

# WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

Nearly Everybody In Winnetka Reads The Talk

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## HERE'S PROGRAM OF THE BIGGEST SHOW

Great Home-Talent Minstrel-Vaudeville Musical Has Leaders of Village Among Cast of Characters

### TICKETS ARE GOING FAST

Friday Evening Practically Sold Out; Benefit For Winnetka Parent-Teacher Association

#### By Observer

We have been gradually divulging some of the secrets of the "Jollies of 1921," the much talked of Minstrel-Vaudeville entertainment to be given at the Winnetka Woman's club April 14 and 15 for the benefit of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association.

This week we give you the program in its entirety, and leave you to be the final judge as to whether you can afford to miss it. Joe Bren, who has been directing the rehearsals and giving them the professional touch, says he cannot speak in too glowing terms of the work that has been done by the participants.

Tickets are going fast. In fact, it will be difficult now to get any Friday night tickets. So, better secure Thursday night ones at once, either from one of the grade chairmen, from one of the persons in the cast, at Adams' Pharmacy, the Winnetka Pharmacy or the Hubbard Woods Pharmacy.

The program follows:

**ACT ONE**  
(A Novelty Minstrel Revue)  
Interlocutor.....  
Mr. Carleton W. Washburne  
End Ladies.....Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey,  
Mrs. Isaac B. Connor, Mrs. Charles  
Burkhardt, Mrs. Joseph Bren  
End Men.....Messrs. H. N. Copthorn,  
Edward P. Farwell, Victor Whitlock,  
J. Williams Macy  
Harmonists.....Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr.,  
Mrs. J. Williams Macy, Mrs. Wm. D.  
McAdams, Mrs. H. Norman Copthorn,  
Mrs. Dwight P. Greene, Mrs. John Carter  
Marshall, Mrs. Stanley P. Farwell,  
Mrs. Frederick Dickinson, Mrs. Wm.  
James Hough, Mrs. Cordner West,  
Messrs. Frederick Dickinson, Alfred G.  
Freeman, Eugene A. Rummier, J. A.  
White, Louis W. Beale, Barret Conway,  
John Carter Marshall.

**MUSICAL NUMBERS**  
1. Prelude, "Down in Sunny Tennessee"  
2. Opening Overture, "Is Everybody Happy?"  
3. "Constantly" (parodied)  
4. "Rose"  
5. "The Whiz Fish"  
6. "By-Lo"  
7. "Negro Spirituals"  
8. "Aunt Jemima's Jubilee"  
9. Selections by "The Ebony Four"  
10. "I Wasn't Scared"  
11. Finale of the first part.  
Intermission 10 minutes only  
Selection—"Entree Act"  
Lyman Goss Orchestra

**ACT TWO**  
Scene One  
Original Sketch—"The Mice Will Play"  
By two local Lady Anons.  
(An expose of facts hitherto kept dark)  
Scene: A Living Room in Winnetka.  
Characters  
Lily Bell.....Mrs. J. Williams Macy  
Pansy.....Mrs. Dwight P. Greene  
Lucy.....Mrs. Cordner West  
Ophelia.....Mrs. Stanley P. Farwell  
Rosa.....Mrs. John C. Marshall  
Scene Two  
A monologue—"This That and the Other"  
Mr. J. Williams Macy

Scene Three  
(a)  
At a Garden Party  
Virginia Vandergould.....  
Mrs. William D. McAdams  
Mr. West from the East.....  
Mr. J. A. White  
Mr. Will E. Dunn.....Mr. Louis W. Beale  
Another Guest.....  
Mr. Eugene A. Rummier  
Sambo, the Walter.....  
Mr. Frederick Dickinson  
(b)  
"When Malindy Sings"  
Mrs. Frederick Dickinson  
(c)  
"Plantation Memories"  
Mr. James Fentress  
(d)  
The Grand Uproar Sextette—  
Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey  
Mrs. Joseph Bren  
Mrs. H. N. Copthorn  
Mrs. William James Hough  
Messrs. J. Williams Macy, Victor  
Whitlock.

(e)  
"Spring Song of the Robin Woman"  
Mrs. Asa Cooley  
(f)  
A bit of Mind Reading  
Prince Ali Ben Boayle, Mr. E. P.  
Farwell; his manager, Mr. Joe Bren  
(g)  
Grand Finale—"The Land of Old Black Joe."  
Dancing.

### SUMMER HOUSE BURNS

Fire on Monday damaged a summer house and barn on the Martin Adams premises at 1040 Elm street. Damage was estimated at \$350.

## HEAR HAYDN CONCERT AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

Famous Choral Society to Make First Appearance in Winnetka This Evening—Tickets at Door

"One of the oldest choral societies in Chicago, the Haydn Choral society, under its conductor, Haydn Owens, has acquired a commendable range of dynamics, a strict adherence to pitch and a good tone balance.

"It is easy to see why the Haydn Choral society has won honors at International music contests, the purity of tone production and the adherence to pitch, even in unaccompanied numbers, are qualities present in a striking degree.

"The club sings well, with uncommon spirit, as though every member regarded his participation as a pleasure rather than a duty, and the work takes on added value because of this inherent enthusiasm. The listener feels the gladness of it all and grows glad some himself."

### Win High Honors

Those extracts from expert reviews by leading Chicago music critics afford an insight into the high character of work that may be expected this evening in the appearance at Winnetka Community House of the famous Haydn Choral society in its first concert before an exclusively Winnetka audience. Augmenting the chorus of 75 voices will be the appearance of soloists of national prominence.

Tonight's concert, President Proud of the society predicts will be one of the most important and ably rendered in the fifteen years history of the noted society. Members of the chorus, he adds, may be considered to be quite as enthusiastic over this initial appearance on the north shore as are the scores of music lovers who will crowd into the gymnasium of Community House the moment the doors are swung open.

Collaborating the laudatory tone of the critics' reviews is the information at the Haydn Choral society has been a blue-ribbon contender in many national and international contests. The society, known from coast to coast and in many foreign lands, was awarded first honors at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Other first prizes were received at international contests.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained at the door.

## Let Structural Work Contract for School

Gage Structural Steel Company to Start Work Soon—Wage Question Delays General Contract

Work on Winnetka's new school building is expected to be under way in the near future with the letting of the first contract this week at a session of the Winnetka Board of Education, by which the Gage Structural Steel company was authorized to proceed with the structural steel work.

The general contract was let to the Charles E. Anderson Construction company under the condition that the carpenters agree to the proposed reduced wage scale, which proposition is to be voted upon by the union today. In the event the carpenters do not agree to a reduced scale the contract will become dormant pending further action by the Board of Education. The Anderson Construction company contracts to do the carpentry and mason work which is the general contract for the building.

The Board of Education holds its regular meeting Monday evening, April 11, when matters pertaining to the new schools and other important school problems will be discussed, it is said.

### WATCH YOUR FIRES

Ten brush fires kept the Winnetka firemen on the celebrated "jump" this week. Most of the blazes resulted from unguarded rubbish fires. Chief Houren warns the residents to watch rubbish fires and to refrain from building bonfires when the wind is high.

### NEW RESIDENTS

Dr. and Mrs. Walton-Ball have sold their Wilmette home and are to reside at 574 Fir street, Winnetka. Dr. Ball is a dentist with offices in Wilmette.

## VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

Discuss Important Village Betterment Projects at Regular Session at John Ritchie Residence

### MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Will Launch Drive Soon—Boost "Clean Up Week" and Would Beautify Oak Ridge Crossing

Notices will be mailed by the Winnetka Village Improvement association shortly to all residents of the village urging membership in the association and co-operation with it in its efforts to make Winnetka a more attractive and a cleaner, safer place to live.

At a meeting of the Executive committee held Wednesday evening at the residence of John Ritchie, the recently elected president, many subjects of first interest to all the village were freely discussed.

### Would Beautify Crossing

The association voted a contribution of \$25 towards the expense of printing the report of the Village Plan commission. The question of planting and otherwise beautifying the parkways and approaches to the new crossing at Oak street and Ridge avenue was referred to the Forestry committee, Mr. Hayes, chairman, with instructions to get in touch with the Village and railroad authorities to secure their co-operation. The committee is authorized to spend not to exceed \$50 for the object in view.

### Boost "Clean Up" Week

It was voted to co-operate with the Village authorities in the observance of the annual "Clean-Up Week" to be held either late this month or early next, and a special effort will be made to induce owners of vacant property to place their premises in a more presentable condition and to keep them so. The matter was referred to the Committee on Parkways and Vacant Lots, Mrs. Allan I. Wolff, chairman, with instructions to make a survey of the village as a preliminary step.

Some constructive suggestions were made at the meeting in reference to the problem of automobile parking at village centers such as the Winnetka Woman's club, the approaches to the Lake Front park, the business district, etc., and the subject was referred to the Committee on Police Regulations, Buckingham Chandler, chairman, for further investigation. This committee will also make suggestions to the village for the placing of additional "slow" signals and danger signs at street crossings where traffic is heavy.

### Discuss Public Utilities

Informal discussion was held in regard to the character of the service furnished by several of the public utilities companies in the village and this matter was referred for consideration to the Committee on Franchises, Mr. Geo. D. Wolff, chairman.

The Village Improvement association has been established for more than thirty years and has a record of valuable and continued service.

## Want a Home?

Here is a new one. Frank Reid, who specializes in Hubbard Woods and Glencoe real estate, has joined the ranks of the north shore real estate brokers who are listing their offerings in the classified advertisement section of this paper. If you will read these small ads. every week you may find just the place you are looking for. Then, too, you may find a place for those friends in Chicago who "just love the north shore" and want you to find a place out here for them. Turn to page 12 of this issue.

**FOR SALE—\$5,250; 7-ROOM HOUSE** in Hubbard Woods; lot 50x200; old house; needs some money spent on it; fine location.  
**Hubbard Woods; Colonial home, 7 large light rooms; nice location; \$15,000.**  
**Hubbard Woods, east side, 7-room frame house; garage; lot 50x150; \$11,500.**  
**Hubbard Woods, 8-room frame house; modern and up-to-date; 5 bedrooms; 2 baths; garage; \$17,500.**  
**Winnetka, Indian Hill section; south west; English brick and stucco; 5 bedrooms; 3 bath rooms; 2 sleeping porches; large sun porch; attached garage; bargain; \$25,000.**

FRANK A. REID

933 Linden Ave. Hubbard Woods  
Winnetka 1390

## Guess This Will Hold That Cupid Person For a Bit

The postman feels just a bit peeved and our busy superintendent of schools is working over time, lost to view behind a towering accumulation of dainty, pink, blue and lavender hued missles.

Scandal, you say!  
Guess again.

It's merely the generous and sympathetic response of hundreds of school ma'ams rushing to the assistance of Mr. Washburne, who, as was divulged a few weeks ago, is faced with the vexing task of rebuilding his rence following a disastrous on-slight by that persistent young person entitled Cupid, who, in the course of the current year, put in some effective licks on the teaching staff, copping five fair young intellectuals out of the Horace Mann school, and coaxing them to desert the teaching trade at the close of the fiscal year.

"Dear Mr. Washburne," scribes a budding school mistress somewhere in Maine, "I can qualify for a job in your schools. I'm loveproof."

"Dear Mr. Washburne," teases another, "it's an ill wind that blows no good. Permit me to offer my services. How much do you pay?"

And literally hundreds of other bids for employment, more or less cleverly veiled in sweet expressions of sympathy, all as a result of a little news item that spread throughout the breadth of the land.

Meanwhile Superintendent Washburne stole sufficient time from letter reading to skip over to Michigan where he signed up three teachers on "long-term" cupid-proof contracts. Others are in prospect. The superintendent visited Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Jackson, Whitehall and Muskegon. Several weeks ago he scoured the Wisconsin Normal college field and returned with one signed-up contract of the newer variety.

## New Village Council Seated Tuesday Night

President Miller and Trustees Launch New Fiscal Year By Announcing Clean Up Week

Winnetka's new fiscal year was opened under auspicious circumstances Tuesday evening at the initial session of her new Village Council presided over by her newly re-elected president, John S. Miller, Jr. The customary oath of office was taken by Trustees Lawrence M. Stein, re-elected, and candidates elect Tuesday, J. P. Pierce and E. E. Brown.

Featuring the first session of the new council, was the appointment of committee chairmen by the president: Finance, Lawrence M. Stein; Water and Light, Harriet W. Huddle; Judiciary, E. E. Brown; Streets, Drainage and Forestry, Walter F. Wallace; Health and Safety, H. C. Ballenger; Public Grounds, Buildings and Plats, J. D. Pierce.

Retiring members of the council are Russell M. Heller, who served the village with great faithfulness over a period of 8 years, and Thomas N. Wheatley, who served for 4 years.

The council has designated the week, April 18-23, as Clean Up Week in the village in co-operation with the Department of Public Health of the state of Illinois, under proclamation of Governor Small. The Village Improvement association is to co-operate with the Council in a campaign of publicity to insure effective observance of this important health venture.

## DR. DAVIES TO REVIEW GREAT CHURCH SESSION

Dr. J. W. F. Davies will be the preacher on Sunday morning at the Winnetka Congregational church. According to the custom of the church, Dr. Davies was sent to the Religious Education Association conference and tomorrow morning he will bring a message from that conference.

For five days the conference was in session in committee meetings puzzling over details, in mass meetings hearing and discussing experiments, and in popular meetings hearing the prophet's message.

Dr. Davies addressed three of the sessions and presided at the Sunday afternoon meeting. The theme of the General Session of the Conference was "Education for World Fellowship."

## INDIAN HILL WANTS LARGE STATION PARK

Lay Plans For Beautification Project to Equal in Appearance other Winnetka Station Approaches

### TALK PRELIMINARY PLANS

Would Follow Hubbard Woods Idea in Acquiring Large Plot West of Railway Station

If it be true that in spring, "a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of love," it is even more true that in spring the thoughts of residents of the Indian Hill section turn seriously to the realization of their long cherished hope for a station park.

Those interested in this improvement point out that there will never be a better opportunity for the accomplishment of their desires than the present. The site facing the Indian Hill station, bounded on the west by Wilson street, on the south by Winnetka avenue and on the north by Hill road is an ideal one for this purpose.

### Want Immediate Action

This territory is unoccupied and the park boosters argue that delay in obtaining it will only result in an increased price, inasmuch as the entire neighborhood is experiencing a substantial growth which will naturally find reflection in real estate values.

At present both Winnetka proper and Hubbard Woods have station parks, the former having been acquired in 1904, and a small additional site now being acquired east of the Library site.

Indian Hill residents point particularly, however, to the Hubbard Woods station park as an example of how easily such an improvement can be secured by distributing the cost over a period of years and among all those benefitted by the park.

### What Hubbard Woods Did

The Hubbard Woods station park, comprises 45 of an acre acquired in 1912, by purchase and condemnation at a cost of about \$7,000, supplemented in 1919 by a donation of .70 of an acre by a citizens' committee, conditional on the remainder of the block being acquired by special assessment, which is now being done at a cost, including a building to be removed, of about \$76,000. This assessment is payable in ten installments and is spread over the entire district using the station.

Inasmuch as a station park is primarily a beautification project, and its benefits being shared by all who use the station, the procedure accepted by Hubbard Woods appears, say Indian Hill leaders, an eminently fair one, incidentally providing Indian Hill with a quick and easy means of fulfilling its commendable desire for a station park which will rank equally with Winnetka's other station parks.

### Announce Plans Soon

The Indian Hill Improvement association which has been working actively toward the end of this beautification project hopes shortly to be able to announce that the first step toward its accomplishment has been made. Public sentiment, not only in Indian Hill but throughout Winnetka is heartily in sympathy with this movement, it is said, and it is predicted that if active steps are announced looking toward its realization, it will be pursued through to early and successful completion.

This important matter is expected to be discussed at the next meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, which has been indefinitely postponed from Monday, April 1, to permit development of some important plans in this connection.

## WHAT DOES ONE EXPECT OF A FRESHMAN?—TOPIC

What does New Trier Township High school expect of its Freshmen? That is the subject of a talk to be given by Principal Eston V. Tubbs, of the north shore secondary school before parents and teachers of the seventh and eighth grades of the Winnetka schools, at the Horace Mann school Monday afternoon, April 11.

Professor Tubbs maintains that parents and teachers are the real problems in the schools. He will tell at the meeting why he holds to that opinion.

Mrs. John Smith, 819 Oak street, has returned from an extended trip.