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## REAL ESTATE FIRMS ASK SUNDAY CLOSING

Seek Endorsement by Residents of Village and Ask For Expressions of Opinion on Important Issue

## NOT "BLUE LAW" VENTURE

Members of North Shore Real Estate Board Would Have Sundays Away From Business

Real estate firms of the north shore represented in the North Shore Real Estate board this week made public a general appeal to the residents of the north shore in which they seek endorsement of the Sunday closing of real estate offices and discontinuance of Sunday transactions. The appeal is made to the "public" through every representative organization on the north shore and the newspapers of the various communities in this territory.

### No "Blue Law Appeal."

"The answer rests with the public," the appeal states. "The North Shore Real Estate board members do not wish to operate on Sundays, they feel they are entitled to one day of rest each week. Many would like to attend church. The members signed an agreement last fall to cease Sunday operations over a period from Nov. 1, 1920, to Feb. 1, 1921, and have fulfilled this agreement. A few dealers, not members of the Real Estate board, have continued to operate on Sundays. This is not a "blue law" appeal. Now comes the question:

"Shall we be able to continue observing one day of rest or shall we go back to the antiquated system of operating and asking householders to, on Sunday, show property to prospective buyers?"

"The answer rests with the public," continues the statement. "It is impossible to obtain an expression of opinion from each individual resident of the north shore within the prescribed time limit, and we are appealing to the public through the press and various organizations of representative citizens for expressions of opinion as to whether or not the public will back up the members of the North Shore Real Estate board by declining to show or permit to be shown on Sunday property to prospective buyers or renters."

Wilmette and Evanston dealers, it is said, have agreements not to operate or show property on Sundays and dealers in the other towns and villages of the north shore are anxious to enter into a similar agreement for permanent Sunday closing.

The Sunday closing experiment of the past three months, it is said, has demonstrated the fact that Sunday closing would not in any manner interfere with the volume of real estate business on the north shore if all real estate interests closed on Sunday. Prospective renters or home buyers, the dealers declare, who are really interested in obtaining future homes and are not "Sunday sight-seers," are desirous of making thorough investigations into properties they consider renting or purchasing. They are willing and desirous to transact this business on regular business days. Once the prospective buyer is advised he cannot see property on Sunday he will readily attend to that matter during the week just as he attends to other business matters.

### Best for Villages.

Then, also, it is to the best interests of the villages that the Sunday closing become effective, the appeal argues. Property owners of the north shore and other residents, it is pointed out, do not care to have their Sunday holiday disturbed by the intrusion into their family circles of real estate operators and prospective buyers and renters.

Many of the North Shore Real Estate board members are of the opinion that in order to make the desired Sunday closing effective it must be observed by every realty dealer. Having some offices open and others closed, they feel, would work a hardship on those who close.

The time for action on the question of permanent Sunday closing has been advanced to Feb. 15, and, meanwhile, the realty dealers desire that residents express opinion individually or through representative organizations and to direct those opinions through the mails to F. B. Thomas, chairman of the Sunday closing committee, 10 S. La Salle street, Chicago.

### PRAIRIE FIRE

The fire department was called out Wednesday to the Skokie to extinguish a small prairie fire which for a time threatened to destroy a small house on adjoining property.

## So Long, Hans, Here's Hoping You Stay Awhile

Hans Christensen, paroled convict with half a dozen aliases and a police record literally several feet in length, is again right alongside Finnigan, the notorious.

Hans dared engage in his sneak-thieving antics on Tuesday of this week at the summer house on the William Bross Lloyd estate at 830 Sheridan road.

One could scarcely expect Hans to be aware of the fact that said house was equipped with a burglar alarm system, incidentally in good working condition. He gathered up a generous consignment of cut-glassware, silverware, table linen and clothing and, crossing through the front of the house in making his exit, unceremoniously stepped on a rug. Followed a resounding noise, not unlike the disturbing tones of the early Big Ben. Hans stood glued to the spot.

A moment later Mr. Lloyd and his chauffeur, James Bess, were in the house and nabbed their victim.

Later at the station house Hans exchanged formal greetings with an old acquaintance in the person of Chief Peterson. Only, when the chief last met Hans the name was something else. Let's see, it might have been Nels Jensen, M. Anderson or Anton Thompson; at any rate those are some of his convenient names, otherwise characterized as aliases.

Now Nels is probably back in Joliet or headed in that general direction in the company of parol officer Henry J. Rouch.

### Back To Old Trade

He was paroled from the state penal institution some months ago and farmed out to an agriculturist. The seed coxer soon went out of business and Nels, for want of something more ethical to do, returned to his old burgling pursuits.

But, more of Mr. Jolietter's acquaintance with our chief. Back in 1918, local police records show, Hans, who, by the way, seems to be rather an unsuccessful burglar, though tained by the Highland Park police for a small matter of house-breaking. He was a dapper person and carried in his upper coat pocket a real silk handkerchief bearing the unmistakable identification marks of Ayres Boal, Winnetka citizen. Hans was taxied to the local bastle where questioning divulged he had obtained the kerchief in a previous raid on the Boal household. He went to Joliet.

Hans has spent most of the past eight years in reformatories, houses of correction, jails and penitentiaries. He has seasoned among other less important resorts in the Wisconsin State Reformatory, Wisconsin State's prison and Joliet. All in favor of many more of 'em say aye! That makes it unanimous!

## Many Endorse Adams For Postmastership

First Installment of the Appointment Petition Forwarded to Washington This Week

The first installment of the petition asking the appointment of Elmer E. Adams as Winnetka's new postmaster, was forwarded to Washington this week. It contained 951 signatures.

Two more petitions are in circulation and the entire village will have been canvassed by the end of the month. Mr. Adams also has the endorsement of the Republican Central committeeman for the district in which Winnetka is located, as well as that of the precinct committeemen of Winnetka Village.

He should, and doubtless does, feel flattered at the reception which Winnetka has given his candidacy.

## JOHN J. WILLIAMS DIES WEDNESDAY AT RESIDENCE

John J. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams of 850 Cherry street, died at his home, Wednesday, January 26, 1921, after an illness of ten days. Funeral services were held Friday from Sacred Heart church. Burial was at Calvary.

John J. Williams was well known among the younger people of the village. He was for some time identified with the Winnetka State Bank, and later with the North Shore Distilled Water Ice company. His passing is mourned by scores of residents who met him both in business and social circles.

## WILL YOU BE AT HOME ON SUNDAY?

One Hundred Community House Workers Will Canvass the Village Tomorrow For the Village Center

## WANT YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Solicit Subscriptions, Enlist Volunteer Workers, and Ask Criticism and Opinions

What and why is the Community House?

If there is any doubt or confusion in the mind of any Winnetka householder relative to that query the matter will certainly be cleared up to a nicety on Sunday afternoon.

As previously announced in the columns of the Weekly Talk, one hundred public spirited men of Winnetka will conduct a village-wide canvass Sunday afternoon, visiting every home in Winnetka on an expedition of threefold significance.

### Three-fold Purpose

In the first place these men are interested in raising subscriptions for Community House.

Secondly, they are in quest of volunteer workers for and at Community House. The more the better.

Finally, they will seek suggestions, invite criticisms, and give ear to opinions concerning Community House and its activities.

Community House is strictly a Winnetka institution. It is positively non-sectarian, though made possible some years ago through the initiative and community interest of members of the Winnetka Congregational church. The personnel of the Board of Governors includes members of various denominations, as well as others not actively affiliated with any church.

### Democratic As "Street Car"

"Community House," reads a statement to the residents of the village, issued this week over the signatures of a group of leading Winnetkans, "is absolutely non-sectarian; it is as democratic as a street car; its object is universal service to every man, woman, and child in the village. You as a dweller in Winnetka, are a part owner of Community House."

"But Community House cannot live unless we support it," continues the statement, "we must pay its running expenses. It needs about \$18,000 for the year of 1921. We must pay that money, just as we pay taxes to support our police and fire departments, our water supply, etc. Will you team-work with us for the good of Winnetka?"

The statement is signed by these leaders: Myron E. Adams, L. Sherman Aldrich, Frank J. Bersbach, B. W. Blow, Charles L. Byron, Claude Edmonds, Edward W. Ellis, Henry A. Gardner, George Gordon, Laurence A. Janney, Merritt B. Lum, John S. Miller, Jr., William S. Miller, Philip W. Moore, John M. Olmsted, Franklin Rudolph, Lawrence Stein, James A. White, Allen L. Withers, H. L. Woolhiser.

### Extensive Activities

A glance at the following list of regular and special Community House activities, published in the statement, give a splendid insight into the extensive Community service rendered through this most democratic of all village institutions.

Regular activities: Men's club, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Scandinavian club, Horticultural society, Preparedness club, Kippy Dancing club, Indoor Baseball teams Boxing and wrestling, North Shore Sewing guild, Four Corners Dancing club, North Shore British-American society, Boys' club, Girls' club, Royal Neighbors, Summer camps, English classes, Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' gymnasium classes, Dancing classes, Dramatic clubs, Motion pictures, Triangle club Friendship circle.

Special activities: Teachers' dances, Bureau of Information, Gift Shop, Firemen's ball, Hallowe'en party, Assembly for school children, Art exhibits, School meetings, Lectures, Concerts and Plays.

Be prepared to talk Community House Sunday afternoon!

### ALL-DAY MEETING

The Woman's society of the Congregational church will hold an all-day meeting at Community house next Wednesday.

### SOCIETY MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening of the North Shore British-American society at Community house.

## Will You Help In the Cause of "Billy" Haines

"Billy" Haines, Winnetka lad, who is fighting valiantly against the ravages of the terrible white plague at the Evanston Fresh Air hospital, where he has been maintained for a year by the Triangle Athletic club of this village, will be enabled to continue the battle, for Winnetka is "coming through" gallantly with the necessary funds.

On Thursday evening, February 3, the boys of the Winnetka Preparedness club and the girls of the Thimble club (Billy's chums and former school-mates) are going to help the Triangle club assume this responsibility by giving a Benefit dance at the Winnetka Woman's club. They are selling tickets every day and it is hoped that every resident of the village will be glad to welcome this opportunity to help.

Such men of the village as President John S. Miller, Jr., M. K. Meyer, J. W. F. Davies, Lloyd Steere, Donald Duncan, Jr., Ulysses Able and Fred Eckart, stand responsible in assuring the villagers that the proceeds from this dance will be carefully handled for this one purpose.

Popular subscriptions to the "Billy" Haines fund to date totals \$163.60. Money for this purpose is to be directed to M. K. Meyer, Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank, not later than Thursday night, February 3.

One third of the proceeds from the Community House Motion picture program on next Friday evening will be directed to the "Billy" Haines fund.

### Will You Help?

## MUZZLE THAT CANINE SAYS VILLAGE ORDER

President Miller Issues dog Muzzling Proclamation to Prevent Attacks by Vicious Animals

Dogs, it matters not how apparently tame and harmless they may be, are to be muzzled when permitted to run at large on the streets and byways of Winnetka. This by order of village president John S. Miller, Jr., who this week issued a proclamation requiring the muzzling of all dogs running at large from Monday, January 23, the date of issuance of the order, until Tuesday, February 15. The order is prompted by the capture of a vicious dog last week by chief of police W. M. Peterson after the animal had bitten a small boy and chewed a glove off one of the police chief's hands.

The dog, a small black, innocent appearing mongrel, was examined in veterinary laboratories in Chicago and found to have suffered from rabies.

### Prosecute Violators

The order, says Chief of Police Peterson, not only stipulates that every dog running at large in the village be muzzled, but, failure to comply with this order means every unmuzzled dog will be impounded and the owner prosecuted in strict accordance with the village ordinance in that regard.

This order, the chief explained, is for the protection of the residents and not designed to inconvenience or victimize owners of pet dogs. Every precaution is to be taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident of last week when a 2½ year old boy was painfully bitten by a stray animal at the Elm street station of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric railway.

Every dog owner in the village will be considered as rendering a great service to the community by co-operating in effecting this precautionary measure.

### IN CINCINNATI

The Rev. and Mrs. E. Ashley Gerhard left on Friday of this week to spend a few days with friends in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### THE BEGINNING

Cinders were hauled to the new school site on Elm street this week. It is the first material delivered on the site of the new Skokie school.

### FOUR CORNER DANCE

The Four Corner Dancing club will hold their regular dance at Community house next Saturday evening.

### KIPPY ORCHESTRA DANCE

A dance will be given this evening at Community house by the Kippy orchestra.

## REACH \$300,000 MARK IN NEW SCHOOL DRIVE

Revised Plans for New Public School in Skokie Completed and Bids Are to be Taken in The Near Future.

## A VILLAGE ACHIEVEMENT

Generosity of Kuppenheimer and Hibbard Families and General Subscription Responsible.

### By Laird Bell

(President Board of Education)

The \$300,000 mark in the New School drive has been reached. Revised plans for the new building have been completed, and bids will be taken shortly. The Board of Education believes that building costs have come down sufficiently so that it will not be necessary to raise the full \$350,000 originally contemplated. If, when the bids are received, the total appears satisfactory, building will be begun at once.

Seven hundred and six subscribers contributed to this remarkable achievement. All but about \$2,500 of the full amount is covered by actual subscriptions. A few additional subscriptions have been promised but the amounts have not yet been determined, and some of the men most interested in the drive have therefore underwritten the balance necessary to make up \$300,000 and insure compliance with the terms of the two principal gifts.

### May Issue Call in April

No formal calls for subscriptions have yet been made. Over \$40,000 has, however been paid in cash, and is invested in Government securities. If building is started as contemplated, the subscriptions payable in three installments will be called for April 15, 1921, October 15, 1921, and January 15, 1922. Subscribers who have made special arrangements will pay as indicated in their particular cases.

### Great Credit to Winnetka

The raising of this fund is an achievement not only unique, but highly creditable to Winnetka. In other communities wealthy men have presented buildings to the public schools, but no instance of a public school building constructed by general public subscription seems to be known. The fund would not have been possible but for the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kuppenheimer and the Hibbard family. But neither would it have been possible except for the loyal support of the community at large. The fund raised amounts to almost \$50 for every man, woman, and child in Winnetka. It is an accomplishment of which Winnetka may well be proud, and it is to the hard work and devotion of the solicitors and to the cordial and self sacrificing spirit of the many contributors that credit is due.

## DIOCESAN LEADER PREACHES AT CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Erle H. Merriman, Executive Secretary of Diocese of Chicago To Tell of New Plans.

Rev. Erle H. Merriman, executive secretary of the Diocese of Chicago of the Episcopal church, will preach at Christ Church, Sheridan Road and Humboldt avenue, Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock services. The sermon topic will be "The Diocesan Program for 1921."

Mr. Merriman, who is well known in Winnetka, will have a message of interest to every member and friend of Christ Church parish. From previous visits in the parish he is known as a man with an important message, which is always ably presented.

Every member of Christ Church parish is expected to take advantage of this opportunity to hear of the extensive plans of the church in the Chicago Diocese, of which the local parish is a component part.

## CHAUFFEUR DIES AT WHEEL, STRICKEN BY HEART DISEASE

R. T. Schaffer, chauffeur for Arthur G. Ellis, 564 Maple avenue, Winnetka, died suddenly Thursday night while driving the Ellis limousine in Evanston. Schaffer had been ordered to call for the Ellis maid, Nora Hoskins, who was visiting friends, and was returning with her when he felt an attack of heart trouble coming on. He turned the car to the side of the street and stopped. The girl stopped the engine and sought aid. When the police arrived Schaffer was dead.