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## RE-OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

Plans Are Completed for Renewal of Drive To Obtain Funds for Proposed West Elm Street School Building

## RE-ITERATE BOARD PLANS

Thermometer To Be Established At Busy Corner; Solicitors Prepared to Begin Work

Plans were completed this week for the renewal of the campaign for funds for the proposed West Elm street school, halted a few months ago by the call for a Referendum on the school site question. Solicitors, who will renew the canvass for the village for funds to provide for the new school to be erected by popular subscription, will be active within a few days and the thermometer taken down when the referendum fight interrupted the campaign, will soon be seen at the customary location registering the steadily increasing contributions to the new school. Winnetka's proposed school as planned by the Board of Education in its purpose may be described briefly in the accompanying statement by the Board of Education Publicity committee.

### Recognize Needs

The progressive school systems throughout the country recognize the need for departmental work in the upper grades. By the time children reach the sixth or seventh grade they require teachers who have specialized. The teacher who is an expert in history and can devote her whole time to preparing and teaching this important subject to various classes, can give much more to her pupils than a teacher who has to scatter her energies over half a dozen subjects.

A well organized upper grade school should have teachers and equipment for manual training, printing, cooking, sewing, science, physical education, music, art, literature, grammar and composition, history and geography, civics and mathematics. To supply teachers and equipment for all these subjects in each of the present three schools in Winnetka would not only be extravagant, but financially impossible. The mere upkeep of the department in addition to all other expenses would be beyond the income of the Board of Education, and to this would have to be added the cost of building special rooms for this work at all three schools.

### Ask Centralization

The only way the situation can be handled is by centralizing the work in one building. This is the procedure all over the country. The building of departmental schools, sometimes known as "Intermediate Schools" or "Junior High Schools" is proceeding with great rapidity in all the leading cities and many of the more progressive small towns of the United States. Usually there is one such departmental school for each three to five lower grade schools.

It is such a centralized departmental school that Winnetka proposes to build. In it, children will be able to get instruction that will fit their ages, interests and needs. By establishing such a school Winnetka is keeping pace with intelligent, progressive school systems throughout the nation.

### Show Early Subscriptions

Funds subscribed in the "first" drive including the \$60,000 Kuppenheimer gift show the Zone standing as follows:

- Zone 1. William E. Davis, Captain, \$16,700.
- Zone 2. Morris L. Greeley, Captain, \$17,980.
- Zone 3. Judge C. M. Thomson, Captain, \$18,000.
- Zone 4. B. K. Smith, Captain, \$4,160.
- Zone 5. Frederick Dickinson, Captain, \$1,500.
- Zone 6. Sebastian Hinton, Captain, \$15,470.
- Zone 7. George M. Pearse, Captain, \$2,807.50.
- Zone 8. Roswell B. Mason, Captain, \$3,600.

### Present Pledge Blanks

Solicitors will present pledge blanks to each prospective subscriber to the fund and explain in detail the procedure of subscription and payment. Plan of payment may be outlined as follows:

- Plan A. Cash in full July 15, 1920.
- Plan B. One-third July 15, 1920. One-third April 15, 1921. One-third April 15, 1922.
- Plan C. One-eighth October 15,

## Hoover Headquarters Opened in Winnetka

Villagers Espousing Presidential Campaign of Herbert Hoover Organize "Hoover Club" Here.

At a meeting held at the residence of Victor Elting in Winnetka, Tuesday, May 11, the Hoover Club of Winnetka, was organized and the following officers elected:

Howard C. Phillips, chairman.  
Mrs. William D. McKenzie, vice chairman.

Mrs. Edwin H. Clark, chairman committee on local headquarters.

Mrs. Cuthbert C. Adams, secretary. The object of the club is "to promote in every way proper the nomination in the approaching National Republican Convention of Herbert Hoover for president."

Headquarters for the distribution of printed matter, information, buttons, etc., have been opened in Schlieske's furniture establishment at 563 Lincoln avenue, immediately north of the village post office. Volunteers for this work have been asked to communicate with Mrs. Edwin Clark.

A Hoover mass meeting will be held at Washington Hall, State-Lake building, Chicago, on Wednesday, May 19, at 3 o'clock, it is announced. Time and place of other meetings to which the public is invited will be announced from time to time in the Talk.

A departure in the campaign, pertaining in particular to the activity of women in the matter, is the serving of tea at the Woman's headquarters, Congress Hotel, every afternoon at 4 o'clock. Here a welcome awaits all advocates of the candidacy of Herbert Hoover.

## WINNETKANS ASKED TO PROTECT WILD FLOWERS

Action by Village Authorities Designed to Save Flowers From Professional Pickers.

Protection of wild flowers growing on public or private grounds in Winnetka provides the subject for an editorial which should command the attention of every resident of the village interested in the preservation of this very inviting feature of Winnetka's natural beauty.

Village officials have provided ordinance regulations insuring the protection of wild flowers against the hands of professional flower pickers as well as others who pluck them without thought of remuneration in the markets. Police are empowered to arrest persons who violate this ordinance which prohibits the wanton picking of wild flowers in the village.

Signs are placed about all public grounds where wild flowers abound warning against their removal. Those who desire to protect private grounds in the same manner are asked to call at the village hall for signs of similar description.

The matter of protecting wild flowers is expected to command the approval and cooperation of every resident of the village. The wild flowers are part of Winnetka's spring time garb.

## LEGION INFORMAL.

The Winnetka Post of the American Legion will give an informal dance at the Winnetka Woman's Club, Friday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Members of the local post are selling the tickets for the affair and indications point to a record attendance.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hubbard Woods Improvement association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers Friday evening, May 21. Every member of the association is asked to attend this most important session of the year.

## FOUR-CORNER DANCE

The Four-Corner Dance club will give a dance in Community House, Saturday, May 22, at 8 o'clock.

1920. One-eighth January 15, 1921. One-eighth April 15, 1921. One-eighth July 15, 1921. One-eighth October 15, 1921. One-eighth January, 1922. One-eighth April 15, 1922.

Plan D. One-twentieth July 15, 1920, and of each month thereafter to and including April 15, 1922.

Plan E. Special division of installments subject to approval of Board of Education to be stated on pledge card.

## POLICE CHIEF HAS IDEAS ON TRAFFIC

Chief of Police Peterson Suggests "One Way" Traffic Regulations For Sunday Pleasure Tourists.

Winnetka's chief of police is a resourceful and efficient man. For instance, some years ago the chief established the finger print system at local headquarters, much to the surprise and even amusement of many residents. Those who grinned were eventually forced to gasp in admiration when the news spread that Chief Peterson had actually captured burglars by means of the innovation. But, this is what we wanted to say.

Chief of Police Peterson has ideas on traffic regulation. He is merely suggesting improvements but whenever he suggests we are inclined to listen attentively.

### State Regulation.

"The Sunday automobile traffic in Winnetka, and, in fact throughout the north shore is getting way beyond the point where it can be efficiently handled by police organizations. It is time that the state provide for direction and enforcement of traffic regulations. On our comparatively narrow streets there should be established "one way" traffic regulations. Unless remedial steps are taken the Sunday traffic will soon become wholesale confusion and there will be scores of accidents.

"The traffic on the north shore is getting heavier with each succeeding summer. Literally thousands of cars pass through the village every Sunday. The immediate remedy is one way traffic on certain streets. I am hoping some such regulation might be effected in the interest of safety and order."

Well, reader, what do you think about it?

## Legion Membership Campaign Success

Posts in New Trier Township Show Big Gains As All Members Work in Big Campaign

The American Legion, Department of Illinois, membership push is progressing splendidly. Thousands of new names have been added to the roll and more are coming in each day. It is expected Illinois will give New York a hard tussle for first place in Legion membership.

Milton J. Foreman, department commander, is making the rounds of Chicago and suburbs nightly, addressing rallies of Legion men and women. Throughout the week he has been assisted by Franklin D'Olier, national commander, and Rev. Francis A. Kelly, famous chaplain of the 27th Division overseas, now national Legion chaplain.

This week Commander Foreman entrained for his down-state speaking tour, which will cover two weeks.

The north shore has observed American Legion week in loyal American fashion. Following Commander Foreman's appeal to citizens to decorate their homes and office buildings, residence and business districts have been gay with bunting. "Your country and your comrades need you more than ever," the membership drive slogan, has been everywhere in evidence—in street cars, in windows, on signboards and membership booths.

The posts in the township are scouring their communities for members. Some are making house-to-house canvasses, others are telephoning and some are using the mails for recruits.

In his downstate speaking tour Commander Foreman is accompanied by all of the Illinois Legion notables.

The Illinois service bureau, directed by A. H. Ogle of the American Legion Commander's office, has sent out requests to the 630 posts of the state to send in all ex-service men's claims for final settlement in Chicago. At a recent meeting of service men's welfare agencies here a plan of co-operation was evolved whereby handle all cases and push them to complete adjustment. The best results are expected from this arrangement.

### "WIDOW OF PROXY"

Marguerite Clark is scheduled for Community House movies on Friday, May 21. Her vehicle is "The Widow of Proxy." Kinogram films will be an added attraction. Enid Bennett is the drawing card for May 28, in "Stepping Out."

## Parent-Teachers In Annual Session Here

Meet at Horace Mann School Monday to Hear Committee Reports and Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Winnetka Parent Teachers' Association will be held Monday, May 16, at 4 o'clock at the Horace Mann School. Reports of the various committees will be read and new officers will be elected. The following ticket has been prepared by the nominating committee:

President, Mrs. Barrett Conway.  
First Vice President, Mrs. Dudley French.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Arthur Dean.

Secretary, Mrs. Austin D. Jenkins.  
Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. M. Pearse.

Chairman of Cabinet Comm., Mrs. Wm. S. Elliott.  
Social Comm., Mrs. Charles Howells Coffin.

Costume Comm., Mrs. Wm. Jenkins.  
Education Comm., Mrs. Frank T. Crawford.

Sub-Chairman of Upper Grades, Horace Mann—Mrs. Chas. Buell; Skokie—Mrs. Wallace Rumsey; Greeley—Mrs. Sherman Gable.

Sub-Chairman of Lower Grades, Horace Mann—Mrs. E. A. Rummier; Skokie—Mrs. Frederick Dickinson; Greeley—Mrs. A. W. Converse.

The annual dues are payable at this meeting.

Everyone interested in the Public Schools of Winnetka is cordially invited to attend.

## Big Congregational Conferences Coming

Wilmette Congregational Church To Be Host to 500 Delegates in Session Here Next Week

Members of the First Congregational church of Wilmette will be hosts next week to 500 delegates to the Seventy-seventh Annual Congregational Conference of Illinois held together with the annual session of the Illinois Woman's Home Missionary Union. All the sessions of the Congregational conference will be held at the Wilmette Congregational church from May 17 to and including May 19. The sessions of the Missionary Union will be at the Wilmette Methodist church.

The Congregational conference will be under the direction of John E. Keene, moderator. Other officials high in the ranks of the denomination who are scheduled to assume an active part in the discussions are Rev. Carl Stackman, Rev. Harry T. Stock, Rev. George McCollum, George M. Herrick, Prof. I. O. Baker, W. A. Howell, Rev. John Gardner, M. A. Meyers, Rev. Clyde McGee, Rev. John W. Welsh, Rev. S. A. Lloyd. Other ministers and laymen from all parts of the country will be in attendance at the conference.

On the conference program are found names of men who gained distinction during the world war and in church activities. Two delegates, Rev. G. G. Atkins, of Detroit, Mich., and Rev. William E. Barton, of Oak Park, are winners of the Peace Prize. Rev. Cornelius H. Patton of Boston, is Home secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Rev. Frank M. Sheldon of Boston, is General and Corresponding secretary of the Congregational Education society and General secretary of the Congregational Publishing society. Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyl, of Oberlin, Ohio, is chairman of the Commission on Social Service of the National Council of the church. He was a member of the United States Labor Board during the war.

Sessions of the Illinois Woman's Home Missionary Union will be held in the auditorium of the Wilmette Methodist church. A joint meeting will be held with the Congregational conference on Wednesday afternoon, May 19, at 2 o'clock.

Women who will assume a leading part in the sessions are: Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, Mrs. N. L. Johnson, Mrs. S. A. Lloyd, Mrs. D. P. Breed, Mrs. R. A. Mathews, Mrs. C. H. Schneider, Mrs. B. W. Firman, Mrs. W. T. Boston, Mrs. C. W. Boyden, Mrs. C. H. Frise, Mrs. J. W. Holaday, Mrs. H. D. Clarke, Mrs. A. W. Hopkins, Mrs. H. T. Graham, Mrs. J. A. Stanley, Mrs. Harry Ainsworth, Mrs. E. S. Miller, Miss Georgia M. Fairbank.

There will be special exhibits at the Congregational church throughout the period of the conferences.

## SCHOOL BOARD HEAD APPEALS FOR UNITY

President Laird Bell, of Board of Education Asks All Winnetkans To Help Boost School Fund Campaign

## MUST WORK TOGETHER

Asks Citizens To Be Prepared To Contribute When Solicitors Make Appearance

By Laird Bell,

(President of Winnetka Board of Education)

We are all glad that the question of school site is now settled and that the campaign for funds can be resumed.

Before they were stored away pending the results of the Referendum, our thermometers showed, as you will remember, some \$152,000 pledged for the New School Fund. These recorders of Winnetka's interest in schools will be re-erected as a daily reminder of our obligation to raise the complete fund and proceed with the building as soon as possible.

Many of those who differed from the Board in its judgement as to site have very graciously come forward voluntarily to offer their services, and it is expected that all who can help in the campaign will be glad to assist those who have charge in the various zones. This organization is under way.

### Community Re-united

The money can be raised only if Winnetka unites behind the project. In a close contest there is sure to be some hard feeling. Most Americans pride themselves on being both good losers and good winners. It is Winnetka's pride that after the smoke of battle has blown away, we find a re-united community backing a project that a less progressive community could not even hope to put over.

The question of site has been settled, but other questions are before us and will continue to arise on which the board wants the constructive advice of all our citizens.

### Big Task Ahead

Meanwhile, however, we have one all-important task—to raise the money. The tremendous publicity during the past few weeks has made clear to the least observing citizen the imperative need of a new building and that the only way to build is by popular subscription.

Will you—if you have not already subscribed—be ready when your neighbor calls for your pledge?

## CHURCH OFFICERS WILL ENTERTAIN NEW MEMBERS

Tuesday evening in the Neighborhood Room of Community House, the officers of the Congregational church and of its various organizations entertained those who have become members of that church since May 1, 1919. 115 have joined during that period. The number who are officers now or have been officers during that period—together with wives and husbands—is a little over one hundred. Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty spoke briefly of the heritage of the church, Mr. Wallace D. Rumsey of the vision before the church, and Mr. Rush C. Butler responded for the new members.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DINNER

A Young People's dinner is to be given in Community House gymnasium Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 o'clock for the younger delegates to the Illinois Congregational convention in session in Wilmette on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Mrs. R. S. Walcott of 1324 Asbury avenue, is in charge of a luncheon to be given today at the Hotel La Salle at 12:30 o'clock by Chicago chapter of Sweet Briar college alumnae, for Miss Emilie Watts McVea, president of the college. Miss McVea is coming to Chicago in the interest of the \$500,000 endowment fund for the college, which is located at Sweet Briar, Amherst County, Va. Chicago's quota is \$50,000.

Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, 559 Lincoln avenue, is spending the week in Beverly Hills, Ill., as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Foster.

Roy W. Smith and family have moved from 769 Scott avenue, Hubbard Woods, to 299 Woodlawn avenue Glencoe.