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BUILD SCHOOL NOW, SENSE OF MEETING

Board of Education and Major Subscribers To New Skokie School Review Contract Bids Tuesday

COST WILL EXCEED \$300,000

Aggregate of Low Bids Is \$305,750; Need For Building Prompts Vote For Early Construction

A meeting was held last Tuesday night between the Board of Education and some of the major subscribers to the fund for the new school, to consider the advisability of proceeding with construction of the new school under the bids which have been received.

Much competition for the work was secured. About 85 contractors bid on one contract or another, and the work was subdivided into about 20 sub-contracts. A great range in bids was developed. The aggregate of the low bids was \$305,750.

The subscriptions in hand are \$300,000. At first sight these figures were felt to be very encouraging, but items not covered by the contracts, but fairly chargeable to the expense of erecting the building, will carry the amount substantially above the figure given.

Imperative Need

There was a very full discussion about the advisability of proceeding under these circumstances. It was urged that the need for the new building was steadily increasing and that if contracts were not let in the next few weeks the school could not be occupied at all next year, while if they were let at once the new building could be occupied in the early part of the next school year. It was especially urged that the project has been made possible by an extraordinary display of community spirit and any substantial delay which will allow this spirit to flag will be unfortunate in every respect.

On the other hand, the possibility of further decline in prices was strongly emphasized. The contracts will in any event give the School Board the benefit of any decrease in labor rate, but the real question is in regard to a drop in material prices. Such a drop over the next year was generally considered almost certain, but a drop in the next few months was felt to be more problematical.

May Modify Bids

The architect for the school stated that some further reductions might be secured through negotiations with the successful bidders; that some of the contracts could be held up for a period until further material price reductions might take place, and that the work not covered by the contracts could undoubtedly be reduced in scope and expense.

Finally it was voted that it was the sense of the meeting that the School Board should go ahead with the construction, securing all possible reductions, and that the first installment of subscriptions should be called for at once.

VILLAGE AUTO LICENSE PLATES AWAIT TAKERS

Should you be the owner of a vehicle, motor or horse driven, information that the Winnetka Village license plates are ready for distribution upon payment of the small license fee, will be of particular interest. Prompt secular of the license plate will save much inconvenience to local motorists in driving through other towns where police are halting machines not adorned with the 1921 plates.

In cars of less than 35 H. P. Miss Helen Williams, 850 Cherry street, obtained license plate number 1. Orian A. Galitz, 1041 Oak street, drew numbers 13 and 23. In cars of more than 35 H. P. number one was taken by H. C. Phillips, 765 Willow street. Number 13 went to Mrs. William G. Hibbard, 840 Willow street.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS

Educational films will be shown at Winnetka Community House Wednesday night, April 13, at 8 o'clock, depicting student life at Princeton university, under auspices of the Princeton Alumni association of Chicago and vicinity. Five big reels are promised. The films will be shown in the Assembly room and there is to be no admission charge.

Everyone's Talking About the Minstrel- Musical Performance

By Observer

Enthusiasm waxes high for the "Jollies of 1921," the benefit for the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association. The show is certainly well named. It will be a good place to get rejuvenated. The dates are April 14 and 15.

Here is a hint of what you will hear and see: Mr. Carleton W. Washburne is in the middle chair as interlocutor, and on the ends we see Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Bren, Mrs. Burkhardt, Mrs. Connor, Mr. Farwell, Mr. Coptthorn, Mr. Whitlock, Mr. Macy.

"All up for the opening medley," shouts the interlocutor, and then comes singing and dancing and tambourine work with a tempo which at once sets you to feeling jolly with yourself.

Then there are the solos, some excruciatingly funny, some delightfully sweet; then the jokes interspersed with wholesome good humor.

In the second part comes the sketch, "The Mice will Play"—black mice, they are. In the third part a big hit will be the Grand Uproar quintet, Mr. Macy, Mr. Whitlock, Mrs. Hough, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Bren. A restaurant scene, a mind-reading act and several other novelties add to the general atmosphere of jollity. Some added attractions are Mrs. Cooley's Indian songs, Mrs. Thrall's solo, Mr. Fentress' inimitable Negro spirituals.

This is divulging a good many of the good secrets, but there are more and you will want to see them all. The Minstrel scene will be handsomely costumed and the Lyman Goss orchestra will play for the show and also for the dancing which will follow the performance.

Seats are now on sale at the Adams Pharmacy, Winnetka Pharmacy, Hubbard Woods Pharmacy and the Grade chairmen of the schools. They can also be procured from any of the participants. Watch for the posters which will be out soon!

SPRING AND BASEBALL, FIRST MEETING SUNDAY

North Shore Baseball League to Hold Meeting at Headquarters of Glencoe Athletic Club

Spring is here and the young man's fancy turns, among other important matters, to thoughts of baseball and the approaching championship season of the North Shore Baseball league.

Baseball enthusiasts of this village will be interested, in this connection, in the accompanying letter penned by Samuel S. Otis, president of the North Shore Baseball league, announcing a meeting of the league Sunday at the Glencoe Athletic club headquarters.

The letter reads:

Dear Friend:—

The baseball season is beginning to draw near and therefore the North Shore Baseball league is expecting soon to get together and organize.

In view of this fact a meeting is planned for Sunday, April 3, and your presence, together with any others of your crowd interested in baseball, is respectfully requested.

Several teams already have shown a decided interest in the coming season and in certain cases there have been valuable suggestions made for improving the situation over last year.

The officers of this league are very anxious to do anything they can to further the interests of each and every team, but in order to do so they need your particular point of view!

Don't forget that the league is going to be stronger and more powerful than ever before. Don't forget that this is your chance to get in on the ground floor and that if you let this opportunity go by you may miss something later on.

The meeting is to be held at the Glencoe Athletic club rooms, second floor, Vernon avenue, one-half block south of Park avenue, on west side of street on next Sunday afternoon 3 P. M., April 3.

Put this date on your calendar, Friend—and be sure to show up!

Yours very truly,

Samuel S. Otis,
President North Shore Baseball League.

AN EDITORIAL

NON-CO-OPERATION

With utmost satisfaction one would wish to record that every real estate office on the north shore had come into accord with the plan and decision of the North Shore Real Estate board to cease conducting Sunday business, thus ridding the north shore of the nuisance of the Sunday parade of sightseers, who, real estate records show, are not, for the most part, sincere home-seekers. It is with a feeling of mingled regret and indignation then, that one must record that a single real estate firm in Winnetka has seen fit not to conform with the plan which has received the enthusiastic endorsement of every recognized civic organization in the village, including every church and club and the village governing bodies.

One notes with interest that the name of the one recalcitrant dealer is none other than that of Peter I. Johansen, operating a real estate brokerage office at Indian Hill. Mr. Johansen is not a member of the North Shore Real Estate board. He is likewise not a member of the Indian Hill Improvement association, or any other civic improvement body, though a resident in that district. Matter of fact, he has frequently and consistently opposed the efforts of that civic betterment organization, composed of Indian Hill residents and property owners.

The Indian Hill Improvement association has endorsed and actively supported only such movements and projects having as their purpose advancement of community life and betterment of living conditions in that district and in the village at large. Indian Hill has stood for advancement. Johansen, on the contrary, has labored ceaselessly for selfish interests.

This selfish spirit is glaringly displayed in his refusal to co-operate in the Sunday Closing movement. He stands alone upon the contention that Sunday business is essential to real estate enterprise. He invites the prospective customers to come to Winnetka on Sunday, inferring that Winnetka, through the open doors to his offices, caters to the convenience of Sunday house hunters.

Other realtors maintain that experience has taught them that most sincere home seekers desire to make their investigations and to transact business only on business days, Sunday opening, as evidenced by actual test, is not essential to the success of the real estate business in Winnetka, they declare.

Real estate firms doing business in Winnetka are convinced, also, that Winnetka property owners desirous of disposing or renting properties are in accord with the idea of stopping the Sunday "showing" of property. These firms are in accord with Winnetka's ideals of civic life. They are for the community and are working in co-operation with other organizations in serving the advancement of the community. If you stand by Winnetka you will want to stand by business men who are interested primarily in Winnetka.

MORE HOME BUILDING MEANS INCREASED SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Building permits show there has been little real decrease in home building in Winnetka in the last twelve months. In the year just ended 64 building permits have been taken out. In the previous year, which was a boom year, 75 permits were taken out. The last half of the year just closed showed an increase of almost 30 per cent over the first half of the year.

Incidentally, the Winnetka school problem will, therefore, continue to be with us.

Mr. H. N. Mess took advantage of the Easter vacation to visit his parents in Benton Harbor, Mich.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR MILLER TUESDAY

Electorate of Winnetka to Cast Complimentary Ballot in Annual Winnetka Village Election

Tuesday, April 5, is Village Election Day in Winnetka and, this year, promises to be quite as peaceful and uneventful as any of the more ordinary of the 365 and-a-fraction days of the annum, by reason of the fact there are no contests in the balloting on the various candidates. A complimentary vote, which it is hoped will be large, will be cast in commendation of the excellent administration of President John S. Miller, Jr., who is candidate to succeed himself in that place of distinction and responsibility.

President Miller heads the so-called Citizen Party ticket selected recently by representative village leaders in a caucus at Community House.

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to express confidence in their ex-soldier village president and his colleagues who are to assist in the administration of affairs over the period of the next two years. The ballot follows:

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.

Haydn Choral Society Promises Rare Program

Celebrated Group of Trained Voices to Present Concert at Community House, April 9

Saturday evening, April 9, is to be the occasion for one of the most impressive musical programs ever offered to a Winnetka audience in the appearance at Community House of the nationally famous Haydn Choral society of seventy-five trained voices, augmented by soloists of national prominence, under the leadership of its celebrated conductor, Haydn Owens.

The Winnetka concert, it is predicted by President Richard Proud of the society, will be one of the best in the fifteen year career of the noted choral society. The members of the society he added, are very enthusiastic about the forthcoming concert and are particularly desirous of making a favorable and lasting impression on the north shore. They appreciate the discriminating character of north shore concert audiences and are most anxious to win a place in the hearts of the Winnetka people.

The Haydn Choral society, known from coast to coast and fame of which has spread into other lands, secured first honors at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Several other first prizes have been won at international contests. The work of the society has been lauded by the most exacting critics of the great Metropolitan dailies.

The Royal Neighbors are planning a bunco party to be held on April 12 at Community House.

CONSULT YOUR BROKER

Many of the North Shore Real Estate brokers are using the classified advertising section of the Talk to tell you about their listings. You will find many of them on page 12 of this issue. But at the same time they must have your listings. Bradstreet puts it aptly in his advertisement this week.

A REQUEST

If you do not want to sell your home, perhaps you do want to sell vacant.

We have buyers for either and our business is to get Mr. Seller and Mr. Buyer together.

Will you list your property with us today? The next 30 days are the most active of the 365.

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520 Linden St. Phone 162

TEN HEADLINE ACTS IN GLENNETKA SHOW

Winnetkans to Be Afforded Best in Variety Entertainment in Great Show to Be Staged Monday

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAM

Every Act Selected From Among Foremost in Variety Field; Performance at 8 o'clock

What is characterized by those who are on the "inside" of the preparations as the most elaborate and distinctive entertainment ever presented before a discriminating audience, is to be staged at the Winnetka Women's club Monday evening, April 4, under the interesting caption, the "Glennetka Variety Show," given under auspices of the Masonic Low Twelve club of Winnetka and Glencoe, an organization within the Masonic lodge of this district. The show is for Masonic benefit.

As previously mentioned the Glennetka Variety Show is to comprise ten paramount acts of vaudeville talent of the first order. Every act is described as a headliner in its particular field and the show in its entirety is heralded as topping anything ever staged in Chicago's foremost variety entertainment centers. Tickets are on sale at the Adams' Pharmacy or may be obtained at the door.

Array of Talent

Consider, if you will, the array of talent offered in this program:

Act One—Bartells, novelty songs by a clever, as well as artistic pianist and vocalist.

Act Two—Novelties (as yet a secret).

Act Three—Thomas, Wood and Taylor, a trio, offering the utmost in piano, voice and violin entertainment.

Act Four—Greene and Cloud, remarkable wrestling exhibition.

Act Five—Marigold Trio, consisting of Goss, Riley and Murphy, masters of harmony; one of the greatest variety musical hits ever to appear in Chicago theaters, unrivaled entertainers each, and all together.

Act Six—Park and Cole, just a little bit of everything.

Act Seven—Ned Melroy, famous monologue comedian, a leader in his art and alone worth the price of admission.

Act Eight—The Buckleys, conjurers supreme, masters of the mystic, the black art, magic, mind-reading and slight-of-hand.

Act Nine—Dawn and Francis, from the fore ranks of the dancing duos. Heralded as without a peer on any stage in the country.

Act Ten—The McCarvers, singing, dancing, acrobatics and chatter, Black and Tan specialty.

The acts, Ned Melroy and the Marigold Trio bring to Winnetka the newest creations for these entertainers and are predicted top-notchers in the variety field.

Also, Miss Helen Thomas, of Thomas, Wood and Taylor, will appear in her latest act "Groups of Songs." Miss Thomas is one of the foremost contralto singers in the Middle West and promises a wealth of entertainment in her individual work.

Winnetkans accustomed to the very best in vaudeville will want to see this great combination of talent in a bill which may never again be duplicated on an amateur stage. The date is Monday, April 4, at 8 o'clock.

BELL AGAIN CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION HEAD

President Laird Bell, of the Winnetka Board of Education, is announced as a candidate for re-election to that important office at the annual Winnetka school election to be held Saturday, April 16.

Candidates for members of the Board of Education are Mrs. Gertrude H. Lieber and Walter Shoemaker. Mrs. Lieber is a candidate for re-election and Shoemaker to succeed Calvin Fentress, whose term expires this spring.

INFANT DAUGHTER DIES

Burial services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lips, were held from the residence on Monday. The child passed away Sunday, March 27, following a few days' illness with diphtheria.

NEW OFFICES

Justice Bryon E. Nelson this week occupied new office space in the Prouty building.