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Nearly Everybody In Winnetka Reads The Talk

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## SURPRISES A PLENTY AT CHURCH DINNER

Members of Winnetka Congregational Church Shown Needs of the Church in Unique Portrayal by Fund Leaders

## UNIQUE DIALOGUE SCORES

Messrs. "Conscience Money", "Stick 'em Wright" and Others Engage in Real Argument

Those who attended the dinner at Community House on Thanksgiving eve were treated to an unusual surprise in the presentation of church work planned for 1921. Heretofore meetings of this kind have followed the ordinary course of reports and statistics and perhaps an inspirational speech or two. Not so at this gathering on behalf of the Congregational church.

### "Thin Pocketbooks"

No sooner was the serving of dinner begun than, from one of the tables came a song from an improvised quartet: "Good Morning, Mr. Church Member, is you pocket-book as thin as mine?" This number fitted to a familiar tune the story of a needy church making its claim upon the hesitant giver. It caught the fancy of the crowd and other songs were soon forthcoming.

Mr. John W. Scott, as chairman of the Finance committee, outlined the need of the church for a larger budget laying stress on the increasing cost of everything a church buys and particularly the necessity for forward work. He then introduced Edward P. Farwell. Mr. Farwell gave a "Chart Talk" taking his audience through a series of specially prepared colored wall charts, which, as one of his bearers put it, "got facts across as well as any large business institution ever sold a new program to its directors or stockholders." He traced the growth of the church, the development of Community House, what the church had done for the community. It was a "picture" of the situation that gripped every man present.

### Signs Him Up

But the big surprise was pulled when the screens were drawn exposing a corner of the room with "Mr. Conscience Money" sitting in his comfortable home. Mr. "Stick 'em Wright" enters and proceeds to solicit a contribution of respectable size from a man who wants to get by with \$25 a year. Excuse after excuse is overridden with "Mr. Conscience Money" finally owning up that he hasn't given the church a fair deal and a much larger pledge for 1921 is signed.

Next we find the home of "Mr. Moderate Means" with "Mr. Can Vasser" as the solicitor. The problems of the man with limited income are brought out. The canvasser is sympathetic; presents the pressing needs of the church, but does not urge unduly. A moderate increase proves very acceptable.

### "Skeptical" Comes Across

But the real troubles arise in the third scene when "Mr. Hard Facts" tackles "Mr. Sum Skeptical". There are many excuses for not giving to the church of course and "Mr. Skeptical" uses them all. But "Mr. Facts" is well prepared, as all canvassers should be. He answers every question, proves his case and departs with the money.

Wallace D. Rumsey and William Ayer McKinney alternated in the parts of canvasser and giver in each of the three sketches, kept the crowd laughing at skillful thrusts and parries but at the same time educated in how to present a worthy cause successfully.

The evening's program concluded with talks by Merritt Lum, who has charge of the canvass, and Rev. James Austin Richards.

For those who did not have the privilege of attending the dinner, the exhibit of church work will be continued for a few days in the church library and will be open afternoons and evenings. The public is cordially invited.

## PRESENT PILGRIM PLAY

"Lighting the Torch", a Puritan play commemorating the "Landing of the Pilgrims", is to be given Sunday, December 19, by a group of members of the Winnetka Congregational church at the church. Mrs. Sherman M. Goble is to be in charge of the presentation.

## SCHOOLS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING DAY

Joint Exercises Held at Community House Wednesday; Dramatic Class Presents Novel Playlet

Thanksgiving exercises were held by all three schools jointly in Community House Wednesday afternoon, November 24. The feature of entertainment was a play by the dramatic class of the 7th and 8th grades, directed by Miss Dorothy Chester, Winnetka's new dramatic teacher, who was assisted by Miss Rebecca Anthony. The play was called "The First Thanksgiving", and was presented with unusual naturalness and vivacity, it had enough action to hold the interest of even the little children and brought many good laughs. The play was participated in by the following children:

Vera May Ogan, Charles Jacobs, Hildegard Severt, Karl Karnoop, Ashby Smith, Edmond Benoit, William Thomas, Sherman Goble, Morris Hirsch, Kurtis Brownell, Mary Spencer, Margaret Ross.

### Dramatic Sketch

The third grade of the Horace Mann school gave a little dramatic Thanksgiving sketch. There were songs by the Greeley third grade and Horace Mann sixth grade, as well as group singing by all the children assembled. Kindergarten, first, and second grade children in the various schools celebrated together in their own buildings. The Community House program in full was as follows:

Song—Come ye thankful people, come.

Salute to Flag.

America (all stanzas).

Proclamation . . . . . Mr. Washburne

Gread God of Nations.

Song—All things bright and beautiful. 3rd grade (Miss Weltman).

Play—A Pilgrim's Dream. 3rd grade (Miss Jacobs).

Song—We plough the fields. 6th grade (Miss Harry).

Song—O beautiful for Pilgrim feet.

Play—First Thanksgiving.

Song—Now thank we all our God.

Children on stage and audience.

## WINNETKA MARINE AWARDED DECORATION OF FEURRAGERE

George Wissman, United States marine in the World war who, in recognition of exceptional bravery under fire at Chateau Thierry, was given the Croix de Guerre with the palm, representing five citations, was the recipient of additional honors Tuesday, November 23, when he with 200 members of the 5th Marines received the decoration of the Feurrager, a combination of the Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'honneur, the highest decoration to a body of troops in the gift of the French Republic.

The decorations were made at the hotel La Salle by General Reed, commander of the 6th Marines.

Wissman resides at 1072 Pine street, and is connected with the Winnetka village offices.

## CLOWN DANCE SCORES HIT AT SCHOOL MARM'S PARTY

The teachers of the Horace Mann school gave an interesting and unique entertainment Tuesday evening, November 23, at Community House for the teachers of the other two schools, the Board of Education and the executive board of the Parent-Teacher association. A clown dance was given by Mr. Harry Clarke and Miss Sylvia Schafer of the playground department to the amusement of all spectators. This was followed by three-part songs sung by Misses Eastman, Bayes and Jacobs, accompanied by Miss Ostlund. Mrs. Goble and her three sons rendered some instrumental selections upon the saxophone, flute and piano. Following refreshment there was a dance in the gymnasium.

## RED CROSS CHAIRMAN TO SPEAK AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Willoughby G. Walling of Winnetka, vice chairman of the American Red Cross, who has been engaged in that welfare work for the past four years, is scheduled to speak at the Winnetka Woman's club on Thursday afternoon, December 2, on the "European Relief Work".

Mr. Walling, who is speaking under the auspices of the Woman's club, will tell something of the tremendous relief work he is assisting so ably to direct.

## OAK PARK 24, NEW TRIER 0

Oak Park's heavy and fleet-footed pigskin tossers took New Trier's crack eleven into camp 24 to 0 at Stagg Field, Chicago, Friday afternoon, in the play-off of a tie game earlier in the season. With this victory Oak Park cinched the championship of the Suburban league which they have held unbroken for seven years. Details of the game were lacking at the time of going to press.

## ASKS GIFTS OF CLOTHING FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Utica Institute Principal Issues Appeal to Winnetkans Through Community House Secretary

Appreciation of the reception accorded them in their visit to Winnetka last August and an appeal for clothing for needy students was voiced in a letter received recently by Miss Mary Williams, secretary at Winnetka Community House, from William H. Holtzclaw, principal of the Utica Institute, Utica, Miss., representing the Utica quartet, which gave a concert at Community House on August 20.

The letter received by Miss Williams reads, in part, as follows:

"Our quartet, which had the pleasure of entertaining at the Community House on August 20, returned home in September, and, in making their report, spoke very enthusiastically of the reception at that meeting.

"We are indeed having a difficult year here now, on account of the complete failure of crops. Not only are our students finding it very difficult, indeed, to pay for any part of their schooling, but exceedingly difficult to properly clothe themselves for the winter.

"In this connection, I am wondering if your good people could collect a barrel of second-hand clothing to help relieve the serious conditions here."

Miss Williams wishes to state that anyone desiring to aid the students at the institute in the manner above requested may do so by leaving second-hand clothing for young men and women at the Community House office.

## NEW TRIER NATATORS READY FOR 1921 MEETS

Coach E. B. Jackson's group of 130 candidates for New Trier High school's senior and junior suburban league swimming teams are working hard these days preparing for the final elimination event, which will give the best natators a position on one of the two outfits.

Jackson is very optimistic regarding his fish and with the co-operation of his proteges intends to take first honors in the 1921 season.

If he can round out championship teams with only a few of last season's groups in suits this year he will certainly be hailed as the "miracle man" of the tank, as he must develop practically a new team in each of the two classes.

One of the best arguments is Captain Bill Kerr, who also pilots the gridiron squad. Kerr is a "whale" in Lake New Trier or any other natatorium which might be selected for him to defend the school's past record, which consists of the championship for the past several years.

Coach Jackson also begins his strenuous work with the good wishes of the entire north shore, particularly New Trier Students and faculty and, with such moral backing, it is practically conceded that two swimming shields will be awarded the North Shore school.

## RAILWAY GATEMEN ENJOY REALLY, TRULY, TURKEY

Those too often very lonely gate-men who sit in the tiny shanties at the crossings of the Chicago and Northwestern and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railways, were not forgotten on Thanksgiving Day.

No cold beef sandwiches for these men when the annual Turkey Day comes around. No, sirc, not as long as there is a Church school at the Congregational church.

At noon Thursday the children of the school conducted a little party, going from shanty to shanty, as it were, and leaving at each station a well laden basket of real Thanksgiving fare. It is an annual custom with the children of the Church school. How'd you like to be a poor gateman on Thanksgiving Day?

## ADDRESSES COMMERCE MEN

Superintendent Washburne addressed the Chamber of Commerce at Cicero, Ill., Friday evening. The subject they asked him to discuss was: "Wider and more efficient use of the schools".

## HEAR DISCUSSION OF "GOAL CARD" SYSTEM

Parent-Teacher Association of the Skokie Schools Hear Facts from Superintendent Washburne

A large meeting of parents, both fathers and mothers, was held at the Skokie school Tuesday evening of last week. The assembly hall was comfortably filled. Following some community singing of songs on Skokie school composed by one of the parents, Mrs. Frederick Dickinson, the chairman of the Skokie school Parent-Teacher association, asked Superintendent of schools Washburne to speak on the new goal cards. Mr. Washburne said in part:

### Show Child's Progress

"The goal cards at present are crude but they are a sincere attempt to let parents know more fully what their children are doing in school. There is no doubt but that it will require more of an effort on the parent's part to understand these goal cards than it did to understand the old-fashioned report cards. Nevertheless, a careful study of the goal cards will show much more fully what a child is doing and what he has to do than could any report card.

"The plan of the goal cards is really comparatively simple. The course of study in each subject is sub-divided into a number of definite goals. These goals are listed on a card for each child. As soon as a child has reached one of his goals the teacher stamps an O. K. after it. The parent is therefore able to see at a glance what the child's course of study for the year is in any subject, and how much of it he has accomplished. The pupil's attendance, diligence, self-reliance and deportment are reported on another card."

"It will be possible to improve upon the form of the present goal cards after they have been in use for a while. In the meantime we trust that the parents will not be too critical of this first rough form, but co-operate with us in our effort to take them into our confidence as to exactly what we are trying to teach their children. We shall welcome constructive suggestions as to means of improving the goal cards from the parents' standpoint."

Following Mr. Washburne's talk there was a question box. Numerous questions concerning the conduct of the schools were discussed.

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETING AT HORACE MANN DEC. 3

The Winnetka Parent-Teacher association will hold a meeting on Friday evening, December 3, at 8 o'clock at the Horace Mann school. All parents, particularly new residents, are invited to be present. Mrs. B. T. Langworthy, who, for several years was president of the Illinois Parent-Teacher association, will be the speaker. Superintendent Washburne will welcome any question concerning school work and "Goal Cards," which, by that time, will have been given out to the pupils. A social hour and refreshments will follow the program.

## SEEMS THIS COUPLE WILL SPEND A LIVELY WINTER

Members of the North Shore British-American club and a number of their friends gave a silver shower Saturday evening, November 20, at Ravinia, in honor of Miss Nelly Graham and Mr. Fred Stroud of Winnetka, members of the club, who are to be married December 1 at the Presbyterian church of Highland Park at 6 o'clock.

They are going on a three months' honeymoon to England and Scotland to visit their parents. They expect to spend Christmas with Mr. Stroud's mother, Mrs. Caroline E. Stroud, and New Year's Day with Miss Graham's mother, Mrs. Duncan McIntosh.

## ALL-STARS ARE VICTORS

The Winnetka All-Stars and H. P. Clarke's juvenile proteges met in a gridiron battle Thursday on the Country Day School field the result being a healthy 27-0 wallop doled out to the Clarke aggregation.

## TURKEY IN IOWA

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Northrop are spending Thanksgiving week-end with relatives in Boone, Iowa. Mr. Northrop will return Tuesday.

The Kippy Orchestra will give a dance at Winnetka Community House this evening at 8 o'clock.

## WINNETKA CHURCH TO HAVE FOREIGN PASTOR

Congregational Church Committee Chairman Announces Candidate May Be Named in an Early Report

## INTERESTED IN CHINESE

Move Is Part of Vigorous Foreign Mission Work to Be Done by Winnetka Church

Those who predicted that the war would leave its permanent imprint in a world widening of interest on the part of American institutions will not be surprised to learn of the plan of the Winnetka Congregational church to have its own foreign pastor, Mr. William Ayer McKinney, who heads the committee to secure a satisfactory candidate, stated this week that his committee was hopeful of an early report. "We have found a man," he said, "who has made a very favorable impression with all those with whom he has talked. He is to meet the whole committee next week and it is likely a decision will be made to engage him."

### Modern Mission Group

Pending official action by the committee Mr. McKinney was not willing to go into full details other than outline the plan under which this particular missionary will carry on his work. His field is a section of China as yet hardly touched by Christian influence. A band of six or more will go out to the same headquarters and with the varied individual talents of the group for direct Christian work, social service, medical aid, etc., these men will supplement each other and form a complete constructive force. "This is typical of modern missionary activity," said Mr. McKinney, "organized as it is today along lines so sound in business principles as to command the interest and respect of many a supporter at home who could not have been interested twenty years ago."

### Close Contact With Church

It is understood that the support of a foreign minister will be easily handled by the Winnetka Congregational church, as part of the \$11,000 quota for missionary and educational work, which is included in the 1921 budget. Thirty-seven per cent of the money raised for work outside of Winnetka is put at the disposal of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. It is quite natural that the Winnetka church should wish part of its funds to be used in the support of its own representative. Such a man will be just as much a pastor as the two ministers at home. The contact with the church officers and members will be as intimate as the mails and camera can make it. Reports of work accomplished and problems faced will be received frequently; and the foreign representative, in turn, will feel the inspiration of the interest and support of his home base. The influence upon the church school will be one of education in missions, made definite by pictures and letters from a flesh and blood representative.

Those who have the annual financial canvass in charge report a greatly increased interest in the benevolent quota in the campaign. That only \$4,000 has been the average contribution of the past few years is felt to be due to lack of educational effort. The survey of the work of the seven national societies has demonstrated the effectiveness of every dollar expended in the past and present a challenge which, it is believed, Winnetka will meet.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES ATTRACT LARGE AUDIENCE

Hundreds of Winnetka residents participated in the Community Thanksgiving services held at the Winnetka Congregational church on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. Rev. James Austin Richards and Rev. J. W. F. Davies, of the Congregational church, conducted the services and Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church, preached the Thanksgiving sermon.

A delightful feature of the services was the singing of the Boys' and Girls' choirs of the Congregational church. The day's offering was for the Near East Relief Fund.

## TEACHERS' DANCE PARTY

The teachers of the Greeley school held a private dancing party in Community House Monday evening, November 22.