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"CLEAN UP THE YARD" SAY INDIAN HILLERS

Pass Resolution Requesting All Residents in South East Section To Make That District a Beauty Spot

OPEN FORUM BIG SUCCESS

Enter With Responsible Bodies for Establishment of Park in Indian Hill Region

The Open Forum which constituted the principal part of the business meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association held Monday evening, March 14, at the New Trier High school was productive of a lively discussion and interchange of ideas, resulting in a number of resolutions designed to promote the welfare and up-building of the alert and growing section of the village which it represents.

The first resolution passed was one of general interest concerning as it does a problem of the entire village, that of weed extermination. The many vacant lots which are covered with weeds and which are allowed to grow to seed, thereby increasing the evil from year to year, prompted the association to petition the Village Council to pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for any owner of property within the village limits to allow weeds of any kind to go to seed. A resolution embodying this petition was passed and will be presented to the Village Council for consideration.

"Clean Up" Resolution

In keeping with the purpose of the first resolution another was presented and passed directing the attention of all residents of the community to the importance of making a personal inspection of the exterior of their homes and their yards with the view of making any improvement in their neatness and general appearance, both for the purpose of maintaining the attractiveness of the district and also of bringing a better appreciation through public opinion and example, to the small minority who are not as careful of their matters as they should be, of their importance to the appearance and standing of the community.

A resolution placing the association on record as favoring the extension of Myrtle street through to Wilson avenue, brought forth an animated discussion. Its sponsors advocated its adoption as a convenience to residents north of Hill road in reaching more quickly the Indian Hill station. Its opponents argued that the passage of the resolution might conflict with the plans of converting the property, through which the extension would pass, into a park—a plan for which the association has worked consistently and to which it is pledged. On vote the resolution was rejected.

A resolution expressing to the Winnetka Zoning Commission the appreciation of the association for the modification of its preliminary recommendation regarding the creation of a business section in the Indian Hill district to conform to the wishes of its residents was presented and carried.

The resolution also placed the association on record as favoring the support of the Commission in its endeavor to defray a portion of its expense of printing and distribution of its plans.

Plea For a Park

Another resolution, copies of which are being sent to the Village Council, the Park Board, the Winnetka Commission and the Zoning Commission reiterated the desire of all south east Winnetka for a park. The resolution pointed out that while Winnetka has over 115 acres of park property, none of this acreage is within easy reach of the Indian Hill section, and urged the consideration of the Park Board whether its increased bonding power derived in part from the increased valuation of property in south east Winnetka should not properly be used in filling the community's long desire, and frequently expressed desire, for a park before the increasing value of the now available site makes such a move more difficult of attainment.

The business session was preceded by a half hour of Community singing and several enjoyable songs by Mrs. William A. Thrall. After the meeting refreshments were served followed by dancing. A large attendance was present maintaining the excellent record which the association has established in all of its activities during the present year.

Constantine "Gus" Got a Huge Laugh Out of This One

Constantine "Gus" Symon thought it was all a joke until he peered down the long barrel of a genuine blue steel gun in the grasp of a big, burly gentleman of color. Even then he was inclined to pleasantries. Constantine, as every New Trier student knows, is the jovial proprietor of the Indian Hill Inn on Winnetka avenue. He is a genial sort of person and quite accustomed to pranks as perpetrated by light-hearted youths, and just hates to take things seriously.

Now, brother Ben, partner in the soda dispensing business, is of more serious turn of mind. When he sees a big man waving a pistol in the immediate vicinity he wants to get armed for mortal combat, and that minus undue ceremony.

The big fellow ambled into the confection parlor early Wednesday evening, purchased a cigar and a chocolate bar, then produced the fright-inspiring implement of war and demanded all the loose change in the house. Constantine laughed loudly and long. "He's kidding me and himself," he thought.

Ben, crouched in the rear of the candy cases, thought quick, desperate thoughts. He crawled into the rear of the place and up a back stairway to the vicinity of his own weapon. It was annoyingly dark and Ben toppled over a chair—loud noises—big bad fellow reached a hand into the till, extracted \$3 and vanished through the store entrance. Ben was too late.

Ha! Ha! Ha! shouted Constantine in genuine glee. Amazement and silent curses from Big Ben.

NOTED SPEAKERS SCHEDULED FOR MONSTER LEGION RALLY

Col. Milton J. Foreman and Other Nationally Prominent Leaders Promised for Affair on March 30

Enthusiastic interest and attention is being shown by representative Winnetka clubs and citizens in the monster American Legion public rally to be held at the schoolhouse auditorium at Glencoe on the night of March 30, by the Glencoe Post of the American legion under the auspices of the clubs of Glencoe.

Nationally famous speakers, such as Col. Milton J. Foreman, Col. John V. Clinlin, State-Commander Robert J. McCauley, Roger V. Flory, and others, will tell of the inspiration, history and ambitions of the American Legion. Winnetka citizens, who have never in the past failed to show interest in their boys, are invited and expected to be present. The Winnetka post will attend in a body.

HAYDN CHORAL CONCERT

Of unusual interest to Winnetka is the announcement of the appearance here on Saturday evening, April 9, of the Haydn Choral society in special concert at Community House. The affair is predicted as one of the "high lights" of the season. The society will be augmented by soloists of national prominence, it is promised.

OUR TENTH BIRTHDAY

With the current issue, the Winnetka Weekly Talk enters upon its tenth year as Winnetka's own news medium, more commonly characterized "the home town paper."

The Winnetka Weekly Talk, over the period of nine years, has enjoyed a continuous and wholesome growth, entertaining the single purpose, from the start, of reflecting, in so far as is possible, the general high character of the village and of its many excellent organizations, religious, civic, educational, social and recreational.

The "Talk" shall continue in its policy of giving its subscribers all the news of the village, to aid and actively support every movement having the object of Community Advancement, to work with the community as one of its constituent institutions.

The columns of the Winnetka Weekly Talk are open to all subscribers for the expression of honest and sincere opinion. Get acquainted with Your Home Town Paper!

PRES. MILLER TOP CITIZENS' TICKET

Present Executive Asked To Be Candidate For Re-Election at Annual Village Caucus

Winnetka's annual Village Election, which falls this year on Tuesday, April 5, promises to be a quiet and peaceful affair and it appears a hearty endorsement of the present administration under the able leadership of President John S. Miller, Jr.

President Miller, who has consented to succeed himself as Winnetka's chief executive, upon the urgent request of representative civic leaders, was formally placed at the head of the Citizen Party ticket at an adjourned session of the Village Caucus at Community House, Wednesday, March 16. Without lengthy comment the caucus unanimously accepted the report of the Nominating committee, William D. McKenzie, chairman, presenting to the electorate of the village the following ticket:

For Village President—John S. Miller, Jr.

For Village Trustees—Laurence M. Stein, J. B. Pierce, Edwin E. Brown.

For Village Treasurer—William E. Davis.

For Library Trustees—George W. Oldfather, William A. Hadley.

For Village Marshal and Collector—Theodore Flynn.

For Police Magistrate—Clark T. Northrop.

The platform of the Citizen Party to which the candidates have pledged support is briefly as follows.

1. Village ownership and operation of Village utilities.
2. Referendum vote on all franchises.
3. Efficient and Economical business methods in administration.
4. Efforts toward "Track Depression".
5. Underground placement of telephone and Village wires.

Filtration Plant For Winnetka Realized

Council Sets April 5 as Date for Opening of Bids—Plant to Be Completed by January 15, 1922

Winnetka's filtration plant, a project which has occasioned frequent discussion in Village Council sessions and at civic gatherings, is soon to be a reality. Bids for the construction of a filtration plant are to be formally opened at the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 5.

At a meeting of the Village Council it was voted to advertise at once for bids for construction of the plant, to be located on the lake front at the foot of North avenue.

Samuel A. Greeley, who has drawn up plans and specifications for the proposed structure, has been retained by the Village Council to supervise actual construction. Contract will require completion of the plant on or before January 15, 1922.

Want a Home?

If you will watch the Want Ad. section of this paper every week you may save yourself a great deal of worry and anxiety. Several of the north shore real estate brokers are giving listings every week in the Want Ads. You may find that they have just the place you have been seeking.

Below are the offerings of Hill & Stone for this week. You will find many others on page 16.

HOME BARGAINS

KENILWORTH; splendid value; owner moving and must sell; fine locality; beautiful grounds; 9 rooms, 3 baths, hot water heat; single garage; price \$25,000.

INDIAN HILL; non-res. owner has reduced price on 7 room brick for May 1st poss. to \$11,000; garage; good buy.

WINNETKA; 3 excellent bargains; 6 room mod. stucco, h. w. heat, fireplace, sl. pch., half cash at \$8,000. A 9 room stucco with 2 baths, 100 foot lot, fine section; quick sale price of \$16,000. An 11 room shingle with large grounds, 2 baths, best hot water heat at \$21,000.

HUBBARD WOODS; a 7 r. mod. stucco, cor. lot, close in; 2 baths, garage, \$13,500.

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"Jollies" Spell Class in Capital Letters, 'Tis Said

BY OBSERVER

Every Monday and Thursday evening rehearsals are being held for the "Jollies of 1921," the Minstrel-Vaudeville Revue which will be given for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher association at the Winnetka Woman's club on April 14 and 15. And, oh, what a show it is going to be! Wait 'til you see those dancers, hear those funny songs and listen to the side-splitting comedy which Mr. End Man and Mrs. Land Lady will "put on" in the big Minstrel scene.

Yes, there will be End Ladies, too, and, in the vernacular of the stage, they will "wield a wicked tambourine." It will be what may be called an all-star cast, and the management is willing to stack up the "Jollies" 'gainst the "Follies" any time.

Inquire around and find out who the end men are, who the end ladies are, who will be the interlocutor, who will act in the clever little black-face local sketch, who will do the mystifying Mind Reading act, who will sing the Sextet—you will find they are all talented to a degree which will insure a great show.

The following persons are serving as patronesses: Mrs. Barrett Conway, Mrs. Austin Jenkins, Mrs. Arthur Dean, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. G. M. Pearce, Mrs. C. H. Coffin, Mrs. William Jenkins, Mrs. Dudley K. French, Mrs. E. V. L. Brown.

Remember the dates, April 14 and 15. Don't confuse them with any other dates! And remember that it is all for a most worthy cause and should be supported by two capacity houses.

Tickets are now on sale at the Winnetka Pharmacy and at Adams' Pharmacy. Do your ticket buying early!

VARIETY SHOW TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED

Glennetka Variety Show Promises Very Best in Entertainment—Low Twelve Club Sponsor

Tickets are on sale and "going strong" contracts have been closed with the Western Managers' Booking association for services of highest quality professional vaudeville talent, and rehearsals are in progress to perfect the capable local talent for the season's record entertainment to be staged in Glencoe and Winnetka early next month.

Previous announcement has been made of the great Glennetka Variety Show to be staged, first at the Glencoe Village school auditorium on Saturday evening, April 2, and two days later at the Winnetka Woman's club. This is under auspices of the Masonic Low Twelve club of the Glencoe district and for Masonic benefit.

For those who have been accustomed to patronizing only the very best in vaudeville entertainment in the great theatrical centers of Chicago and New York the Glennetka Variety Show promises entertainment that will measure up in every detail with the most distinctive variety programs. The professional talent is reported as positively first class. The local entertainers will, it is predicted, surpass in ability anything theatrical ever presented by north shore amateur players. There are to be ten big acts of vaudeville.

Tickets are now on sale in Glencoe at the Clyde and Hillman Pharmacies, and in Winnetka at Adams' Pharmacy. The best seats are selling right now.

The Masonic Low Twelve club is an organization within the Glencoe Masonic lodge. All Masons in good standing are eligible to membership, application to be made with H. E. McNeal, 925 Elm street, Winnetka, or George W. Matthews, 182 Maple Hill road, Glencoe.

THE OPEN FORUM

In this week's issue of the Winnetka Weekly Talk will be found, in the Open Forum, some interesting expressions of opinion by fellow citizens. Read the communications appearing from time to time in the Open Forum and avail yourself of this medium for the expression of your own opinions concerning Winnetka and her various activities. The Open Forum is reserved as a clearing house for candid and sincere discussion.

LAUD LOCAL SCHOOLS AT EDUCATION SESSION

Superintendent Washburne Hears Favorable Comments on "Individual Instruction" System Employed Here

INSPECTS MANY SCHOOLS

In Atlantic City and New York Studying Educational System in Various Schools

Superintendent C. W. Washburne returned this week from a two weeks stay in Atlantic City and New York City where he attended the annual convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education society, and visited the leading schools.

"The trip has been very well worth while," said Mr. Washburne on his return. "There was a spirit of scientific investigation concerning education in the Atlantic City meeting that marks the beginning of a new epoch in public school administration. The philosophizing and theorizing which have marked most educational movements up to the present are giving way to a genuinely scientific study of education. Certain educational leaders have stood for scientific research for some years, but this year marks the beginning of a recognition of the necessity for research by the great body of administrative school officers. No talk was more cordially received than one by Dr. Judd of the University of Chicago outlining some of the scientific investigation underway in that institution.

Valuable Conferences

"I think I got even more of practical usefulness from a number of small conferences held with different educators. Out of one of the conferences grew an offer of co-operation by Prof. H. Rugg of Teachers' College, Columbian University, who was very much impressed by the investigations being conducted by the teachers in the Winnetka schools. He referred to their work in one of his public addresses as being an example of what a public school system can do in the way of scientific investigation. He felt that the Winnetka Public schools were leading in this field. He has offered to co-operate with the Winnetka teachers in the investigation they are making as to what should be included in the history, geography, and civic course of study.

"The most interesting of the public schools in New York was that of Angelo Patri in the Bronx. This school was the first of the New York schools to be put on the Gary plan, and has retained most of the cardinal features as well as the equipment of this system. The organization of their upper grades was in many ways strikingly like our own. Certain points of difference will prove suggestive in the development of our own work in Winnetka.

Visits Adler School

"Felix Adler's Ethical Culture school was doing some extremely interesting work in its social discussions and in the freedom which it gave children to follow out their interests. As is usual in such schools, however, there was a lack of that thoroughness in the fundamental tools of learning which we are trying to achieve in Winnetka.

"The Horace Mann School of Teachers' College was doing some project work of a decidedly interesting sort. A description of what they were doing has since been presented to the Winnetka teachers and some phases of it can doubtless be gradually incorporated in our own system.

"The Lincoln School of Teachers' College, Columbia University, is doing more work in scientific education than any other that I saw. Their investigations and efforts were in such harmony with what we have been striving for that an interchange of results of investigations was arranged.

"On the whole the trip proved to be as profitable as it was enjoyable."

ENJOY ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Many north shore residents participated in the St. Patrick's Day dance and entertainment given at the Community House by the New Trier Horticultural society. Five vaudeville acts augmented the dancing. Refreshments were served.

NO MOTION PICTURES

The management of the motion pictures at the Community House announces that no films will be exhibited next Friday evening, Good Friday.