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## CALL MASS MEETING IN \$350,000 SCHOOL DRIVE

### URGE OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT SECOND TERM

Non-partisan Caucus Requests Outgoing Members of Council, Library and School Boards to Serve Another Term

### MILLER, JR., READS REPORT

Names Track Depression, New Site for Waste Disposal Plant, etc., As Making Progress

Outgoing members of the village council, library board and village school board were urgently requested to accept nomination for another term of office at a Non-partisan caucus, held Wednesday evening at the Community House.

#### Praise for Services

The following motion, made by Mr. John R. Leonard, was unanimously adopted.

"Moved that the thanks of the citizens of Winnetka be extended to the village president and trustees and to the village officers; to the members of the library board and to school trustees, for their faithful and valuable service to the village during the last year.

That the members and officers of these bodies whose terms expire next month be urgently requested to allow their names to come before the voters of the village for reelection to another term of office; that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to fill any vacancies and that this committee report back at a meeting of the caucus to be held Wednesday evening, March 17th."

#### Names of Officials

The office holders whose terms expire this spring are as follows: Village council—Trustees, Clarence E. Cook, Mrs. W. J. Huddle and W. F. Wallace. Mr. Ayres Boal, who has served one year of his term has also presented his resignation. Village treasurer, Harry C. Seymour; Marshall and Collector, Theodore Flynn. Village clerk, Mrs. Winslow.

Library Trustees—Mrs. Franklin Rudolph, and P. B. Kohlsaat. School Board—Laird Bell, President; Mrs. W. D. McKenzie, Mrs. John M. Olmstead.

The Caucus also voted that the nominees of the Caucus for the Village Council offices be requested to sign the Village Platform as drafted last year. This platform reads as follows:

#### Here Is Platform

1. We stand for municipal ownership and operation of the Village utilities, and pledge ourselves to retain, maintain and develop the Village water and light properties.

2. We pledge ourselves to grant no franchises without first submitting the matter to a referendum vote of the people.

3. We stand for efficient and economical business methods in the administration of all department of the Village.

#### Aim at Railroads

4. The frequent killing of our citizens on the tracks of our railroads has proven that our population has reached the point where high speed trains cannot be operated within the limits of the Village under present conditions without wanton and heart-breaking sacrifice of life. We believe the only satisfactory solution, from the standpoint of safety, is track depression and that such depression is practicable. This is one of the most important and pressing problems before the Village and we pledge ourselves to use our best efforts towards its early and satisfactory solution, and to take no action inconsistent therewith.

(Signed RUSSELL M. HELLER.)

Mr. Frank F. Fowle, Chairman of the meeting appointed the following committee in accordance with instructions of the Caucus: Harold L. Ickes, Chairman; Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Mrs. James F. Porter, Robert Wallace and J. D. Pierce. This committee will report as to its success inducing the outgoing officials to serve again at a public meeting to be held at Community House, March 17th, at 8 P. M.

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### Indian Hill Unites to Get a Park

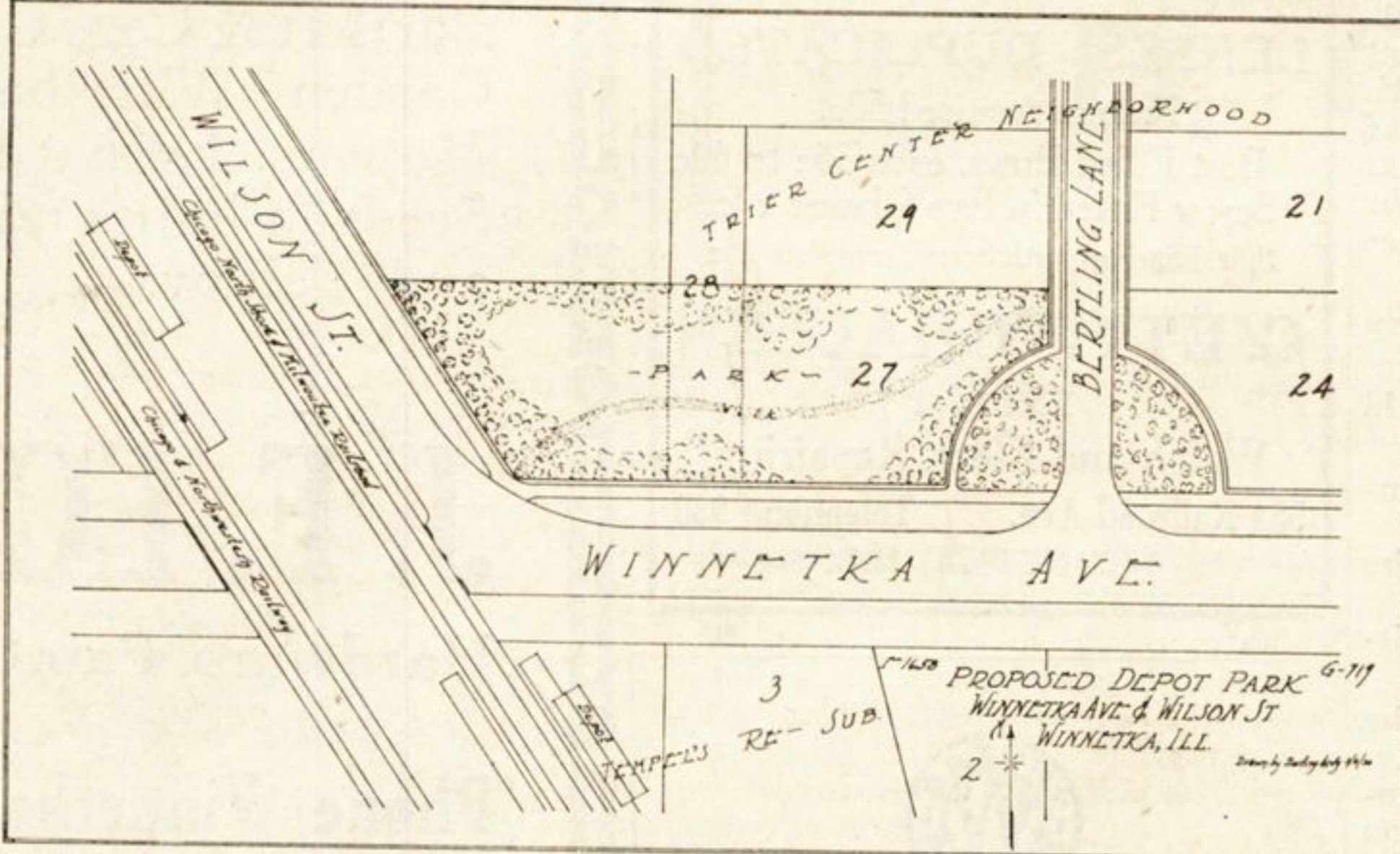
"Foresight is better than 'hindsight' and the residents of south-east Winnetka see a crisis at hand on which depends the 'weal or woe' of this rapid-growing section of our village.

Shall this community emulate the example of other north shore villages by beautifying Indian Hill and perpetuating its attractiveness and desirability as a residence district? Or, shall it permit commercialism to thwart the plans of its public-spirited citizens? The immediate future

equal for the entire section. However, it seems certain that no sectional assessment will be necessary; for with the greater bonding power of the Park Board through the increased property valuation, the Board will soon be in a position, and should see the necessity, of giving to Indian Hill a park. They cannot but appreciate the tax contributions to Winnetka from this section for as many years.

#### Would Injure Community

No one can deny that the most appreciated attraction of all our north-



will find these questions answered.

#### Want War Gardens

The Indian Hill Improvement association, of which every resident from Willow street south is a member, believes that "God helps those who help themselves." It also believes that in the near future the Winnetka Park Board will have both the funds and the inclination to secure for a park the entire vacant tract now known as the New Trier War Gardens.

But, in the meantime, stores and flats are threatened on the south end of this tract, and Indian Hill is almost unanimously opposed to them for obvious reasons. A building permit has been asked for these stores and flats but has not yet been granted by the Village Board, and we still have time to act. While the Improvement association will contest, by every legal means, the erection of stores or flats on any part of the proposed tract, it has seemed to be the more desirable and quicker way to RAISE A FUND BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION AND TURN IT OVER TO THE PARK BOARD TO ACQUIRE THE SOUTH LOT BY CONDEMNATION AND PURCHASE FOR THE NEUCLEUS OF A PARK.

#### Possibilities Seen

The above sketch shows the south lot now to be acquired, with the ground just west of it on which application for condemnation is already before the Board of Local Improvements. While the arrangement of shrubbery in the sketch is only an idea of the draftsman, it will be seen that even this nucleus has immediate value to south-east Winnetka, pending the addition of the much larger tract adjoining it on the north.

The Indian Hill association believes that the urgency of the situation demands the immediate raising of a fund for the purpose, referred to above. Let every lot owner do his share and the cost to each will be insignificant. The large park, of which this is to be the beginning, will be a general improvement to south-east Winnetka, benefitting equally all who use the station; and we are informed that if an assessment were spread for this park, it would be

shore villages is the community spirit, the neighborly friendship and social equality. When commercialism comes with stores and flats and apartment hotels, then residence property values decrease, the home life disappears, our children suffer and the retrograde begins. Shall south-east Winnetka guard its future, or shall its home-lovers get ready to move? If the attractiveness of Indian Hill is to improve, this park will be a large factor in it.

The established valuation of this park lot at the present time is lower than it will be at any time in the future; and citizens of this community should waken now to the fact that this much needed improvement will come cheaper by voluntary subscription than by forced taxation. It is self-evident that every dollar invested in the popular fund for this public improvement is a dollar PLUS when reflected in the increased value of all property in this section.

#### Board Also Opposed

The New Trier Township High School Board has placed itself on record, by resolution, that stores near the High school "would effect the interests of the High school unfavorably." About a thousand pupils attend the High school. Nearly all of them pass the lot where the stores would be. Shall we give them a park or a pool-room? Shall we give them sun-shine or cigarettes? Shall we give our children a pleasant and safe place to meet "dad" at night and thus add to the pleasure of the home-coming?

#### To Get Subscriptions

At a meeting held Friday evening at the Greeley school, a large and earnest group of public-spirited citizens volunteered their services to present the park proposition to every lot-owner in south-east Winnetka, at the same time backing up their convictions with liberal subscriptions. Cash and time subscriptions to this park fund will be solicited by these volunteers, and it is confidently expected that all lovers of home and community will generously respond to their individual appeals.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL WILL OPPOSE INCREASED GAS

At the last meeting of the Village Council, a number of matters of general interest were discussed and acted upon.

The application of the North Shore Gas company to the Illinois Public Utilities Commission for an immediate increase in gas rates was presented to the council by the village attorney. It was decided that this application should be opposed before the Commission.

A resolution was passed opposing the consolidation of the various municipalities of Cook county with the city of Chicago, which consolidation has been suggested to the Constitutional Convention.

The Finance committee reported that a careful analysis of the increased demand on the station capacity had been made by Manager Woolhiser, indicating that the present capacity would be exceeded within the next year. In addition, the high economy of the new unit justifies its purchase at this time.

The purchase of two new motorcycles for the Police department for patrol purposes, was authorized.

A request was received from B. W. Blaw for permission to make provision to receive building material on the siding of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad, just north of Humboldt avenue, which request was referred to the Judiciary committee for consideration.

### SKOKIE PLAYFIELD FINANCE DRIVE

Local Golf Association Solicits Aid From Those who "Failed to Follow Through"; Still Need \$2000 for Maintenance

The finance committee of the Skokie Playfield has started the ball rolling in the campaign to raise \$3000 for the maintenance of the new links. Under direction of Treasurer Max K. Meyer, letters have been sent out to local residents calling upon the community enterprise of Winnetka residents to bridge the balance of the fund—\$2000. The letter follows: To the Citizens of Winnetka:

We know you are interested in the Skokie Playfield. Whether or not you play golf yourself, you share Winnetka's keen civic pride in this community enterprise. We realize that we are giving you this opportunity to prove it.

Last fall the Park Board lengthened the Playfield golf course to eighteen holes. But the funds the Board may divert to maintain the new course this year are limited. The Winnetka Playfield association has guaranteed to raise the Three Thousand Dollars necessary to put the new holes in playable condition.

We outlined the situation to you last November. At that time you probably resolved to assume a liberal share of that guarantee. But you neglected that fundamental golf requirement—and, you didn't follow through.

We have one-third of that Three Thousand. We need the balance and if you are to have the new course to play over this summer we need it now. Let's act. Good intentions will not sod the greens or keep the fairways cut.

Think of the cost of membership in the North Shore golf club. It's only a few dollars a year, and you contribute.

We need your subscription—whatever its size. Mail your check to Max K. Meyer, treasurer. Think of that long line at the first tee last summer and act quickly.

#### Finance Committee.

At the Winnetka Playfield association, the chairmen of the outstanding committees for the ensuing year have been announced by President S. B. King. They are:

Finance—D. S. Boyd; House—E. E. Parr; Grounds—W. D. Rumsey; Rules and Regulations—F. Richardson Jr.; Women's Activities—Mrs. H. H. Barnum; Sports and Pastimes—B. Conway; Publicity and Membership—C. J. Eastman.

### MAJ. HOYT McCLAIN DIES SUDDENLY: BURIAL MONDAY

Prominent Winnetka Resident Dies At American Hospital Following Short Illness

Major Hoyt N. McClain, 258 Ridge avenue, died at mid-night Thursday at the American hospital following illness of a week. Funeral services will be held Monday at 3 o'clock at the Winnetka Congregational church with interment following at the North Shore cemetery.

Maj. McClain, who has recently obtained his discharge from the ordnance department, in which service he set a wonderful example of business executive ability, was president of the Tengwall company, printers and binders.

During the war Maj. McClain was appointed to one of the most responsible positions of the war—that of controlling of the shipments of all supplies from the Chicago region for the army. Previous to that he was connected with the ordnance department at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. In Winnetka Maj. McClain has been one of the leaders in civic, social and political life, being at one time president of the School Board of Education.

A wife and eight children survive him. The children are: Louis, Robert, Alan, John, Hoyt, Jr., Frances, Jean and Margaret.

#### PRESENT PLAY

This evening the Dramatic club of New Trier High school will present Anatole France's play, "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife," a rollicking comedy, at the school auditorium.

All Citizens of Village Urged To Attend Meeting Sunday at Community House to Learn Facts of New School

### EDUCATORS WILL SPEAK

Prof. Charles H. Judd, J. E. Rogers, Supt. Washburne and Laird Bell Named as Speakers

A mass meeting of all the citizens of Winnetka has been called at Community House for Sunday evening, March 14th at 8 o'clock. The issue to be discussed is the necessity of raising \$350,000 in popular subscription for the erection of a school for all upper grade children of the village. Professor Charles H. Judd, Director of the School of Education of the University of Chicago, a national authority upon educational subjects, will speak on "Forward Steps in Child Training." James Edward Rogers, National Director of the Department of Training of Community Service, and formerly Field Secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, will speak on "The Value of School Playgrounds." Both of these men are able speakers and recognized experts in their own fields. They will be followed by C. W. Washburne, Superintendent of Schools, who will show how the plans of the Winnetka Board of Education for building an upper-grade school on its 12-acre site conform to the recognized educational standards. Mr. Laird Bell, President of the Board of Education will then explain why it is necessary to raise the money for this new building by popular subscription.

"The building of the new school by popular subscription is the biggest undertaking in Winnetka's history," said one of the members of the Committee of One Hundred yesterday. "No citizen of the village can afford to be ignorant of the issues involved. No one has the right to sit complacently by while the welfare of Winnetka's children is being considered. Neither can anyone afford not to inform himself fully about this project when every man, woman and child in Winnetka is going to be asked to contribute to its successful achievement.

"Ignorance of the need for the school, the desirability of erecting it where there will be sufficient playground space for the children, and the desirability of bringing together all 7th and 8th grade children into one building for departmental work cannot be plead as an excuse for not helping in this undertaking when everyone has the opportunity of attending Sunday evening's meeting.

"Nothing can be of more importance to the village than the right kind of education for its children. What the right kind of education consists of will be presented at the mass meeting Sunday evening by nationally recognized experts in short, pithy talks. It is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the village that every public-spirited citizen should be present."

Lantern slides will be used during one or two of the talks at this meeting.

### GAS OFF FOR DAY IN WINNETKA AND GLENCOE

For nearly 12 hours Thursday Winnetka and Glencoe were without their usual supply of gas and the offices of the North Shore Gas company on Elm street was besieged by scores of housewives demanding to know the reason for the unusual situation.

Manager Lester Price explained yesterday that the six-inch pipe which runs from the main plant west of Deerfield through Skokie valley and furnishes the gas supply for both villages had been seriously damaged and the gas pressure had been reduced to zero.

"It seems that the weight of ice on this pipe, which is 2 feet below water in one of the sloughs in the valley, snapped the pipe at a coupling, completely shutting off the pressure of gas from the plant. Both the towns here were affected and the company regrets that such an unfortunate accident should have happened. Due to the seriousness of the break, the pipe could not be repaired until workmen has constructed bulkheads around it and laid a new section of pipe in the slough, skirting the broken one."