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HUNDREDS JOIN RANKS OF 'COMMITTEE OF 500'

Many Representative Citizens Express Desire To Back Up Board of Education Plans For New School

PETITIONS DISTRIBUTED

Board of Education and Winnetka School Association Work Together in Distribution

The challenge thrown down to the Winnetka Board of Education on the question of site for the new school has stirred the village as no event since the great war drives.

Hundreds of citizens, it is said, have already expressed their desire to join the rank of the "Committee of 500", indicating their willingness to back up the board in its decision for the twelve-acre West Elm street site.

Name Executive Committee

From the "Committee of 500" an Executive committee has been formed consisting of the following:

George D. Wolf, chairman; Mrs. Ernest S. Ballard, Mrs. T. E. Brooks, Mrs. C. M. Buell, Mrs. Wallace W. Chickering, Mrs. Frank T. Crawford, Mrs. Alfred G. Freeman, Mrs. Morris L. Greeley, Mrs. Roswell B. Mason, Mrs. Marc Newman, Mrs. Philip S. Post, Mrs. James F. Porter, Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Mrs. Allan Wolff, William J. Carey, Charles Howells Coffin, Clarence E. Cook, William E. Davis, Frederick Dickinson, William S. Elliott, Jerome Frank, Sherman M. Goble, George W. Gordon, Morris L. Greeley, John Guthrie, Sebastian Hinton, Merritt Lum, Roswell B. Mason, William D. McKenzie, George M. Pearse, Benjamin K. Smith, Judge Charles M. Thomson, Robert H. Wallace.

Plans are being formulated by this committee to inform the whole village on the vital issues at stake, with particular reference to the desirability of adequate playgrounds.

Suspend Solicitation

The solicitors for funds for the new school have suspended work pending the outcome of the referendum to be held May 1. Meanwhile the huge campaign fund thermometer at the Winnetka station has been placed in storage, together with the subscription blanks covering \$150,000 which had been raised for the twelve-acre site.

It is interesting to note the representation from all sections of the village which so far comprises the "Committee of 500". A partial list of names of men members follows:

(The names given below represent both "Mr. and Mrs."):

Arthur Alder, L. Sherman Aldrich, Alfred Alschuler, Eric Anderson, R. W. Anderson, Henry E. Barroll, A. W. Barrett, E. S. Ballard, H. C. Ballenger, Edgar B. Baumann, Albert H. Barbor, Morris Berkson, F. W. Blatchford, Nat. H. Blatchford, Jr., B. W. Blow, Ayres Boal, John T. Boddie, T. M. Brooks, Charles Buell, Frederick W. Burlingham, Francis P. Butler, Robert O. Butz, Chas. L. Byron, F. Cadenhead, W. J. Carey, E. O. Carlson, Edwin H. Clark, F. Goddard Cheney, W. W. Chickering, R. S. Childs, Mancel T. Clark, F. K. Copeland, H. N. Copthorne, C. E. Cook, Arlan W. Converse, Charles H. Coffin, Lowell Copeland.

J. W. F. Davies, W. E. Davis, Arthur R. Dean, S. E. Dean, Frederick Dickinson, Arthur F. Durand, Frank D. Duncan, R. E. Durham, Oscar Eisendrath, Samson Eisendrath, William Eisendrath, William S. Elliott, W. R. English.

Eli. B. Felsenthal, James Fentress, Edwin Fletcher, Frank T. Fowle, William G. Forrest, Jerome Frank, John E. Freeman, Dudley K. French.

E. Ashley Gerhard, G. H. Gibney, Sherman Goble, George W. Gordon, Harry Gottlieb, Morris Greeley, Samuel A. Greeley, John B. Guthrie, G. M. Hafer, Raymond W. Hardenburgh, Leon Hamburger, John L. Hamilton, Ralph Hamill, H. D. Harting, Sebastian Hinton, Charles W. Hubbard, Fred Hubsch.

A. D. Jenkins, Charles A. Kinney, S. Bowles King, John R. Leonard, Leon Longini, Merritt Lum, Roswell Mason, John Macleish, George B. Massey, William Ayer McKinney, H. B. McKenzie, C. C. McKinney, Robert E. Meloney, John S. Miller, Jr., William S. Miller, Taliaferro Milton, W. C. Moffat.

Marc Newman, William R. Page, Francis W. Parker, Jr., Howard C. Phillips, Martin Philipsborn, Hugo Pick, James Porter, Philip Post, Paul Powell, Wm. Power, Bernard Ran-

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Winnetka Merchants Observe Good Friday

Act Favorably Upon Suggestion of Christ Church Rector and Close Half Day

Suggestion made by the Reverend E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church, that merchants of the village observe Good Friday by closing their places of business on the afternoon of that day, was favorably concurred in by thirty-two Winnetka and Hubbard Woods business men. Early last week Mr. Gerhard directed a letter to each merchant in the village having the object of enlisting interest in the observance of Good Friday.

"The response to this letter," says Mr. Gerhard, "was so cordial and so generous that I am exceedingly anxious to give as wide publicity as possible to my appreciation of it. The following Winnetka and Hubbard Woods merchants gave their ready endorsement to the plan and agreed to co-operate in carrying it out.

Co-operative Grocery and Market. C. A. Forberg Grocery and Market. Hubbard Woods Cash Grocery. Winnetka Commission Market. Progressive Grocery. Pullom and Regan Grocery. Rudolph Grocery. Winnetka Grocery. Peter's Market. A. J. Vollmann Market. Voltz's Grocery. Flynn's Grocery. Atlantic and Pacific Tea Store. Winnetka Commission House. John Smith. Quality Cake Shop. Winnetka Sanitary Dairy. Brandl Bros. R. H. Schell and Co. G. L. Zick and Co. E. B. Taylor and Co. John H. Dethloff. George Park. E. S. Parr. J. F. Eckart. Hubbard Woods Electric and Hardware Co. North Shore Electric Shop. C. W. Ettinghausen. Duncan's Confectionery. George Rasmussen, Jr. Delebecque's.

MORE LAKE FRONT LAND BOUGHT BY PARK BOARD

The Village Council, it was announced this week, has advanced funds for the purchase of land south of Elder Lane and east of Sheridan road to be added to the land recently purchased by the Park Board 200 feet north of Elder lane. The Park Board will ultimately pay for the 100 foot strip just purchased.

The purchase of this lake front property secures to the village for all time the use of at least 280 feet of lake frontage. As previously announced in the Weekly Talk, this strip of land is to be improved as a bathing beach.

ATTENTION READERS

On pages twelve and thirteen of this issue of the Weekly Talk will be found a Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown letter embodying an appeal for shoes and clothing for Serbian refugees. This appeal should interest every reader of the Talk particularly as Dr. Brown's work in the Balkan country is largely maintained by voluntary contributions from this village.

ADVICE FROM FLORIDA

The Weekly Talk this week dispatched a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hoyt, Green Cove Springs, Florida, congratulating them on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

In the knowledge that the Hoyts were Talk readers a request was added for an expression of opinion on the present Winnetka school situation. Mr. Hoyt wired back as follows: Green Cove Springs, Fla., April 7, 1920.

E. W. Weber, Editor, Winnetka Talk, Winnetka, Ill.

Thanks for congratulations. You ask my views on new school drive. Am not well posted. I should advise citizens vote on this and village pay when in funds. Building so expensive. Better wait. Good time to practice economy and show good sense.

William Hoyt.

EXPERTS COMMENT ON W. ELM ST. DRAINAGE

Wendes and Marsh, Engineers, and Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton, Architects, See No Difficulties

The possibility of draining the 12-acre Elm street site and the practicality of busses have been attacked by critics of the Board of Education's plan for the new school. In order to get the attitude of the Board towards these questions, a Weekly Talk representative interviewed a member of the board this week.

In answer to the question as to drainage, the following letters were submitted as confirmation of previous correspondence which has been published in recent issues of the Weekly Talk.

April 7, 1920.

Winnetka Board of Education, Winnetka, Ill.

Confirming our verbal statements and former written opinion, there is no practical engineering difficulty because of drainage to the use of the West Elm street site for a school.

The east five hundred feet of the tract is above high water mark. The most westerly portion, which is also the lowest portion, will average about eighteen inches below high water mark.

The flood water can be kept off this site without filling by raising Lake street roadway about one foot, constructing a culvert across Lake street at the north ditch in Elm street, diverting the south Elm street ditch to the north Elm street ditch near Glendale avenue, ditching and filling Oak street to the level of Elm street, constructing a backwater gate at Lake street and Oak street, and tile draining the school site. An estimate of the cost of the above work would be from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

The above work can all be accomplished by the time the school is ready for occupancy and between now and the time completion of the building the entire tract can be raised above the high water mark by the use of the filling materials available in the village.

Yours very truly,

Wendes and Marsh.

(Signed) Frank A. Windes.

April 7, 1920.

Mr. Laird Bell, President Winnetka Board of Education, Winnetka, Ill.

Replying to your inquiry with reference to the West Elm street site, there is no objection from an architectural point of view to the use of this site for a school building. All questions of drainage can be readily taken care of.

Very truly yours,

Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton. "This would satisfy any doubt as to drainage of the 12-acre site," said the member of the board. "We can safely trust the judgment of men who have made a study of the problem, just as we do with the heating and ventilation, or design of the school building itself. The rumors that have been flying around have no foundation of fact, and good citizens should refute them without hesitation."

"Upon what do you base your estimate of the cost of operation of the cost of operation of the busses?" was the question the reporter asked.

For answer he was handed a number of letters from school boards in various parts of the country which have had busses in operation for a number of years.

Good Buss Service

"In Brewster, Minnesota, for example," the board member pointed out, "two large Wayne motor busses have been operated for the last three years and a half. They claim the roads are the worst in Minnesota, yet the busses haven't missed a day's service. Children have been transported six and a half miles without a single accident in the whole period. Under hard-road condition (such as round), the operating cost per buss we have in Winnetka the whole year has averaged \$13 a month, two which of course must be added drivers' salary. The busses are heated by the exhaust. Altogether the board has received reports covering the operation of 191 busses in 8 states over periods ranging from two to ten years. Here is a summary of these statements:

No serious accidents—unanimous. No trouble with discipline—one minor exception. Low cost of operating expense—unanimous. High degree of success and efficiency—unanimous."

Stores Barred From Indian Hill Section

Joint Session of Municipal Bodies Recommends Vicinity Be Zoned For Residences Only

Residents in the Indian Hill section of the Village, represented in the Indian Hill Improvement association, won the preliminary round in their fight to bar all store buildings from that vicinity.

At a joint meeting last week of the Village Council, the Winnetka Park Board and the Winnetka Zoning commission the session decided to recommend to the Zoning commission that that section of Winnetka south of Willow street and east of the railway right of way be zoned for residential purposes only.

The Zoning commission, it was announced, expects to proceed at once to give consideration to this recommendation. The Illinois State Zoning law requires that all property owners be notified and the public hearings be held before the Zoning law becomes effective.

The fight to maintain the Indian Hill section as a residential neighborhood only began with the application of the William F. Temple Co., for a building permit to erect a two-story combined store and apartment building at Bertling lane and Winnetka avenue. Rejection of the permit by the Village Council followed a fight against the proposed introduction of the store building lead by the Indian Hill Improvement association.

OLIVER FLEMING MURPHY BURIED AT MT. VERNON, OHIO

Veteran of Civil War Who Died Here March 26. Laid To Rest By Comrades

The death, recently, of Oliver Fleming Murphy at his home at 905 Elm street, marked the passing of another out of the rapidly thinning ranks of veterans of the great Civil War. Mr. Murphy had been a resident of Winnetka less than three years, but in that time won many warm friends and was particularly active in Congregational church circles.

Oliver Fleming Murphy was born December 15, 1840, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and, except for the last thirty months spent in his new home in Winnetka, passed his life there. He died March 26 of heart failure. He was in the first class that entered the Mt. Vernon high school, and remained until the outbreak of the civil war. Frail health prevented him entering the army at once, though his elder brother Marshall was the third man from Mt. Vernon to volunteer and his brother Bryant saw service with the 4th regiment to the close of the war. Mr. Murphy joined the Home Guards and when they were called to the front, served at Fort Lyons. After his return home he was deputy clerk for many years and entered the insurance business. He was married November 2, 1869, to Eliza O. Murphy, with whom he spent fifty years of happy life, celebrating the golden wedding anniversary in November, 1919.

Mr. Murphy is survived by the widow and three sons. Funeral and burial services were in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he had spent the major portion of his life. Members of the Mt. Vernon Post of the G. A. R. were in charge of the services.

VILLAGE ELECTION IS COMPLIMENTARY BALLOT

The Village election, Tuesday, April 6, by reason of no contests was uneventful and entirely complimentary. The personnel of Village officials remains identical, with the exception of the election to fill vacancies, of Howard C. Ballenger and Lawrence Stein, for trustees.

Officials elected were: Village trustees: Harriet M. Huddle, Walter F. Wallace, Howard C. Ballenger, Lawrence M. Stein. Village treasurer: Harry C. Seymour.

Village marshal and collector: Theodore Flynn. Village clerk: Stella Winslow. Library trustees: P. B. Kohlsaat, Pauline D. Rudolph.

IMPROVE NEW PARK

The new park west of the Hubbard Woods station, recently donated to the village by an organization of citizens, will be improved by the Park Board immediately.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION APPOINTS COMMITTEES

Actual Campaign Work Is Placed Underway As Committees Get Busy on Horace Mann Site Proposition

HAS FORCEFUL ARGUMENT

Earle S. Barber in Letter Presents Association Views on School Question

With the committees appointed and actual campaign work underway the Winnetka School association this week presents a formidable force for concerted action in support of the so-called Horace Mann site for the new school as opposed to the West Elm street site under consideration by the Board of Education.

The association members busied themselves this week in completing organization co-operating with the Board of Education in the circulation of petitions for a referendum vote on the school site question.

Name Committees

Of particular interest at this time is the personnel of the association committees. The names are as follows:

General Committee: Frank D. Fulton, chairman; Joseph E. Winterbotham, Leonard H. Roach, Arthur F. Klein, S. C. Hancock, C. S. Jackson, A. Miller Belfield, B. J. Gillespie, Arthur F. Horsman.

Publicity Committee: Earle S. Barber, John H. Hansel, Jr., Stanley Clague, Stanley B. Rogers, J. Williams Macy, Fred F. Parsons.

Finance Committee: Charles N. Asheim, chairman; William T. Wehrstedt, R. A. S. Johnson, Thomas G. Windes, S. Hallet Greeley, W. L. Ware, Charles L. Weeks, Lewis C. Norton.

Officers of the association, as previously announced are:

W. E. Shoemaker, president; Mrs. Frank D. Fulton, vice president; John E. Lutz, secretary; Charles N. Asheim, treasurer.

Directors are: C. S. Jackson, S. C. Hancock, Leonard H. Roach, Sherman S. Orwig, Arthur F. Klein.

Mrs. William A. Thrall is chairman of the membership committee.

Good Representation

If the committee representation may be regarded as a fair indication of the general representation of the organization it will be seen that the organization draws its supporters from every section of the village.

What the association actually stands for and the pertinent reasons for its advocacy of the Horace Mann site may be found in the accompanying letter to a committee member from Earle S. Barber, one of the leaders of the association forces. Mr. Barber is quoted in part as follows:

French Lick, Indiana, Sunday, April 4, 1920.

Dear S.:

Note your letter relative formation of committee boosting the use of the Horace Mann school site for building necessary requirements for centralized 7th and 8th grades, instead of using Skokie site at West Elm street.

I believe the buying or condemning of the whole block a most sensible procedure as the cost could be almost covered from the heavy cost and maintenance over a period of a few years of the so-called business plan the other site necessitates. It offers a location which even the School Board admit is more practical than the one they suggest.

Logical Plan

The buying of what is principally vacant land of several acres diagonally across the street is most logical for a playground site and would accommodate the requirements of the 7th and 8th grade older boys and girls such as is asked for. All necessary equipment for outdoor exercises can be laid out in the space available and certainly give all the opportunity necessary for the older boys' and girls' games.

Of course, as is planned now the lower grades that were to continue at Horace Mann, Greeley and present Skokie schools will use the land available around the present buildings.

Best Accomodations

The enlargement of the Horace Mann site as planned by the Winnetka School association will accommodate the students there more adequately as far as playground is concerned than the school board is planning in their present scheme. They seem to concentrate on the idea of more adequate playground for