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NEW TRIER PAGEANT STUPENDOUS VENTURE

Biggest Affair Ever Attempted At
New Trier Township High School;
Hundreds Appear in the
Episodes

PORTRAY PILGRIM SPIRIT

Carry History and Influence of the
Pilgrims Through American His-
tory To Present Day

New Trier Township High school is to commemorate the Pilgrim Tercentenary this year by giving an historical pageant at the school, on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21.

The pageant, "How the Pilgrim Spirit came to Illinois", starts with a dance of the winds and waves, and then in order come the six episodes of the dramatic spectacle. The first episode shows the Pilgrims in Holland, unhappy in that foreign country, determining to go to America where they can find freedom. The second episode pictures the life of this group in Massachusetts, the meeting with the Indians, the burying of John Carver, the dispelling of the revellers at Merrymount.

The third episode deals with the Puritan during the period of the Revolution, the call to arms, the surrender of Cornwallis, the thirteen states leaving Britannia to enlist under Columbia's banner. The fourth episode treats of the period of adventure and progress in the west, giving glimpses of Marquette and Joliet, La Salle and the early pioneers in Illinois.

Pilgrims and Illinois

The fifth episode brings the Pilgrim spirit into the day of the Civil war in Illinois. Through incidents in the life of Lincoln, from the years of his early struggle until the final triumph of his ideals in the surrender of Lee to Grant, this episode runs its course. The sixth episode is in tableau form presenting the Pilgrim spirit of 1917, giving a glimpse of the old spirit of patriotism in the great national crisis at that time.

Throughout the different scenes of the pageant are dances, generally symbolical in character, songs and tableaux which add their charm to the dramatic effects. The music which will be furnished entirely by the High School orchestra and Glee clubs, has been carefully selected to bear out the spirit of the episodes.

Two prominent figures, the Chronicler and the Gray Champion appear throughout the pageant. The Chronicler voices the sentiment before each episode, and the Gray Champion comes in the various episodes as the spirit of the Puritan ideal which never deserts the nation and which appears to guide or approve in moments of its crises.

All Departments Co-operate

This pageant is to be the most elaborate representation of its kind ever given by New Trier. Every department of the school is co-operating to make it a success which will bring honor to the township, as well as to the school.

Nearly four hundred persons will take part in the six episodes of the pageant. It is a tremendous task to organize, drill, costume and perfect a dramatic production of this kind.

"MERELY MARY ANN" AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

The managers of the Community House Motion Pictures announce that Shirley Mason in "Merely Mary Ann" will be the feature for next Friday evening, May 20.

Mary Ann, the poor little London "slavey," is a character that might have been created especially for Miss Mason, so well does it fit her quaint charm. The story of her adventures is told on the screen in a manner that brings out all the emotional force of the play's situations. No more delightful love story than that of Mary Ann and Lancelot has been told.

In addition to this a special comedy "Mixed Pickles" and a Selznick News will be shown.

There will be two shows, the first at 7:15 and the second at 8:45 o'clock.

LEGION MAY DANCE

Winnetka Post of the American Legion announces its annual May Dance to be held Saturday evening, May 28, at the Winnetka Woman's club. Tom Brown, expert at the task, is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the annual event which promises to interest scores of villagers.

ALI BABA OPERETTA SHOWS HERE MAY 21

Children of Christ Church to Present
Famous Production at Winnetka
Woman's Club

At the Winnetka Woman's club on Saturday evening, May 21, a real treat is in store for Winnetka. The children of Christ church parish will take you back to the days of your childhood when you revelled in the riches of the robbers cave when Ali Baba discovered it and you shivered in excitement at their capture. The robbers' cave will be the setting of an act and the magnificent palace of Ali Baba will be another. And that is not all.

The young people who are taking the principal parts are David DeLay, Beulah Stixrud, Katherine Bersac, Elizabeth Clore, Charles McKinney, Pearson Williams, John Davies and Webster Jackson. There will also be three chorus groups—Ali Baba's children, the Slave group who will sing most alluringly for you, and the robbers, the fiercest boys in Winnetka, who have a special dance.

Expert Direction

The sponsors of the operetta are indebted to some of Winnetka's best talent in staging and directing. Mrs. Philemon Kohisaat, who is known to all Winnetkans, has selected the songs and music from some of the old folk songs and some of the music from the beggar's opera, and she is training the chorus. Mrs. Ernest Von Ammon and Miss Chester, dramatic teacher, and Miss Schaeffer, playground director, are helping to make this performance one of the best amateur theatricals of the season.

The North Shore Country Day school orchestra will play at both the afternoon and evening performances. The evening performance opens promptly at 8 o'clock.

Women in charge of preparations for the operetta include: Mrs. Otis Skinner, general chairman; Mrs. Earnest Ballard, dramatic chairman, assisted by Mrs. Walter Strong; Music and Dancing chairman, Mrs. Harve Badgerow, assisted by Mrs. Kohlisaat, Miss Chester and Miss Schaeffer; Music for the play, Mrs. Victor Elting; Evening dancing, Mrs. Howells Coffin; Costumes, Mrs. Cornelius Lynde; Tickets, Mrs. Charles McKinney and Mrs. Godfrey Atkin; Properties, Mrs. Lawrence Howe; Publicity, Mrs. E. S. Barber.

On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a special performance of the operetta "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" at the Winnetka Woman's club. This play presented by the children of Christ church is being given in the afternoon so that the friends of all the boys and girls taking part will have an opportunity of living over again the wonderful story of childhood.

APPRECIATION

In accordance with its policy of aiding in the furtherance of every good cause The Weekly Talk has been pleased to open its columns to the Arden Shore association in a comprehensive and extensive fund campaign which terminated last week.

Mrs. Carl R. Latham, president of the Arden Shore association expresses the appreciation of that organization for this assistance in the accompanying message directed to Erwin W. Weber, editor:

North Shore Hotel,
Evanston, Illinois.
May 8, 1921.

My dear Mr. Weber:—

I wish to send you a message of appreciation from the Board of Directors of the Arden Shore Association for all you have done for our cause in the Wilmette, Winnetka and Glencoe papers. The fine publicity you have afforded us has been of the greatest possible help in bringing our cause before the public, and so has materially aided in raising the funds to carry on this work for Chicago's unfortunates.

With many thanks,
Most sincerely yours,
Helen B. Latham,
President, Arden Shore Association.

Old Boys Play "Kids" Three O'clock Today

Ex-College Stars to Stack up Against
Triangle Club Nine in Season's
Opener

Chances are you'll be out Skokie field way this P. M. at or before 3 o'clock, and seated in the front ranks of spectators' row prepared to witness the most comical pastime ever staged within the corporate limits of our fair hamlet.

As you may have heard, our Winnetka Triangle aggregation is to college athletes who are expected to stack up against a pack of stars of other days, namely, a group of ex-display interesting flashes of the old time pep.

These are the old boys: Theodore Brown, Lawrence Howe, William D. McKenzie, William S. Miller, George Kelley, Samuel White, Preston Boyden, Griscome Bettle, Morgan L. Davies, "Long Tom" Hughes (a man of mystery), Dr. Ralph C. Hamill and Allan Withers.

The Triangles will lineup as follows: Hanselman, Eckart, Anderson, Deily, Curran, Walker, Bailey, P. Luchessi, C. Peterson.

Remember the game starts promptly at 3 o'clock. Bring out the family. Proceeds from the "hat" will help defray the expenses of adequately equipping the Triangle club nine.

BOOST COALITION TICKET AT COMMUNITY MEETING

In Opposition to Thompson Machine
Candidates, Leading Villagers
Actively Working

Leading Winnetkans who have consistently supported and actively endorsed good government are working diligently in the interest of the election of the Coalition Ticket in the forthcoming Judiciary election to be held Monday, June 6, considered the most important Judicial election in many years.

These leaders invite the voters in the village to attend a meeting at Community House Wednesday evening May 18 at 8:30 o'clock when the issues in the campaign are to be discussed.

The Coalition ticket comprising ten Republican and ten Democratic candidates, fourteen of whom are now sitting, is in direct opposition to the ticket placed in the field by the so-called Thompson Machine.

The Coalition Ticket is described as standing for:

"Independence of the Judiciary".
"Re-election of the sitting judges".
"Non-partizanship in Judicial elections".
"Opposition to control of our Judiciary by the Thompson machine".

CAMP FIRE CEREMONIAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

One hundred Winnetka girls, members of the six Camp Fire groups in the village, are to appear at Community House this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the annual Grand Ceremonial of the Winnetka Camp Fire groups.

Many ceremonies are held during the year but this occasion is the only public demonstration of the year. Every resident of Winnetka is invited to witness the picturesque formalities in the gymnasium of Community House.

Perhaps the most beautiful and impressive ceremony of the program is the grouping about the camp fire in the Rainbow Candle ceremony.

The Grand Ceremonial is in charge of Mrs. John Moody of Chicago, head of the Camp Fire Guardians' association.

Other features of the afternoon will be the singing of camp fire songs, with motions. Many of the girls are to take ranks as well as achieve honor beads.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Winnetka State Bank celebrates its twelfth anniversary Tuesday, May 17. Henry Hale is president of the banking house at Lincoln avenue and Elm street.

SMALL FIRES

A chimney fire at the home of Carl Mack, 630 Willow street, Wednesday resulted in damage estimated at \$30 to the roof of the structure. Fire Monday at the home of H. S. McLeod, 915 Elm street, caused no damage.

On last Tuesday evening a charity card party was given at the Quilmette Country club for the purpose of raising funds with which to furnish a bed in the new addition at the Evanston hospital.

"PRO" AND "STARTER" ON PLAYFIELD COURSE

Everything Ready for Banner Season
on Skokie Field: Memberships
Only One Dollar

The Winnetka Park Board, convinced that the Skokie Playfield Golf course should, as rapidly as possible, develop along the lines of other golf clubs in the opportunities afforded Winnetka residents to improve their game, has engaged Cameron Trent in the capacity of "club pro".

Trent was formerly with the North Shore Golf club at Kenilworth and during the past winter has been with the Bartow Golf club at Bartow, Florida. He has made a specialty of teaching and is a player of exceptional ability. A complete line of clubs and supplies at the same price asked in Chicago will be carried by him at the Skokie Playfield.

Frank E. Leslie has been engaged as "starter" at the first tee and will assume the duties and responsibilities customarily assigned to such a position. This will permit Mr. Rumpf to devote his entire time to keeping the course in the best possible condition, which work has been naturally increased by the completion of the additional nine holes opened for play last fall.

Build "Concession" Stand

The Park Board has approved the erection of a small building near the present field house to house the golf supplies and to provide space for the "concessions", as it is the plan to make it possible for golfers and others to obtain a light lunch, cigars, ice cream and cracker jack, or the like, right on the grounds.

The Board is endeavoring to make a real village recreation center with baseball diamond and its new permanent "bleachers", the soccer field, and the golf course as now enlarged to 18 holes.

The increasing attendance at the games and interest in other sports indicates the growing appreciation of these opportunities by Winnetkans.

All Residents Eligible

Membership in the Winnetka Playfield association is one dollar a year. Every resident of Winnetka is eligible to membership and urged to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the great Municipality playground. It is the aim of the Playfield officials to increase the membership to 500 this spring. A. T. Weinstock, treasurer of the association, will be pleased to place your name on the membership roll in receipt of the crisp dollar bill. It's an opportunity few can afford to overlook.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO HAVE SECOND MISSIONARY

At the close of services Sunday morning there will be a special meeting of the Congregational church to adopt Miss Charlotte L. Belknap as the second Foreign Missionary of the church. Miss Belknap is to be married to the Rev. Paul R. Reynolds whom the church adopted as its first missionary some months ago. The Commissioning Service for both of the Missionaries has been set for the evening of May 30.

N. T. MAN STATE SUPERVISOR

Paul Calrow, a graduate of New Trier High school of the class of 1909, who has been director of the Agriculture department of the Fairmount, Minnesota High school, has been made state supervisor of agricultural education in Minnesota. He took over his new duties May 1, with offices in the Minnesota Historical building, on the State Capitol grounds.

NOT AGAINST SCHOOL BILL

Howard P. Castle, representative in the Illinois General Assembly from the Seventh District, including New Trier Township, has something to say in answer to an alleged statement made at a Winnetka meeting, in which it was asserted that he was against Senate Bill 75 providing for a state distributable school fund of \$20,000,000. A letter from Representative Castle appears in the Open Forum column on another page of this issue of the Weekly Talk.

INDIAN HILL PARK BIG ACHIEVEMENT

Indian Hill Station Project Wins
Almost Unanimous Approval
from South Winnetka
Residents

PARK BOARD GETS BUSY

Starts Actual Procedure to Acquire
Three Acre Tract; Small Burden
on Property Owners

The Winnetka Park Board has started the actual procedure for acquiring about three and one-half acres of land just east of the Indian Hill railroad station for a public park. It is expected that by next spring the landscape architect will be in a position to start the planting of trees and shrubbery, with all the other improvements necessary to make of the tract a place of beauty out of what is at present a barren expanse dotted here and there with unsightly and dilapidated barns and sheds.

The Park Board is acting in compliance with a petition which has already received the signatures of more than 200 householders and property owners of south Winnetka. More names are daily being added to the petition as the lists are circulated, and it is a remarkable fact that the entire section from Willow street south is according to practically unanimous approval of the park project.

What Individual Pays

Some misunderstanding arose at the start regarding the amount of the property assessment and the method of apportioning it. This has since been explained. Those owners near the new park will pay nearly twice as much as those farthest from the tract, the different zones running from about \$1.20 per frontage foot down to about 80 cents per frontage foot. While these figures are only estimates, it is asserted they are based on the best authority obtainable. The assessment will be spread over ten years, making the installments so small as to be almost negligible to the average lot owner. Then, it is pointed out, if the property is sold at anytime within ten years, the new owner pays the balance.

"Any property owner in south Winnetka who has not added from \$250 to \$1,000 to the selling value of his lot since this park became a certainty is making a mistake," declares J. D. Pierce, President of the Indian Hill Improvement association and a Village Trustee. "There is only one distinction between a high grade residential district and a low grade. It is not the expensive residence, necessarily; it is the amount of open spaces, green trees and grass, flowers and neatness. All Winnetka is remarkable for these characteristics and the new park will place Indian Hill station on a par with the rest of the village, and with any other north shore town.

Greater Winnetka

"A short time ago southeast Winnetka had its streets paved. The cost was great and the assessments are still burdensome, but is there anyone who now regrets that it was done, or doubts that much of the increased value of property is due to good streets? It will be the same regarding the new park, although the cost is infinitely smaller. Winnetkans are looking to the future and growing with the times. They realize that no one on the outside cares very much whether we become a "Toonerville" or a new Garden of Eden. We get what we work for and "God helps those who help themselves". The new park will mark a turning point in the history of south Winnetka.

BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$45,000 FOR TEN DAYS

Building permits, totaling property valuation of approximately \$45,000 were issued by the Winnetka Department of Public Works since May 1. The permits issued for residences follow:

H. Tenny, 193 Chestnut avenue, \$12,000; Fred Swall, 797 Cherry street, \$7,000; A. M. Korsmo, 509 Elder lane, \$8,000; Frank Kristof, 1103 Cherry street, \$6,000; G. F. Dougall, 459 Sunset road, \$12,000.

MRS. CHARLES RICKS DIES

Mrs. Charles Ricks, Cherry and Birch streets, wife of a village employe, died Thursday, May 12, at the residence following a protracted illness.