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STATION PARK IDEA WINS INDIAN HILL

Residents in South Winnetka Said to Be Unanimously Behind Project To Acquire Large Tract of Land

HAD BIG SESSION MONDAY

Meeting of Indian Hill Improvement Association Attracts Attention of Entire Village

The earnest and consistent effort which South Winnetka, through its Improvement association, has made during the past few years for a Station Park, appears now about to result in the early fulfillment of its desires.

As much as three years ago, a petition was circulated in the community which placed it on record as favoring strongly the acquisition of the site directly east of the Chicago and Northwestern station for park purposes. Over 250 residents of the section at that time signed the petition, indicating the marked interest in the improvement even at that date.

Again, more recently a movement started which might have led to the development of the proposed park site for business purposes. A campaign was begun to raise by voluntary contributions in the district, a sum sufficient to acquire a portion of the property so as to forestall the building project and to insure the use of the property for park purposes. A considerable sum was subscribed, again demonstrating the determination of the residents to acquire the tract. The building project was abandoned, and it was unnecessary to call for the payment of the subscriptions.

Site Now Unoccupied

The park site includes the frontage on Winnetka avenue from Wilson street to Bertling lane and all the vacant tract along Wilson street, extending from Winnetka avenue to Hill road. It is now unoccupied, which is a further argument for its acquisition at present, for unless acquired at once the possibility always remains that it may be improved through buildings, thereby rendering its acquisition more difficult, if not actually impossible.

An announcement made this week of the Park Board's willingness to co-operate with the community in acquiring and improving the site for a station park has therefore been received by residents of South Winnetka with marked enthusiasm, so much so, leaders in the district say there is little doubt but that the somewhat unsightly spot opposite the station will soon be graced by a park which will rank equally, if not actually surpass in beauty, and similar improvement on the north shore.

Park Board Co-operates

The Park Board's offer is to contribute an amount equal to what it has already given to the two other similar improvements in the village, that is, the station parks in Winnetka proper and at Hubbard Woods. The offer is contingent upon the financial co-operation of the district tributary to the Indian Hill station, though the individual support necessary, according to those most familiar with the project, is so small, especially when spread out over a period of years, that there is no question but that it will be readily forthcoming.

Action on the proposed improvement will be taken at the next meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, which will be held at the New Trier High school on Monday evening, April 18, at 8 o'clock.

Officers of the association state that this will be, in many respects, the most important meeting the organization has ever held and they expect it to be very largely attended. The opportunity for which the Indian Hill section has striven so consistently for years appears within quick and easy grasp and it is confidently expected that all concerned will respond by their presence and enthusiastic support of the project.

Realization in Sight

Community leaders state, however, that while the desired goal is within easy reach, it can be accomplished only through the immediate and united action of the whole community. They say it is unlikely that the Park Board will ever be able to make a more liberal offer than its present one—that the value of the proposed site will certainly never be less than at present, with every prospect of being more, and finally that the situ-

"Jollies of 1921" Best Amateur Show Ever in These Parts

There was nothing the matter with the Minstrel-Vaudeville Revue on Thursday night save, as the girl from New Trier said, "It was terribly clever."

The stamp of approval was registered with an enthusiastic bang right from the outset of the festivities. There was enough fun packed into the Winnetka Woman's club on opening night to provoke a howl of glee from the most confirmed blue law enthusiast.

When the program applied "All star" to the cast it was with no intent of bolstering the spirits of the crowd. It was a plain statement of fact.

Joe Bren, the director of the countless rehearsals simply developed a lot of potential talent lobbing off some rough corners and adding a touch of the easy professional manner.

Mrs. Frederick Dickinson, who conceived the idea of the show, entertained happy and clever thoughts. There were no weak spots in the book.

The Novelty Minstrel Revue, provided the local atmosphere; the jokes and byplays were distributed over a sufficiently circumscribed field to invite enthusiastic and intelligent acclaim. Every character, from Washburne, the interlocutor, through the long line of blackfaced masculinity and femininity, did the part with precision and grace worthy of Fieldian Minstrelsy.

The musical numbers were "hits" everyone. "Rose", by Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey caught the house like a charm. Victor Whitlock's "Whizz Fish" was funnier than the celerated crutch, and "Aunt Jimema's Jubilee", by Mrs. Joseph Bren, rivaled "Rose" as the song hit of the entire show.

The Ebony Four, Whitlock, Macy, Carlisle and Gouge, sang with perfect harmony, easily the best amateur quartet "in captivity".

"The Mice Will Play" an original sketch by Mrs. Frederick Dickinson and Mrs. Corder West, "exposed some facts hitherto kept dark", which amounted to some expose. The scene was a living room somewhere in Winnetka. Don't blush. Mrs. J. Williams Macy, Mrs. Dwight P. Greene, Mrs. Cordon West, Mrs. Edward P. Farwell and Mrs. Marshall, were the characters.

J. Williams Macy's "This, That, and the Other" went across big. The Grand Uproar Sextet, Mrs. Guy Stuart Bailey, Mrs. Joseph Bren, Mrs. H. N. Copthorn, Mrs. William James Hough, J. Williams Macy and Victor Whitlock, was a perfect delight.

Selections by Mrs. Asa Cooley, including "Song of the Robin Woman", were received with an enthusiasm that insisted upon many encores.

Whoever advertised "A Little Surprise", announced only half a truth. It was, likewise, the very biggest surprise of the entire evening. Little four year old Eleanor Bren, all buff on 'em everthin' prima donnaed to her little perfection. The House wanted to catch her up in its collective arms and just squeeze her tight for it.

Indications were they'd have to play the Friday night show on the Village Green. The Woman's club was hopelessly overcrowded Thursday night.

Proceeds from the Minstrel-Vaudeville Revue go into the funds of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS HEADS COMMUNITY PICTURES REVUE

"The Mark of Zorro", recorded by many critics as Douglas Fairbank's supreme effort in the silent drama, is scheduled to be shown at Community House Pictures on Friday, April 22. The story is an adaptation of Johnston McCuller's novel, "The Curse of Canistrano".

The background of the story is centered around early Southern California of nearly a century ago when its destinies were zealously guarded by the Spanish settlers.

Realization is made far less complicated while the property is unimproved than it would be if built upon, which, of course, is a possibility with any delay in action.

In addition to this important project, other matters will come before the meeting, which will probably be the last of the season, for discussion. Entertainment and dancing will also have their places as previously on the evening's program.

AN EDITORIAL

On last Saturday evening members of the Haydn Choral society, a musical organization ranking among the foremost in the United States, came to Winnetka Community House to appear in concert.

Despite very unsatisfactory weather conditions these singers came from all sections of Chicago and from other points in the middle west, assured that Winnetka was delighted at the prospect of hearing the Haydn Choral society.

What occurred?

Winnetka failed to respond. The singers outnumbered the audience. It was an excellent concert, a remarkable presentation, pronounced by the few who attended the most distinguished musical program ever given in the village.

True, it was a stormy night.

Equally true, Saturday evening calls for so many social activities.

But, these singers, who receive no pay, came through the storm with the fixed determination to give Winnetka the best concert of their career. They wanted to leave a favorable impression with Winnetka music lovers. They cherished the hope that this concert would become an annual event in Winnetka.

Perhaps not.

Need Many Donations To Publish Plan Book

Only \$702 of Necessary \$2,500 Received Toward Publishing Winnetka Plan Commission Report

In the desire to make public the complete report of the Winnetka Plan Commission, Raymond E. Durham, vice chairman of the Plan Commission, is again directing attention to the fact that co-operation of every civic spirited Winnetkan will be essential to the accomplishment of this important venture.

"Only out of a united understanding and a common purpose can come the beautiful, safe, efficient and satisfying Winnetka of the future," says Mr. Durham. "To have in every home a bound and illustrated copy of the Winnetka ideal is a very essential step."

"To place it in the homes of Winnetka will cost about \$2,500. Voluntary subscriptions from 117 people amounting to \$702 have thus far been received which is obviously far short of the required amount."

"When you think of the untiring service of those who have labored long in the study of our common problems and in the preparation of this Winnetka Plan, surely a small sum that will make the material available to all our citizens is not asking too much."

"This is a democratic movement in which all may have a share and it is requested that no checks be sent in amounting to more than \$100."

WINNETKA DAY

Sunday, April 17, is Winnetka Day at the Log Cabin, home and famous studio of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Emory Albright, artists, who announce that on that day, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, will be exhibited their latest paintings done recently in California. The studio is at 1258 Scott avenue, Hubbard Woods.

CHOOSE A NAME!

Contracts have been let and work will begin presently on Winnetka's new school building in the Skokie.

Now comes the question of a name for this new structure made possible by popular subscription.

Laird Bell, president of the Winnetka Board of Education, has suggested that the Weekly Talk open its columns for "name" suggestions.

If you have a name for the new school, drop a line to the Winnetka Weekly Talk. Your suggestion may be the happy selection. Address, Winnetka Weekly Talk, 1222 Central avenue, Wilmette.

NORTH SHORE PLAYERS STAGE BENEFIT SHOW

Arts For Art's Sake, Motto of Newest Dramatic Venture; Endorsed by Leading North Shore Women

White Mr. A. H. Woods and other "great" producers are giving Chicago such intellectual "fun-some fun-fests" as "Gertie's Garter", the North Shore Players, a group of young professional and non-professional artists residing on the north shore, will give to us the very best one-act plays of the day.

"When commercial producers hand the theater public a play with such an artistic title as the latest Woods production," said Ralph R. Bellamy, president of the organization, "and when the theater public chuckle delighted over the possibilities of a play with such a title, it's about time for an uprising of those who wish to see better things." The great trouble has been that those desirous of uprising have been the younger artists of meager reputation. The Little Theater movement has done a great deal to better this condition. It was discovered that the north shore has a wealth of real talent, young professionals or about-to-be professionals who are planning to go into the theatrical profession and not the "show business".

The first group of plays will be given at the Wilmette Woman's club on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 6 and 7. The program will include such plays as "Suppressed Desires" and "The Maker of Dreams".

That the movement has the approval of north shore and national artists is apparent, when such people as Mrs. Milton Arrowood, founder of the North Shore MacDowell society, and Mrs. B. F. Langworthy of Winnetka, president of many organizations; and Mrs. Sherman Goble are on the list of associate members. Mrs. Forbes-Robertson Hale, the English actress, expressed her approval of the motive which prompted the founding of the North Shore Players, and her desire to help as well.

Those who see into the future know that the chance of the successful existence of the North Shore Players is great. That the north shore, home of artists and of people who appreciate artists, will welcome a Little Theater is almost a certainty. "That the people of the north shore are as desirous as the players to get away from such glowing things as the various "naughty but innocent" productions is the basis for our belief that we are supplying a need", declared Miss Elizabeth Duffy, whose work as a dramatic reader is well known in and about Chicago.

To sum up, the North Shore Players are as earnest in their desire to do worth while things as any artist might be. The money question doesn't worry them, they say. It's art for art's sake. It is declared that they are trusting to luck and if luck should be theirs and the money made should surpass the expenses all the surplus will be turned over to the Near East Relief. Melvin Wamboldt, 325 Winnetka avenue, is the business manager of the company.

FILTRATION PLANT WORK CONTRACTS LET THIS WEEK

Filtered Water To Be "On Tap" by February 1, 1922, State Village Officials

At a special meeting of the Village Council, held for the purpose on Monday evening, April 11, a report was received from Samuel A. Greeley, Consulting Engineer, on the filtration plant project, summarizing and comparing the several contractors' proposals, previously received.

After long and careful consideration of the proposals, and of the wisdom of proceeding with construction at this time, it was decided that little would be gained by postponing action and the Council accordingly voted to award the contract for the buildings to Hoeffler and company of Chicago for \$72,390 and the equipment to the American Water Softener company of Philadelphia for approximately \$51,000, the exact amount depending on the market price of cast iron pipe.

The Hoeffler contract includes a clause whereby the village is to secure the benefit of any wage reduction below the present union scale in the Chicago district.

The contracts provide that the building shall be completed by December 1 and the equipment not later than January 15. Work will be started at once and filtered water should be "on tap" by February 1, next year.

"CLEAN UP," SLOGAN FOR COMING WEEK

Village of Winnetka and Improvement Association Co-operate in Observance of Health Promotion Week

CLEAN UP THE PREMISES

Village Prepared To Dispose Of All Rubbish Accumulations; Householders Co-operate

As stated in the last issue of "The Talk" the week beginning April 18 has been designated by the Village Council as "Clean-Up Week" for the Village of Winnetka.

Posters have been distributed calling attention to this annual event under the auspices of the Village Council and of the Village Improvement association.

It is urgently requested by the village manager, H. L. Woolhiser, and by the Improvement association of which John Ritchie is president, and Mrs. Allan I. Wolff chairman of the committee on Parkways and Vacant Lots, that all residents of the village shall co-operate as fully as possible with the spirit of "Clean-Up Week". The village teams will devote their time during this week to calling for rubbish, leaves and other refuse which may be placed on parkways by property owners for this purpose.

Thy Neighbors' Keeper

Especially attention is called to the question of vacant lots; whether owned by residents or non-residents. Particularly in the latter case, it is urged that adjoining neighbors assume the responsibility for cleaning up vacant property in the block in which they live. If each householder will do its part the village can be made much more presentable than at present, and it will then be found a simple matter to keep it clean and a credit to Winnetka.

"Clean-Up Week" coincides with "Health Promotion Week" set apart by proclamation of Governor Small. The program of the Department of Public Health of the State of Illinois designates Monday, April 18, as "Community Clean-Up Day". The program of the state includes the following suggestions:

Remove the Rubbish

"Community Clean-Up" Day. Citizens to thoroughly clean every home in the community by removing all trash and rubbish and by the generous use of soap and water. The whole house should be opened to fresh air and sunshine. All trash, rubbish and garbage from the house and yard to be assembled in alley or street for the garbage removal wagon or burned. Many localities have greatly increased popular interest in "Clean Up" day by arranging for a common bonfire for all the community trash, etc."

Do not forget. Note the following routing schedule and collection day of Village Clean Up teams for this week.

District No. 1 Monday—East of tracks—Willow street to south limits.

District No. 2 Tuesday—East of tracks—Elm street to Willow street.

District No. 3 Wednesday—East of tracks—Humboldt street to Elm street.

District No. 4 Thursday—East of tracks—north limits to Humboldt street.

District No. 5 Friday—West of tracks—limits to North avenue.

District No. 6 Monday—West of tracks—North avenue to Pine street.

District No. 7 Tuesday—West of tracks—Pine street to Elm street.

District No. 8 Wednesday—West of tracks—Elm street to Oak street.

District No. 9 Thursday—West of tracks—Oak street to Willow street.

District No. 10 Friday—West of tracks—Willow street to South limits.

General Clean-Up

On Saturday the village wagons will patrol the entire village and will pick up any accumulations which may have been missed on the other day. Call the village office in case you place your accumulation on the parkway after the day scheduled for your district.

If you need help or suggestions, or if you have any suggestions to offer, phone Mr. Woolhiser, village manager, Mr. Ritchie, president, or Mrs. Allan I. Wolff, chairman of the Parkways and Vacant Lots committee of the Winnetka Improvement association.

Miss Orla Kent of Aurora was the guest last week-end of Miss Elizabeth Casey, 985 Elm street.