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RECOUNTS HISTORY OF SUNDAY CLOSING

H. D. Hill, North Shore Realtor, Explains Reasons For Discontinuing the Sunday Real Estate Business

NO TIME FOR BUSINESS

Asks Co-Operation of Home Owners and Prospective Buyers and Sellers in Movement

Editor's note: The accompanying article is the third of a series of special articles to appear in succeeding issues of this paper under the names of prominent north shore realtors affiliated with the North Shore Real Estate board which is conducting a township-wide campaign to bring about Sunday Closing of all real estate offices in New Trier. These articles are of interest to every resident of this village. The fourth of the series will appear in next week's issue of the Winnetka Talk.

Readers of this paper are invited to express, through these columns, their views on the Sunday Closing question. It is a matter that concerns every home owner who, at the present time or in the future, may have property on the selling market.

By H. D. Hill

(Hill and Stone, Realtors)

The North Shore Real Estate Board was organized well over a year ago with the primary aim to elevate the Real Estate profession and to bring about hearty co-operation among its members and with the public. Our membership includes practically every realtor on the north shore today.

On November first of last year it was decided, after thorough consideration, to extend the Sunday Closing agreement then in force in Wilmette to the whole north shore from Evanston north to Highland Park for a three months' trial. At the end of this time the Board, through extensive advertising in the papers and various other mediums, succeeded in obtaining ample evidence from the people in the various towns, the churches, civic organizations, clubs, etc., that they were behind us and in hearty accord with our aims to decommercialize the Sabbath as far as it was possible to do so on the north shore.

Factor in Town's Growth

The Real Estate profession, more than any other line of endeavor, is and always will be the greatest factor for proper development and increasing popularity of our suburbs. The purchase of a home or building site requires a great deal of thought, not only by the customer but from the Realtor's standpoint, if he is to have lasting satisfaction from his clients. Experience has proved that Sunday work is not necessary and to go back to it now will lower the standard and undo all the work we have so far accomplished.

We should have co-operation from outside, from the home-owners and from the home-seeking public, if we are to be an influence for good in our various communities. You owners who have your properties listed with any of our members can help by letting them know you are willing to back us up in our work, and not show your homes on Sunday. You people who are or will be in the market for property can help by making appointments during the week. Let the women do the prospecting, and by the process of elimination, sift down to a few properties for the husband to choose from.

Ask Consideration

Have you stopped to give the matter thorough consideration? Suppose, for example, you were in urgent need of a home and stepped into one of our various offices on a Sunday afternoon. Your minutes may be precious and you find the salesmen all busy with other people, some there just to pass the time, some making inquiries for future decision. Courtesy impels us to take each one in his turn, and very often the customer doesn't get the attention he should properly have.

This is the experience all of us have had many times. Wouldn't it be ever so much better to give the matter of finding a home (one of the most important of purchases) the time it deserves by coming to us on a week day when we can all give all we have of our services? Think these things over. We base our appeal to you on our personal experiences. Therefore, NO SUNDAY REAL ESTATE WORK.

Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Hubbard Woods, with her small sons, Arthur, Jr., and Malcolm, have taken a house in Douglas, Arizona, for the winter.

Old Landmark Goes When Our 'Charlie' Quits

The New Winnetka, the beautiful village outlined in that estimable volume, "The Plan of Winnetka", will have scant respect for landmarks. Take, for instance, Charles Schroeder's meat market at 524 Linden street. "Charlie", a fixture at the Linden street location for two-score years, has bowed to the inevitable and sold out. In the place of the old landmark there will rise a decorative and strictly modern meat shop to be erected by the Evanston Packing Company. This new market will conform in every detail with the requirements of the proposed Village Center scheme of things.

So "Charlie" has gone into retirement, but he'll be on hand to cheer along the modern schemers. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder recently celebrated their forty-seventh wedding anniversary. Big things are happening in "Charlie's" life.

Village to Observe Fire Prevention Week

Remind Citizens To Take Precaution To Lessen Fire Hazard; Fire Chief On Inspection Tour

"Fire Prevention Week" established by proclamation by Governor Small, commencing Sunday, October 9, will be observed officially by the Village of Winnetka. The Village Council Tuesday evening voted to co-operate in bringing home to the citizens of Winnetka the importance of safeguarding their homes against fire dangers.

In accordance with the spirit of the week Fire Chief Houren is conducting the annual routine inspection, particularly in the business districts, to locate possible sources of fire and recommending changes that will insure safety.

The Village has also sent a folder to every family in Winnetka, issued by the National Fire Protection association, entitled "How to Prevent Fires in the Home".

It is expected the public schools will observe the week by calling to the attention of pupils the constant need for precaution against fire hazards.

LEGION TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS ON TUESDAY

Election of officers for the new year will provide the principal interest at the meeting of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion Tuesday evening October 11.

Candidates nominated at the last Legion session who will be voted upon Tuesday evening, are listed in the following ballot:

Commander—
Ayres Boal
Harold W. Snell
Vice Commander—
Frederick Mason
L. Sherman Aldrich
Adjutant—
Marges Richards
Clarence Happ
Finance Officer—
A. Lee Adams
Gilbert Scribner
Sergeant-at-Arms—
Grinnell Wylie.

Delegates of the Winnetka Post who will be in attendance next week at the State Legion convention are Col. Henry J. Reilly and A. Lee Adams.

TARANTULAS, THEY COME WITH BANANAS, SHE SAYS

Tarantulas, poisonous spiders that prey on the unwary banana harvesters, apparently do not confine their activities to the tropic climes.

Right here in Winnetka, the other day, Mrs. Salvatore de Francisco met up with one of the big fellows while plucking some choice bananas for a lady customer. Mrs. de Francisco saw the spider first. Then, on the hunt, she discovered two more of the same family. The cowboys shoot them off the chests of slumbering companions. Mrs. de Francisco instead wielded a wicked stiletto.

HONEST SOLICITOR

With many bogus magazine solicitors working on the north shore residents of Winnetka may be assured of at least one solicitor who bears credentials and conducts legitimate transactions. She is Miss Evelyn Sternberg who is representing the Adams Pharmacy as solicitor for the Designer and the Woman's Magazine.

GARDEN CLUB NEW ORGANIZATION HERE

Prominent Women of Village Inaugurate Movement To Foster the "Advancement of Gardening"

The first meeting of the Garden Club of Winnetka was held Tuesday afternoon, October 4, at the home of Mrs. Frank R. Fuller, 110 Church road. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Willoughby Walling.
Vive presidents, Mrs. Harry H. Barnum and Mrs. Frank R. Fuller.
Secretary, Mrs. Alfred C. Maynard.
Treasurer, Mrs. Ezra S. Taylor.
Librarian, Mrs. Frank J. Bersbach.

The Board of Gardeners includes, Mrs. Charles W. Hubbard, Mrs. Hermon B. Butler, Mrs. John H. Hardin, Mrs. George D. Forrest, Miss Katherine Beebe, Mrs. Rudolph Matz, Mrs. John Buckingham.

A telegram of greeting was received at the meeting from Mrs. Francis King, of Alma, Mich., the great authority on Horticulture.

An interesting paper on "The Instinct and Psychology of Plant Life" was read by Mr. William C. Egan of Highland Park.

The object of the Garden Club is announced as the "advancement of gardening" and it is understood that its advisory board of gardeners stands ready to give advice to beginners concerning combinations of colors, times of planting, etc., and that it also hopes to co-operate in a civic way toward beautifying Winnetka. An innovation is the admission of men as members.

Those desiring to borrow, lend or donate books on gardening, or those wishing to donate or exchange bulbs or roots during the planting season are requested to kindly communicate with the librarian, Mrs. Frank J. Bersbach, phone Winnetka 35.

The next meeting of the club will be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 18, at the home of the president, Mrs. Willoughby Walling.

ROAD AND SEWER WORK COST COMING DOWN, FIGURES SHOW

Are prices coming down? A glance at the following bids on improvement projects accepted this week by the Village Board of Local Improvements indicate a recession in certain directions.

For example, bids were taken on the construction of concrete pavements on Ely and Starr roads in the Winnetka Heights subdivision. Low bidders were Farmer & Lang of Highland Park who bid \$12,450.50 as compared with the Village Engineer's estimate of \$15,918.

Bids were taken on the sanitary sewer in Chestnut street near Sunset road. The successful bidder was Paul Di Paolo who bid \$799.89 as against the engineer's estimate of \$1,446.05. Bids were taken, also, on a new concrete sidewalk on the east side of Linden avenue south of Gage street, Hubbard Woods. Paul Reschke and Company was the successful bidder with a figure of \$462.50. The engineer's estimate was \$660.

PLAN OF WINNETKA BOOKS COST WINNETKA \$2,794.38

Publication and distribution of the "Plan of Winnetka" books was at an expense of \$2,794.38, according to a report heard at Tuesday's session of the Village Board.

The total subscription to date by public spirited citizens of the village amounted to \$1,537. The Council voted to appropriate not to exceed \$1,200 from the general fund to make up the deficit.

BANKER RESIDENT HERE

The John Q. Syme home at 853 Willow street, has been sold to O. J. Netterstrom of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

HEARING ON ZONING

Of vital interest to every property owner in Winnetka is the Public Hearing on Winnetka's proposed zoning ordinance before the Village Zoning Commission, Wednesday evening, October 26, at 8 o'clock, in the Village Hall Council chambers.

All persons interested in the proposed ordinance may file objections at this hearing. Notice of the hearing has been made by Eugene A. Rummier, chairman of the Winnetka Zoning Commission.

As a Chauffeur De Santo Is a Swell Gateman

Claudio De Santo gateman by trade, embryo bus driver by preference, will have to devote all his future laboring hours to gate pumping or some other similarly peaceful vocation, according to the Winnetka police.

As faithfully recorded in last week's issue of the Winnetka Talk, Claudio encountered difficulty in manipulating his new bus and had a set-to with a hefty ice wagon. The bus is now in a garage awaiting repairs and De Santo's appearance with a bona fide state chauffeur's license.

De Santo was under contract to haul the kiddies to and fro in the instance of the Christ Church Sunday school. He's not suited to any such responsibility, the police declare, so it appears, Claudio will have to stick to the gates.

Ralph Connor Shows Here "The Sky Pilot"

Will Be Shown Next Friday at Community House; Gem Among Pictures

Probably because of the fact that he thoroughly knows the subject whereof he writes, Ralph Connor's story, "The Sky Pilot", which King Vidor has directed as a motion picture, is one of the real gems among current motion picture releases.

Ralph Connor, whose real name is Rev. Charles W. Gordon, and whose steady occupation is not writing books at all, but preaching the gospel in his little Canadian church, is to be congratulated upon the sincere manner in which the Cathrine Curtis Productions have translated his story to the screen. Few authors can claim as interesting a film version of their work as can the Rev. Gordon.

The story deals with a young minister who is sent into the Canadian ranch belt to spread the gospel among the cowboys. His trials and tribulations, his fights, his faith, his hope are masterfully interpreted by King Vidor through John Bowers, who plays the title role. How the pilot, unpopular at first, wins a place for himself in the hearts of the cowboys, who surprise him on Christmas morning by leading him blind-folded down a snow-covered trail to show him the little frame church they have built without his knowledge, forms the human note of the story which is featured by several smashing dramatic scenes.

There will be a matinee at 4 o'clock and two evening shows.

ARCANUM MEMBERS PLAN GREAT STATE RECEPTION

Winnetka members of the Royal Arcanum have extended an invitation this week to all members of the order to attend a reception to be given by the Illinois Council in honor of the distinguished Past Regent, Grand Secretary John Kiley. The reception is to be held at Arcanum Hall, Bush Temple Building, Chicago, Wednesday evening, October 12, at 8 o'clock. The Winnetka members are expected to attend in a body.

The Winnetka council held a most enthusiastic meeting at Community House Monday evening. Many visitors were present, including officials of the order. The next meeting of the Winnetka council is scheduled for Monday evening, October 17, at 8 o'clock. A social hour is enjoyed following a brief business session.

WILL SELL OLD COLUMBIA SCHOOL AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Legal notice appearing in another column of this issue announces the sale on Saturday, October 22, of the old Columbia school site at the southwest corner of North and Burr avenues, Hubbard Woods. The sale will be from 1 until 3 o'clock P. M., standard time.

The Columbia school, named in the days of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, was several years ago replaced by the present Hubbard Woods school. It has been in use since that time.

NEW CLOSING HOURS

Beginning Monday, October 10, Adams Pharmacy and the Winnetka Pharmacy will adopt new closing hours. The closing hour for week days is 9 o'clock. On Sundays the stores will close at 7 o'clock.

BALLOT OCTOBER 15 ON SCHOOL ADDITION

Board of Education Calls Election To Pass Upon Issuance of Bonds For Addition To the Greeley School

TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Plans Call For Alterations By Creating New Class Rooms; Addition Complete Building

By Laird Bell

(President Board of Education)
An election will be held Saturday, October 15, to pass upon the issuance of bonds for an addition to the Greeley school, and alterations in the present building.

The necessity for this addition has been contemplated for two or three years. The Board of Education has resorted to various expedients to postpone building under undesirable conditions. We have moved the seventh and eighth grades to the Horace Mann school. We have redistricted where we could. And still we have had this fall to put the first grade on a two-session basis i. e. half the children coming at one time and half at another—and we have had to restrict the kindergarten. The pressure on our space is continuous and shows no sign of a let-up. Large house building projects in the southeast part of town are either under way or in prospect.

Several New Classrooms

The plans call for alterations of the present building by dividing the old assembly hall into two good rooms (enlarging to a proper size a room made out of a cloakroom which has been in use for some years). The addition will then provide a fine assembly hall, two more class rooms, a teachers' rest room, and much-needed additional lavatory facilities. The present boiler and stack are not capable of any expansion. A new boiler and stack will have to be added, and provision will be made for easy future increase in the heating plant.

The addition will run on a diagonal line southeast from the center of the building, between the two wings. It will be a complete unit in itself. This has been worked out as the most economical and feasible addition that we could make without practically duplicating the present building. It will have ample light on three sides, leave the present light corridors practically unchanged and will not touch the playground. It also lends itself to future additions. It furthermore can be constructed during the school year without interference with the operation of any of the class rooms.

Vote on \$85,000 Bond Issue

The lowest bids for the several trades aggregates \$72,000. Architect's fees will be about \$4,500. The alterations in the present building cost \$5,500. Work on the grounds and other incidentals, together with the fact that the bonds may have to be sold at a slight discount, make it necessary to ask authority from the voters for a bond issue of \$85,000.

Building conditions, though far from good, have somewhat improved. We can find no clear feeling among architects and builders that the conditions will be much better for many months. Material prices in some lines have in the last six weeks even increased. There is undoubtedly a great mass of building awaiting better conditions which will begin the moment conditions appear settled, and it is likely to cause at least a temporary increase in the cost of materials which for a time would offset the effect of lower wages. Furthermore brisk building operations in the city mean great difficulty in getting sufficient labor in the country. In the meantime we cannot, in justice to the schools, wait indefinitely studying the market.

Sufficient Bonding Power

Thanks to the generosity of our citizens in building the new "Skokie school" by subscription we have sufficient bonding power to proceed with this work. This addition to the Greeley school is one of the purposes for which we conserved this bonding power, instead of exhausting it for the new school. After using \$85,000 for this purpose we will have \$59,341 bonding power still available.

While the cost therefore is higher than the Board likes, we nevertheless feel that the work must be done, that a delay of several months would not materially improve our prospects for cheaper building, and that our financial position is now sufficiently strong to warrant our proceeding.