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## SAY FIGURES PROVE ELM ST. SITE BEST

Board of Education Members produce Actual Figures To Prove Point For "Committee of 500"

## WOULD SAVE ON FINANCES

Puts Cost of Elm Street Site at \$360,325; Horace Mann Site Computed at \$515,000

Financial practicability and educational desirability are the two fundamental reasons which have led the Board of Education to choose its 12-acre Elm Street site as the location for its new upper-grade school, according to the statement of one of the members.

"The fact that the Elm Street site is financially the only practical one can be brought out by a comparison of the cost of building there with the cost of the inadequate plan proposed by the Winnetka School Association." The following figures, as they relate to the Board of Education plan, are accurate and authentic. Unfortunately the Winnetka School Association has submitted no definite statement of the details of its plan nor of the costs involved. We are therefore obliged to compare our definite figures with a general estimate based on the assumption that the rest of the Horace Mann block can be bought and that a two-story building will be erected there, and that an additional half block for playground can be bought back of the parish house, as proposed by the association.

"The relative costs of the two propositions are shown below:

Board of Education Plan	
(Original Outlay)	
Purchase of land .....	\$ 000
Purchase of 5 Wayne School cars @ \$1,565 .....	7,825
Filling, draining and preparing land .....	2,500
Erection of building (18 rooms, assembly hall, gymnasium and offices) .....	350,000
<b>Total cost .....</b>	<b>\$360,325</b>
"The general maintenance cost of a building on either the School Board's site or that proposed by the association, would be the same.	
The following additional maintenance costs are, however, involved in the Board of Education plan:	
Special Assessment (for paving, sidewalk, sewers, water main) .....	\$ 3,573.20
Interest on deferred payments .....	875.00
Running expenses of 5 school cars .....	864.00
Drivers' Wages .....	1,800.00
Depreciation of cars, 14% .....	1,095.50
Depreciation of building 3% .....	10,500.00

## Winnetka School Association Plan

(Original Outlay)	
Purchase of land and buildings .....	\$ 75,000
Leveling corner hill and grading .....	2,500
Erection of 2-story building (18 rooms, assembly hall, gymnasium and offices) ..	437,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>

(1-story building costs 20 per cent less than 2-story).

The difference in original outlay being \$154,570, bonds for this amount would have to be issued. The Board of Education has not this much reserve bonding power, and needs what it has to improve Skokie and Greeley. The "Winnetka School Association" does not tell us where we can get this money. But let us assume that we could issue bonds, ultimately, for it: Let us see what it does to our annual maintenance:

Payment on principal of bonds .....	\$ 7,733.50
Payment on interest (average) .....	4,640.10
Depreciation on building (3%) .....	13,225.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25,498.60</b>

The Board of Education's financial reasons for selecting the Elm Street site are therefore obvious:

Winnetka School Ass'n. Plan .....	\$25,000.00	\$25,498.60
Board of Education Plan .....	360,325.00	18,707.70

Saving by Board of Education \$154,675.00 \$ 6,790.90 Compelling as are the above figures, the Board of Education simply cannot raise an extra \$154,675, nor will its income enable it to spend \$6,790.90 more annually—the educational reasons for the board's choice of site are equally cogent.

## Indian Hill Homes Prepare For Battle

Residents in South-East Section Organize in Fight To Bar Store Buildings

Those residents of south-east Winnetka who are most familiar with the matter of the zoning of that section for residential purposes, do not feel that the favorable action of the Village Council and the Zoning commission ends the struggle to keep out what they termed "cheap commercialism."

While unanimous approval and much gratitude is expressed at the decision of the village officials to take up the fight against stores and flats at Winnetka avenue, the Indian Hill Improvement association is expecting the contractor to contest the case, and preparations are being made to defend their homes and fre-sides not only before the Zoning commission but by every legal means, it is said.

The preliminary skirmish is expected to occur at the public hearing of the Zoning commission, and the real battle probably later in the courts.

In the meantime, the "sinews of war" in the shape of subscriptions to the park fund are steadily growing. Those citizens who have studied real estate problems and who value Indian Hill as a permanent home are backing up their convictions with "cold cash", it is said, and with an eye to the future. Subscriptions have been received from Willow street south to the Kenilworth line. A list of prominent subscribers will be published soon. There are about forty up to this time.

Other important plans are under way which, it is promised, will cause the north shore to "sit up and take notice" that Indian Hill is on the map as a progressive, modern community.

## FALL FROM WINDOW IS FATAL TO LOCAL GIRL

The Louis B. Kuppenheimer family, Laurel avenue and Burr street, is hastening home from California today because of the death Thursday morning of Miss Frances Pikna, a maid in the Winnetka home, who, on Wednesday, sustained a fractured skull in a fall from a second story window of the Winnetka home.

Miss Pikna died at the Evanston hospital where she was taken by fellow employes at the Kuppenheimer home when she was found unconscious on a concrete walk at the side of the home. She died early Thursday morning. Miss Pikna had been cleaning a window and was thought to have lost her balance, falling to the sidewalk thirty feet below. Miss Pikna is survived by a sister and brother.

## LEGION MEN SPLIT 50-50 ON SCHOOL SITE QUESTION

Members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion Tuesday evening, following a discussion of the village school site situation, split evenly in a straw ballot designating preference between the West Elm street site and the Horace Mann site. The post members were to have heard a talk by village president Miller on the conduct of village government, but the address was postponed when the president was called out of town. There was a brief business session followed by games speak before the post at a later date.

## RETURNS TO VILLAGE

The Rev. James Austin Richards returned Tuesday from Northfield, Minnesota, where he spoke before the students of Carlton College on Sunday. Mr. Richards and family are moving from their home at 639 Lincoln avenue to 577 Ash street. The home telephone number will not be changed.

## WINS COURT CASE

The North Shore Distilled Water Ice company won a case in Justice Northrup's court Wednesday. Suit was brought against the local concern by the American Can company of Chicago seeking judgement of \$121 for an alleged breach of contract in the purchase of an adding machine. A jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

## COMMUNITY MOVIES

"Soldiers of Fortune," a Reelart production of six reels, presented by an all-star cast, will be the attraction in Community House, Friday, April 23.

## IMPROVEMENT BODY WANTS WASTE PLANT

Winnetka Improvement Association Makes Formal Recommendation To Village Council for a Modern Plant

## IMPROVEMENT IS URGED

Take Action To Curb Scattering of Waste in Parks by Chicago Picnic Parties

The early construction of a Village Dry Waste Disposal plant was urged on the Village Council by a resolution unanimously adopted at the Spring meeting of the executive committee of the Village Improvement association, held April 7, at the home of William S. Miller, President of the association. The unsightly appearance of the Village Dump on West Willow street, where it disfigures the Skokie, came in for severe criticism at the hands of the committee. It was pointed out that such a waste disposal plant as was contemplated in the report, prepared by Samuel A. Greeley, sanitary engineer, several years ago, could be built at small expense either inside or outside the village limits and that the operation of such a plant would not be unsightly or offensive to neighboring residences.

The association also voted to proffer the services of its Forestry committee, John Ritchie, chairman, to assist the Village Forester in his survey of the village with a view to recommending proper planting and, where necessary, removal of trees in the parkways. By another resolution the measures taken last summer to remedy the abuse of the village's privileges on the lake shore and park by outside picnic parties were commended and it was urged that they be continued this year and that notice of the restrictions be posted at trolley stations and other central points where strangers enter the village. The prohibition of picnicking on village parkways throughout the village was also recommended to the council.

## Boost Memorial Fund

The sum of \$100 was voted from the association treasury to the fund for the Horace Mann school memorial for the Gold Star Boys who attended that school. The treasurer reported that 127 members had joined the association this year.

Officers of the Improvement association are:

President—William S. Miller.  
First Vice President—A. W. Converse.  
Second Vice President—E. J. Allsebrook.  
Secretary—Mrs. Charles T. Mordock.  
Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Woolhiser.  
Chairmen of standing committees: Refuse Removal—Mrs. M. L. Greeley.  
Parkways—Mrs. Allan Wolff.  
Forestry—John Ritchie.  
Civic Plan—Philip S. Post.  
Grade Separation—W. A. Otis.  
Lake Beach—Buckingham Chandler.

Municipal Art—Mrs. W. A. Otis.  
New Members—Mrs. Royal A. Hoagland.  
Publicity—Bowles King.

Following is the appeal for new members issued by president William S. Miller:

"An invitation is extended to you to become a member of the Village Improvement association of Winnetka. The annual dues are \$2 and if you are to join kindly send check for that amount, together with the enclosed notice to Mrs. H. L. Woolhiser, the treasurer, in the enclosed envelope.

"The officers of the association hope to make its membership as large as possible, partly to provide the funds which are necessary to carry on its work but mainly to increase its influence in all matters in connection with which it may from time to time make recommendations. If you have any suggestions to make at any time as to matters which should properly be brought to the attention of the association kindly refer them to any one of the officers. Yours very truly,  
William S. Miller, President."

## SECOND ANNUAL DANCE

The Second annual dance of the Triangle club will be given Tuesday evening, April 20, at Community House. Walter Dehmlow is in charge of arrangements. The club is composed of young men of the village.

## Many Join Ranks of "Committee of 500"

Scores Fall Into Line in Support of Board of Education Plan For Elm Street Site

New members of the "Committee of 500" (supporting the Board of Education plan for erection of a school building at the Skokie on West Elm street) were announced this week as follows:

Mrs. M. K. Armstrong, Mr. Louis Belmont, Mr. Edwin E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Brown, Mr. Charles E. Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cazel, Mrs. M. A. Cazel, Mrs. J. D. Chandler, Mr. Harold L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeLay, Mr. and Mrs. Samson J. Eisendrath, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, Mrs. Alfred G. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Gardner, Mr. Richard Yates Hoffman, Mr. Joseph Husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Janney, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Kidd, Jr., Mr. Robert Kingery, Mrs. Edward Koerber, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Laird, Mrs. Francis P. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moulton, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Netterstrom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nolan, Mrs. Julia F. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rahnning, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ruffenfeldt, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Tenney, Mr. and Mrs. C. Austin Tibbals, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Van Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Walsh, Mr. G. K. Webster, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Weissenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Welsh, Mr. J. Roy West, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilder, Miss M. Abbie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Wolf.

## VILLAGE BEAUTIFIES NEW PARK IN HUBBARD WOODS

Actual work was begun this week on the conversion of the half-block tract of land immediately west of the Hubbard Woods station into a village park. The tract was donated to the village several weeks ago by a group of citizens.

Village workmen were engaged this week in clearing away rubbish, cutting down unsightly trees and wrecking an old dilapidated building on the tract. It is contemplated to move the lattice-work fence from the west boundary of the park to the south border. Shrubbery and flower-beds will soon replace unsightly rubbish piles, and fallen branches with the result that the park will be one of the beauty spots of the north shore.

Word has gone out that the adjoining half-block of land will be acquired by the village in condemnation proceedings now underway. Several buildings on this tract must be condemned before the land may be acquired.

The park lies between the Northwestern right of way and Linden avenue and extends one half block south from Merrill street.

## PLAN MILITIA RE-UNION DINNER FOR MON., APRIL 26

Monday, April 26, is to be a big day for the members of Winnetka's Co. A, of the Illinois Reserve Militia, "Home Guards" during the World War, disbanded shortly after the signing of the armistice.

In the evening of that day the militiamen will assume close order for a regular old-time feed and talk-fest. Formally speaking the affair is designated a re-union dinner. Wallace Rumsay is in charge of preliminary arrangements.

## \$375 AND MORE TO COME

Reports from the committee in charge of the card party given recently for the benefit of the Summer Camps for the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, state that the net receipts to date are \$375. All of the money has not as yet been turned in, and so the proceeds will probably be even larger than this amount. The affair was a success from every standpoint. Further announcements will be made next week.

## "HUSBAND'S DAY"

Friday evening is "Husband's Day" for the Indian Hill Circle. Upon this occasion the husbands of the circle members will be guests of honor at a social gathering at the home of Mrs. C. B. Hill. The affair is the first of its kind ventured by the circle.

## CALLS HORACE MANN SITE MOST LOGICAL

Member of Winnetka School Association Says Proposed Site Harmonizes With Village Beautiful Plan

## HITS THE BUSS-LINE PLAN

Says Village Has Much Playground Space to Take Care of Children's Recreation

By Frank D. Fulton

The Winnetka School association is proceeding with great vigor in its campaign to have the new school located at the Horace Mann site. Attention is called to the advertisement on pages 3, 4 and 5 of this issue, which shows a tentative plan for the erection of additional facilities upon the enlarged Horace Mann site, drawn by W. A. Otis & Sons, architects. This plan has been submitted with the idea that it was the first step towards the consummation of Winnetka's Plan commission's idea of beautifying the central portion of the village. The plan of the Village Plan commission contemplates the purchase of the western portion of the Horace Mann site, and this plan has been approved by the Village Council.

## Authorized To Buy

At the referendum on May 1 the School Board will be authorized to purchase this land, and by so doing we will be accelerating the time of purchasing this property, and will obtain the use of it when it is needed, incidentally getting the property at a price much lower than it can be purchased later. The village plan also contemplates leaving the Horace Mann school at its present location. It is pointed out that in addition to having the approval of President Laird Bell, who has stated that the Horace Mann site was the location (qualifying this statement by saying that adequate playground facilities should be furnished) the site has been approved for school purposes by the Village Plan commission and by the Village Council. In this connection it is also stated, upon the authority of John S. Miller, President of the Board of Trustees, that the Village Council, as such, has not taken sides with reference to the location of the proposed new school, and has not approved either site.

It is also suggested that the location of the Kuppenheimer Memorial Hall upon the Horace Mann site, while providing a central and accessible location, will also do away with the duplication of assembly halls in the village. At the present time we have the Woman's club, Community House, and the Parish House, and if we build the Kuppenheimer Assembly Hall at an inaccessible point, and then later build an assembly hall upon the Horace Mann site, we will have in the future five assembly places, only one of which will be both adequate and central. The entire cost of these buildings come from the people through some process, and duplication of this kind is just as improper as a duplication of any other public utilities.

## Immediate Construction

Another feature that has been suggested is that the selection of the Horace Mann site will permit buildings to be erected immediately, and that these buildings can be erected in sections, as money is secured to pay for same.

The association has also taken the position that if our children are to be transported in busses, that the best of standard equipment should be supplied in order that the hazardous nature of this transportation may be minimized. They also take the position that this hazard should also be reduced as much as possible by employing steady, careful and competent chauffeurs and mechanics. They say that it will not do to trust our boys and girls to vehicles which are made by super-imposing a bus body upon a cheap, made-over Ford touring car. They are strongly in favor of providing competent teachers and paying them adequate salaries, and of providing proper schoolroom facilities for the children and for the teachers, and in order to do this it will be necessary to practice the strictest economy in the expenditure of the income which the school authorities receive from taxes. The teachers can use the money to better advantage than Ford.

The Winnetka School association also advises that it has obtained options upon all of the land to be