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CHURCH BUDGET DRIVE PROVES REAL SUCCESS

Thirty-Four Men of the Church Make Complete Canvass of the Village—Publicity Big Factor in Campaign

\$34,000 COLLECTED SUNDAY

Expect Goal of \$50,000 to Be Attained Within Short Time, as Canvass Continues

Something of a record was made last Sunday in the annual financial canvass of the parish of the Winnetka Congregational church. Not only was the amount pledged that day, \$34,000, greatly in excess of any amount heretofore given; but in number of contributors and in general interest the canvass was an unusual success.

Thirty-four men met in the church library at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and, with an assignment of over 700 calls, were kept busy far into the evening, calling in every part of the village.

Well Advertised

Widespread publicity had preceded the canvassers, making clear the new program of the church which called for an increased budget of sixty per cent. Early in the afternoon it was apparent that not only the regular church members but friendly citizens throughout the whole village had accepted the challenge and were prepared to increase their pledges, in many cases entailing some personal sacrifice.

Despite the fact that \$50,000 was the mark aimed at, the Finance committee does not despair of eventually reaching the figure. Calling up just before going to press The Weekly Talk learned that the pledges had reached a total of \$39,700. It is understood that many prospects have not yet been reported on. The canvassers are actively at work so that no one in the parish may be overlooked in having a share in the budget for next year.

Value of Community Church

"It is a tremendous relief," said one of the officers of the church this week, "to feel that not only will the indebtedness be cleared off, but we will have the funds to push ahead with a really adequate program. I wonder if Winnetka people realize," was the comment put to the representative of The Weekly Talk, "what it means to have few churches in Winnetka instead of many. With twenty denominations represented in this Congregational fellowship we have a striking example of a Community church serving people of varied religious antecedents in a non-sectarian spirit. It deserves the fullest support because of its fusing influence as well as the practical economy and efficiency of one church plant instead of several denominational organizations."

As a result of the drive on behalf of the church the work of Community House has received valuable publicity. Pledges to that specific work were received as a by-product of the church campaign from those whose church interests were elsewhere.

CHRIST CHURCH TO HOLD CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Bishop Charles P. Anderson to Officiate at Special Service and Preach Tomorrow Morning

Annual confirmation services at Christ Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock are expected to attract a large audience of villagers to the church at Sheridan Road and Humboldt avenue.

The Rt.-Rev. Charles P. Anderson, Bishop of Chicago, will officiate at the special confirmation service and preach the sermon.

Bishop Anderson always has a virile message which is presented powerfully and his appearances in Winnetka are always greeted by a large audience. A cordial invitation is extended by the rector, Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, to the community to attend these interesting and inspirational services.

CONCLUDES LECTURE COURSE

Next Tuesday morning the last of a series of discussions by the Rev. James Austin Richards on Central Christian Realities will be given. The subject next Tuesday morning will be "The Kingdom of God," and will include a review of what has gone before. The discussions are at 10 o'clock at Community House.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS BUNCH OF HUSKIES?



(Left to right) Standing—Capt. Kerr, Coach Snyder. Kneeling—Joy, Woodward, Bartleman, Wienecke, White, Rand, Parker. Sitting—Varney, Carpenter, Shantz, Hammond, Howard, Brown, Swan

New Trier High school football fans some months ago were only moderately enthusiastic over the prospects of the forthcoming season. Then along came the day for the annual Varsity-Alumni game. The varsity just nosed out the old-timers and most everyone was resigned to a season of just fair football work on the north shore gridiron.

That fandom of the north shore was surprised, and most agreeably so, was demonstrated before the

season was two weeks old. New Trier's alleged mediocre squad started right in with the regular season to play with a dash and cunning that completely upset all opponents.

In the course of time along came Oak Park, undisputed leaders of the Suburban football league who, before some 2,000 fans, were forced to share a 3 to 3 tie with the huskies from this end of the county. They barely escaped a licking on that memorable date but the fates were indulgent

enough to let them down with an evenup encounter.

New Trier went right along unperturbed and established a perfect record of wins and to lose the championship of the Suburban league in a play-off game with Oak Park at Stagg Field.

Did this remarkable New Trier squad alibi? Not a word of it! Are the fans sore? We'll say not!

Have a look at this group of excellent specimens of American youth.

WINNETKANS FAVOR PRESERVE PURCHASE

Mrs. W. G. Hibbard Convinces County Commissioner Forest Preserve Should be Retained

Public spirited Winnetkans were instrumental this week in preserving to posterity the beautiful Skokie valley as a forest preserve and playground for the entire north shore.

Influence Purchase

By virtue of sentiments expressed by such leaders as Mrs. W. G. Hibbard, William E. Elliott and other outstanding leaders of the north shore, the real estate committee of the forest preserve board Wednesday authorized the purchase or condemnation of the 2,000 acres of the Skokie valley region for use as a forest preserve. It was the end of a two-years fight and a victory for the so-called idealists on the board.

The private interests which are seeking to turn the valley to commercial uses are not yet downed, however, and filed with County Judge Rigeimer a petition asking that a drainage district be created in the valley. This would make Skokie one of the most fertile garden spots in the country and forever preclude its use as a park.

Negotiations will be started immediately for the purchase of the land and upon the failure or refusal of the owners to accept the offers of the district, the chief attorney for the district will be authorized to institute condemnation proceedings.

File Intervening Petition

The committee also voted to file an intervening petition against a petition filed earlier in the day in the County court by owners of Skokie property, who ask that the Skokie be organized into a drainage district.

"We were told a long time ago the Skokie was a good place for high-brows," said Commissioner Robert W. McKinlay, who presided.

Praises Woman's Interest

"It took a woman to take me around and show me the district as it really is and point out the need for its preservation. I call upon her now—Mrs. W. G. Hibbard."

"My late husband worked at least twelve or fifteen years of his life trying to save the Skokie for the people," she said. "Practically every Saturday afternoon and Sunday he went out to show the people how to beautify the place. The land is greatly improved now, so that it

Distinguished Divine Will Preach Sunday

Rev. Ambrose White Vernon to Occupy Pulpit of Congregational Church Sunday Morning

On Sunday morning the Rev. Ambrose White Vernon, D. D., will be the preacher in the Congregational church in the absence of Mr. Richards, who will be preaching in Jacksonville, Ill., at the dedication of the enlarged edifice there.

Dr. Vernon is known as a student both in America and on the continent, and is author or editor of many books. From a brilliant pastorate in a church largely attended by the faculty and students of Dartmouth college he went to a professorship at Yale University. From there he went to the pastorate of the famous Harvard church in Brookline, Mass., whence he returned again to teaching at Northfield college, Minnesota. His present chair is a new and interesting venture in collegiate instruction. Dr. Vernon is teaching ethics and religion through the teaching of biography. Mr. Richards and Dr. Vernon have been friends for many years and Mr. Richards rejoices that the people of Winnetka are going to have an opportunity to hear Dr. Vernon. Dr. Vernon's topic will be "The Ideal Church".

FOUR CIRCLE MEETINGS TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The following circles will meet on Tuesday, December 14:

East Willow street circle at the home of Mrs. Max E. Immerwahr, 458 Willow street; Scott avenue circle at the residence of Mrs. C. S. Moon, Asbury avenue; the Rosewood avenue circle will meet with Mrs. John F. Danley, 278 Scott avenue; Mrs. R. S. Childs will be hostess to the Oak street circle at her home at 906 Oak street.

grows crops—and also golf clubs.

"My father was born just west of the Skokie. During his last years he used to say that through my husband's work the land had been so improved that he couldn't believe it was the same.

Would Sacrifice Property

"The land which I own in the Skokie I wish to offer for whatever price the committee thinks is reasonable." William S. Elliott also spoke at length outlining reasons for acquisition of the tract to be maintained as a forest preserve.

REQUEST MORE FUNDS FOR SALVATION ARMY

American Legion Men Issue Plea to Public Spirited Citizens to Subscribe Quota of \$45,000

Renewed calls for contributions to the Salvation Army appeal for 0425,000 to be spent in welfare work in Chicago and vicinity are being made by the American Legion posts of the north shore. The following letter to the people of Winnetka should interest public spirited citizens of the village:

"From: American Legion Committee Chairmen.

"To: The people of the north shore.

"Subject: The Salvation Army.

"We all know that the Salvation Army made good 100 per cent with our troops in France. 'Over here' it has given friendly aid to thousands of disabled service men.

"So far, Chicago and suburbs have not made even 50 per cent response to the Salvation Army's appeal for \$425,000 to be spent in welfare work here in 1921.

"The members of the American Legion know that the Salvation Army, on its record in war and in peace, is entitled to the loyal support of every citizen. It enlists your dollars in the war of poverty, sickness and suffering and brings them right up to the firing line. The same general conditions which have, so far, slowed up contributions to the Army's funds, will mean wide-spread unemployment, poverty and even starvation this winter. No public spirited citizen can afford not to help the thousands of men, women and little children who are speaking to us through the Salvation Army.

"If you have already given, remember that a plus contribution means prompt relief to someone's suffering. Make your check payable to E. D. Hulbert, treasurer. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,
FREDERIC O. MASON,
Winnetka Chairman.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for the Winnetka Congregational church school will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 10, at 3:30 o'clock. Each child will bring a present tied in Christmas wrappings to be sent to Chicago Commons.

HERE'S TRUTH ABOUT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village Manager Woolhiser Quotes November Report of Police Department in Exposing "False Statements"

SCORES MALICIOUS ATTACK

Holds Statements in Chicago Newspaper Not Based on Facts, But "Falsified and Garbled"

Is Winnetka over-run with burglars, morons, "stick-up" gentlemen, etc.? In the interest of the truth about Winnetka's Police department and the work of Chief of Police Peterson, the Winnetka Weekly Talk quotes the official statement of village manager H. L. Woolhiser, supplementing the official police report for the month of November, as found in the "Municipal Column" on another page of this issue.

Police Department

"The report of the Police department for the month of November shows that 16 arrests were made during the month," states the official police report to the village manager. "Two burglaries were committed, no losses being sustained, with one arrest for burglary; stolen property to the value of \$2,415 was recovered, 2 accidents occurred, one of which resulted in death by drowning, 2 stolen cars were recovered, 2 bicycles were recovered, 12 buildings were found unlocked at night, 1 disturbance was suppressed, 1 lost child was restored and 27 street lights were reported out."

"Shows Utter Falsity"

"The foregoing brief record of activity shows the utter falsity of certain statements appearing in a Chicago newspaper which has become incensed at the Chief of police," concludes manager Woolhiser, "for refusing to give out information to reporters who, either because of incompetence or deliberate intent, falsify and garble the facts in order to furnish sensational news for the general public."

"It is to be hoped that no Winnetka resident will be misled by the statements printed in the newspaper referred to, and to any citizen interested in the truth or falsity of such statements the records of the Police department will at all times be found open."

THREE SUCCESSFUL PLAYS PRESENTED AT NEW TRIER

The New Trier High School Dramatic club entertained an audience of approximately 650 schoolgoers Saturday evening at the school auditorium with the presentation of three plays.

The first on the program was the hit of the evening. It was entitled, "Maid of France" and was featured by the excellent work of Isabelle Pope as Joan of Arc. Claude Burbach as an English private and Sidney Spiegel as the French soldier also were at their best.

"Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil" was a success mainly by virtue of the excellent acting of Darrell Ware who had the leading part. George Shipman's ballad singing was also received with applause.

Marigold Langworthy as "Mis' Abel" in "The Neighbors" was a popular hit, and the work of James Gibson and Margaret Backus was very clever.

NOTED NEGRO MUSICAL COMPANY TO ENTERTAIN

The Chicago Community Band and Concert company is to give a program in the Glencoe Village school auditorium Thursday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock.

The organization, composed entirely of colored musicians and singers, specializes in folk songs of national repute and has entertained large audiences in various sections of the country.

Residents of the north shore are cordially invited to hear this unique band of entertainers. Proceeds will be applied to educational work among the Negroes.

BEWARE OF CONTAGION

With cases of smallpox reported in Glencoe residents of the village are urged by Health Commissioner C. O. Schneider to take precautions to prevent the spread of the disease in this village, by having all children vaccinated who cannot furnish a physician's certificate of successful vaccination within five years, or show a vaccination scar satisfactory to the family physician.