. This interest may be further indicated by the showing which the following figures give us. There were a total of 470 registration tags issued by the Park Board, of which 97 or 21 per cent were members of our association. In other words, only 37 per cent of our membership actually used the golf course during the season of 1919. The remaining 63 per cent of our membership contributed to the support of this community enterprise as a result of their public spirited interest and apparent desire to further any activity which would benefit the community in general. You have heard from the chairmen of the different committees some of the things which as an association we have endeavored to accomplish in our avowed object of promoting the use of the parks and playgrounds of the village for golf, tennis, baseball and other sports subject to the regulations of the Park Commissioners. The Women's Activities committee is certainly to be complimented on the results of their efforts to interest the women in the opportunity which the Playfield has afforded them.

"Contrary to the slogan which one of our cartoonists has made famous, the first hundred years of an association such as ours may not be the hardest, and we may find it a little more difficult to interest the community generally in the support of this association during the coming year. However, when we realize that only 97 of our members actually played on the course during the last year out of a total of 470 who signed up and paid for registration tags, it seems to me that our drive for the coming year should be among those who actually realized the benefits of this rather remarkable institution—our Municipal Golf course. For the benefit of the new administration, let me urge that all those present sign up and pay for the coming year before they leave tonight.

Must Work to Raise \$3,000

"Regarding this fund of \$3,000 which the association voted to underwrite in order that the Park Board might go ahead and finish up the additional nine holes, so that, the

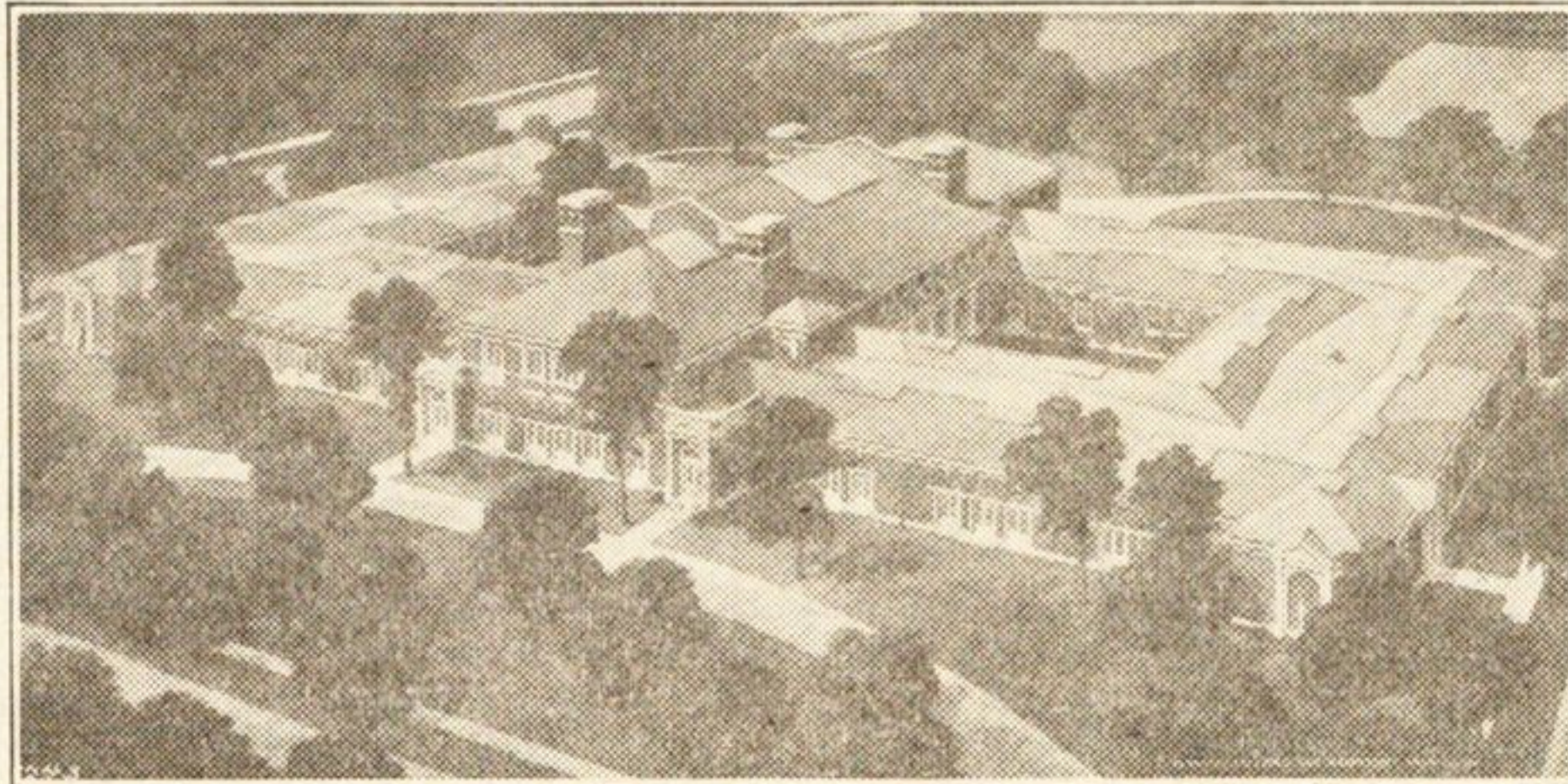
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Gives Plans and Details for Proposed Elm Street School

Because of the widespread interest in the new building planned by the Board of Education, the Weekly Talk secured an interview yesterday with Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Washburne as to the design and character of the proposed building. "For what grades is the building planned?" Mr. Washburne was asked.

"The building is chiefly for the 7th and 8th grades. When completed, however, there will be sufficient rooms to take care of those primary

McCormack, architect for the Cleveland Public schools, recently let bids for two schools with identical number and size of class rooms, corridors, etc., and identical specifications with the exception that one was to be a one-story building and the other was to be built in two stories. The bids for the one-story building were 20 per cent lower than those for the two story building. "Is the building to consist of just the usual class rooms, or will there be any special features?"



Perspective Picture of Proposed Building

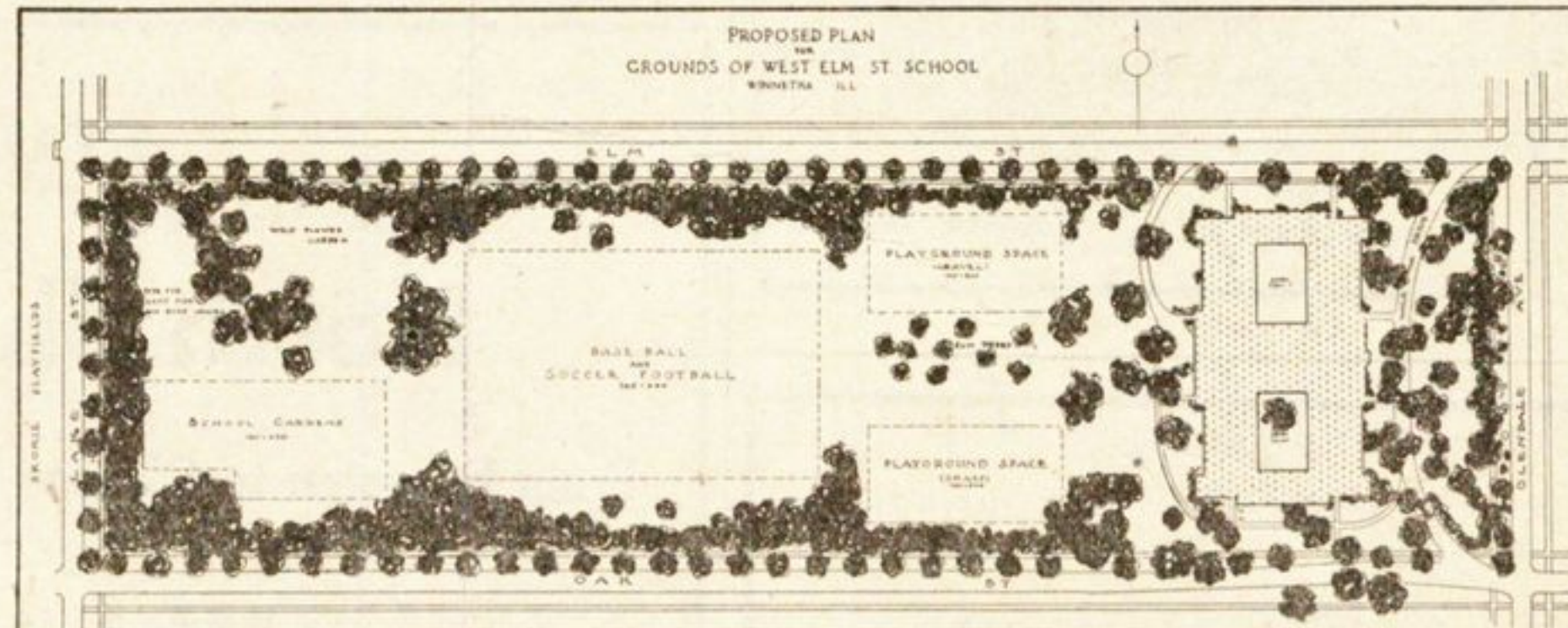
children who live within a radius of a few blocks of the new building. The building will, therefore, be chiefly an intermediate school for the upper grade children from the whole village, but will probably have one wing for primary rooms for the children in the immediate vicinity.

"We understand that it is to be a one-story building. Why is this?"

"A one-story building, where there is sufficient ground, is the safest, most hygienic and most economical building that can be erected. Danger from fire, therefore, is reduced to the minimum.

"From the standpoint of lighting a one-story building makes possible sky-lighted class rooms such as we now have at Skokie school. Professor Freeman of the University of Chicago has been making a special study of the lighting of class rooms and finds that it is almost impossible to provide sufficient light for the pupils farthest from the windows of the regular window-lighted room without

"One wing of the building will be the manual arts wing. In this there will be a manual training room, a print shop, a room for drawing and art, a general science laboratory, a cooking room, and a sewing room with small fitting rooms opening off of it. In these fitting rooms the girls will be able to try on the dresses they make for themselves in the sewing class. The arrangement of this manual arts wing is unusually convenient. The manual training and printing rooms, for instance, adjoin one another, so that the same teacher can supervise both rooms. The drawing room also opens into the print shop, so that children who make book plates, Christmas cards, etc., can easily print the cuts made from their own work. The general science laboratory opens into the cooking room, so that the girls can readily conduct food experiments in the laboratory. The sewing room opens into the other side of the cooking room, making it possible to use the



providing too much light for the pupils nearest the windows. Professor Freeman examined the lighting at the Skokie school, and said that we had achieved a desirable evenness of lighting in all parts of the class room by combining of windows and skylights. Consequently from the standpoint of the children's eyes, as well as the eyes of the teacher, the sky-lighted rooms are the best.

"From the standpoint of expense a one-story building is less costly because a lighter structure becomes possible and foundations cost less.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS AID IN CONSERVATION OF FUNDS

All Employees Heartily Co-operating to Aid Village in More Economical Operation

Following the request some weeks ago of Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser to the police, fire, and public works departments and all village employees to co-operate in making the operation of the various departments more economical, a favorable improvement in this matter has already been noticed. The reduction in electric consumption for lighting purposes and other expenditures has shown the co-operative spirit of the departments in aiding the village in its efforts to utilize their funds to the best advantage.

Mrs. T. Philip Swift will return Monday from a fortnight's stay in Bon Air, Fla.

sewing tables for school lunches.

"The other special rooms in the building include a good-sized gymnasium which is on the same level with the stage of the assembly hall, and separated from that stage by a folding partition. This makes it possible to witness events in the gymnasium from the assembly hall.

"The Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial assembly hall will seat from one thousand to twelve hundred people. The floor is pitched, and there is a balcony above. At the back of the

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MRS. L. COOK, WELL KNOWN HERE, DIES IN KENOSHA

One of the pioneer settlers of Kenosha county, Wis., passed away at her home in Kenosha last Sunday. She was Mrs. L. Cook, whose daughter, Mrs. Maurice Lieber, lives at 988 Elm street. Mrs. Cook, who was 71 years of age, had spent a great deal of her time with her daughter and made a large circle of friends in the village. Funeral services were held from the Kenosha home Tuesday and interment followed at Oakwoods cemetery.

COMMUNITY SINGING MEETING

Everyone in Winnetka, with or without talent, is cordially invited to attend a community singing meet to be held Wednesday, March 9, at the Community House. The singing will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Previous gatherings of this kind have proved very popular.

Village Drives On Rubbish Offenders

Offer Suggestions To Merchants In Cleaning Up Business District Of Waste Paper And Rubbish

Co-operation between local merchants and refuse collectors in maintaining the cleanliness of the Winnetka business district is asked by the village authorities, who have taken up the matter with some of the principal offenders and offered them suggestions, which, for the most part, have been kindly taken. The authorities, in commenting on the rubbish nuisance were of the opinion that most of it was due to carelessness. Village authorities made the following statement about the matter:

"The present unsightly condition of the streets, alleys and vacant property in and around the business district, brought about by the scattering of papers and other light refuse which comes from the various business houses, shows a real need of more careful handling of waste by the merchants. The Village has attempted to keep its streets tidy by having such refuse picked up at regular intervals, but it is found impossible to get any noticeable results, unless the merchants use more care in the storage and disposal of the waste materials which are accumulating."

It is suggested that those merchants who have been in the habit of burning their refuse in the open provide themselves with a wire burner. This will prevent papers from blowing around and reduce the fire hazard. Those merchants who have no adequate place to burn such waste, may have it collected by the Village rubbish collector, provided the waste is packed in sacks in order that it can be conveniently handled.

"If all owners and merchants co-operate along the lines suggested, our business district can be kept neat and clean at all times, and will soon become a source of public pride," declared Supt. of Public Works W. A. Gibbon.

WILLIAM G. HIBBARD, JR. WILL IS FILED IN COURT

The will of the late William G. Hibbard, Jr. of Winnetka, one of the founders of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & company and until his death one of the company's directors, has been filed for probate in the court of Probate Judge Horner.

The estate is valued at \$575,000. A provision in the will directed that if children survived him, his widow, Mrs. Susan Follansbee Hibbard, was to receive the entire estate. There are no children and Mrs. Hibbard will receive all personal property and household effects, \$75,000 in cash and the income on the bulk of the estate. The will also provides that at the death of Mrs. Hibbard the remainder of the estate shall be distributed among three sisters and a brother of Mr. Hibbard, who are given additional bequests of \$5,000 each.

BISSET FUNERAL TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Bisset, wife of George Bisset, 514 Linden avenue, were held from her late residence Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment was at Rosehill cemetery. She is survived by her husband, two sisters—Mrs. William Clark of Necedah, Wis.; Mrs. Edward Hermann; and two brothers—R. C. Hook and James Hook of Victoria, British Columbia.

KEEP CHIMNEY CLEAN

Numerous chimney fires in the village might be eliminated if the advice this week of Fire Chief G. M. Houren is heeded. Chief Houren declares that most of these fires are the result of accumulated soot in the flues, which, if properly cleaned, would occasion little worry to both residents and firemen.

WILL HEAR HOYNE

A number of Winnetka residents have signified their intention of attending the meeting tomorrow of the Wilmette Sunday Evening club, where States Attorney Maclay Hoyne will deliver a vital address on, "The Crime Situation in Chicago."

EDITOR CONVALESCING

E. W. Weber, editor of the Winnetka Talk, who has been critically ill at the Evanston hospital, is convalescing today at the home of relatives in Milwaukee. He will remain there about two weeks.

NEW ASSOCIATION FAVORS 3 SCHOOLS

Winnetka School Association Wants Three Eight-grade Schools and Central School For Special Subjects

OPPOSED TO ELM ST. SITE

Addition To Present Schools Would Still Leave Plenty of Playground Space

The Winnetka School association formed recently to study school problems has gotten under way. Important committees have been formed. These committees are actively taking up questions now before the community.

Citizens from all over the village are interested in the brood and construction policies of the organization. They are expressing their views on matters freely.

The immediate problem before the association and the citizens of Winnetka is the proposed central school and the large financial campaign connected with it.

It has developed in interviewing citizens that there is a strong sentiment against the location of the new central school far out from the center of the village at the foot of west Elm street.

The majority of citizens approached express preference for three eight grade schools. One a central school fully equipped for work in the special subjects such as Manual training and printing, cooking, sewing, science and art work.

It is not felt impractical nor impossible to construct such schools on the present school sites by additions to the present buildings. A large central playground such as has been proposed would not be available but a well equipped gymnasium together with the quite ample ground that could be secured should adequately care for supervised playwork.

Such suggestions are being assigned to the Survey committee of the association for investigation and recommendation. It is expected that in due time there will be put before the Board of Education and the citizens of Winnetka a concrete plan proposed to solve the problem in a way that should be satisfactory to all.

LOUIS P. CAIN WILL BE LEGION SPEAKER MARCH 9

Members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion are showing renewed interest in the activities of the organization. In the athletic field, most of the members are enthusiastically planning to root for their "buddies" at the indoor baseball game with Evanston at Community House tomorrow. This will be the initial appearance of a legion team from the local post, although a team composed of legion and non-legion members has displayed promising ability. The all-legion team will be captained by Paul Kreger. As Evanston is reputed to present a formidable line-up, a close game is expected.

But the post activities are not centered alone in athletics. Their bi-monthly meetings are featured by all sort of entertainments.

SCOUTS TEST IMAGINATION

At a meeting Thursday night of Troop No. 1, Winnetka Boy Scouts, the youths' imagination were put to the test in the telling of stories. The Scouts were divided into two groups and had the same subject to work upon. The group which more fully illuminated the details, was declared the winner. Then a short address on his experiences in Michigan copper mines was made by Assistant Scoutmaster H. L. Clark. After two new scouts were initiated, a challenge to a knot-tying contest by the Glencoe troop was read and arrangements made for setting a date for the contest. They also discussed the formation of a basketball team.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

A report that a suspicious looking character was loitering in the neighborhood of the Charles Abbott residence could not be verified by the local police, although they scoured the vicinity in a search for the man.

RUBBISH BURNS

Smoke from a pile of burning rubbish in the garage of the Nelson Brothers Laundry at 801 Elm street, resulted in a jaunt to that place last Saturday by the fire department. No damage was reported.