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HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ACQUIRES MORE LAND

Secures Large Tracts North of Present New Trier Athletic Field To Take Care of Increased Needs

PHELPS EXPLAINS MOVE

Fifteen Acres Acquired Entails Cost of \$100,742.94; Condemnation Proceedings Necessary

Acquisition of additional land adjacent to New Trier Township High school by the high school board of education, and which is to be utilized for athletic activities and intra-mural sports in order that the present athletic field may be utilized for prospective building additions to the high school, found necessary in view of the constantly increasing attendance, led to an interview this week by a representative of the Winnetka Talk with Edward J. Phelps, president of the New Trier Township High school Board of Education.

"One of the outstanding features of the development of the north shore during the last few years has been the growing popularity of this district as a residential community," said Mr. Phelps. "As a place for the rearing of children the north shore is unexcelled. Many people from the city are moving to New Trier township—to a place of quiet where they can enjoy educational and social advantages which only the suburbs afford. This has resulted in the rapid building up of vacant property and the opening of several new additions for residences. The Board of Education of the New Trier Township High school realized that, with the steady increase in the number of students at the high school, it would be wise to acquire some additional land adjacent to the present campus before building development should make this move forever impossible. Negotiations to purchase were undertaken with the owner of a strip of land north of the original campus which fronts on sunset road. The attorney for the board was authorized to offer the owner what was considered to be a fair price for the land. After considerable fruitless negotiating the board was forced to condemn the land through legal proceedings.

Employ Legal Measures

"In addition to the five acres mentioned above, ten acres were acquired east of Essex road. It was necessary to condemn five acres of this—the remaining five acres being purchased by agreement between the board and the owners. In the two instances where it was necessary to institute legal proceedings, the land was finally procured at a figure which was very materially less than the amount asked by the owners. The fifteen acres, which were added to the original campus, cost \$100,742.94. Of this amount it was necessary for the district to pay in cash the sum of \$82,742.94, \$70,854.94 of which was paid in settlement of the two condemnation suits when judgment was rendered, and the remaining \$11,888 was the first installment in payment of the amount due upon one of the tracts east of Essex road which was purchased directly from the owner at a cost of \$29,888. The remaining \$18,000 is to be paid in three annual installments of \$6,000 each.

"It was exceedingly fortunate for the school that steps were taken to acquire this additional land before surrounding building operations had been extensively begun. As a matter of fact excavation for a basement for a house had already started on the tract immediately east of the boys' gymnasium but the work was stopped by the institution of legal proceedings.

Imperative Need

The need for additional land was felt to be imperative for two reasons: "First: Probably more attention is given in the New Trier Township High school to intra-mural athletics than in any other high school in the country. This means that New Trier makes it possible for every student, both boys and girls, to participate in some wholesome sport. The general physical well-being of our students proves the wisdom of this policy. Secondly: The most outstanding educational development in the United States within the last ten years has been the tremendous increase in attendance and interest in the public high school. This unprecedented increase in attendance began before the war and, since then, the appreciation

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Do Not Want North Ave. Plot Industrial

Residents in North Section of Village Petition Council To Reconsider Request to Zoning Commission

Names of practically every home property owner in the north section of the village were affixed to a petition presented to the Village Council at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, requesting the Council to reconsider its request to the Winnetka Zoning Commission that the village property at North and Linden avenues be designated as industrial in the Zoning ordinance.

At the public hearing on Zoning in that section held at the Village hall on November 9, the residence property owners expressed themselves as expressly opposed to designation of that tract as industrial. It was said that parcel of land previously had been considered a logical extension of the present Hubbard Woods Station park. It was feared the village purposed to utilize the property as a material and supply yard.

The council assured the petitioners the matter would be given careful consideration by that body.

Christ Church Choir In Musical Service

Will Render Parts of famous Oratorio "Elijah" at Christ Church Sunday Evening, November 20

A musical service of exceptional worth is promised in the special program to be rendered Sunday evening, November 20, at 8 o'clock, by Christ church choir, under the able direction of Choirmaster Ellis E. Chase. The service will be held at Christ church, Sheridan road and Humboldt avenue.

A brief service will be followed by the singing of portions of Mendelssohn's sacred oratorio "Elijah." The soloists include, sopranos, Kurtis Brownell and Edna F. Johnson; William Carey; tenors, Edwin McCready and Erskine Wilder; bass, Charles Lancaster Smith and Charles Lewis Day.

Every resident of Winnetka is cordially invited to attend this service and hear this remarkable boys' choir.

PETER PUNKER TRAPPER

Hunting and trapping are not listed among Winnetka's outdoor sports, but nevertheless and notwithstanding, Peter Punker, gardener at the John, Stuart home, 990 Sheridan road, went out and got himself a raccoon the other night. Rather, we should say he went in to get the "coon" for it was in hiding in the Stuart chicken house. Punker says the fur is worth \$20. Mebbe that's not such a punk job after all.

WARNS CONTRACTORS

Contractors constructing buildings in Winnetka are going to "get in bad" with the Village department of Public works, if they persist in scattering building materials all over the streets and sidewalks of Winnetka. Public Works Superintendent Gibbon issued a warning this week that permits would be revoked in instances where piles of material are scattered indiscriminately over sidewalks and streets.

BUSINESS MEN'S DINNER

All business and professional men of New Trier township are invited to attend the first of a series of monthly dinners, to be given by the New Trier Commercial association, at Community House, Winnetka, Monday evening, November 21.

The feature of the evening will be an address by G. A. Thomas, vice president of the Central Trust Company of Illinois. His subject will be "The Advantages of membership in a Commercial Organization and the Advantages to a Community of having a Commercial Organization".

Reservations for the dinner are to be phoned without delay to Lloyd F. Hollister, Wilmette 1920, or John Seymour, Winnetka 1256.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT CHURCH

John S. Miller, Jr., To Be Second Layman To Speak at Morning Services of Winnetka Congregational Church

FAVORS COMMUNITY IDEA

Will Tell What Position the Community Church Holds in Winnetka Life at Services Tomorrow

Those who heard Judge Charles M. Thomson's address at the Winnetka Congregational church last Sunday are looking forward with great interest to the second of the four addresses which are to precede the annual financial canvass in support of the church and its guarantee of Community House.

While the speakers for the complete program have not been announced, the Winnetka Talk learns that at tomorrow's services, John S. Miller Jr., President of Winnetka, will speak. His subject will be "A Community Church".

Shows Value of Church

Mr. Miller's experience of the last three years in guiding the development of our civic activities has given him a unique point of view on Winnetka's institutions. He is known to be a strong supporter of the Community idea in church life. He points out that one of Winnetka's important assets is the readiness of its citizens to co-operate in movements for the betterment of village life. We find this in school matters, the Village Plan, the development of the park system. Does not this reflect, to some extent at least, the value of a church where twenty denominations unite for worship and service?

But just as the village itself is planning its water and light and other public services for the great influx of population already upon us, so, Mr. Miller believes, the church must provide the necessary facilities for a growing membership with the addition of 142 new members during the year and with an average of over 200 people using Community House each day of the year, it is little wonder that the present facilities of both institutions are overtaxed and that an increased budget must be counted on. Not only the members of the church, but thoughtful people throughout the village can show their appreciation of the faithful service rendered in the past by making possible the continuation of the work in 1922.

Mr. Madsen Will Buy A Nice Frame For That Letter

Jonas Madsen, popular Winnetka real estate operator and insurance broker, has a few choice words to say in re. the delivery of the mails.

Mr. Madsen, you may be interested to know, received a letter one day last week that was originally mailed from Chicago on May 11, 1897 and arrived at the Winnetka post office five hours later, according to the stamp applied at the receiving station. Nothing unusual, you say.

But wait. Mr. Madsen never received the letter, that is not until twenty-four and one-half years had rolled by.

The letter had been opened and re-sealed and about an inch of the envelope torn away. It was finally restamped and mailed on November 8, 1921.

Mr. Madsen was elected police magistrate for Winnetka in 1897 and the letter contained his commission from Governor John R. Tanner. Would one page Mr. Burleson on that one?

"QUESTION OF EVIL" IS TUESDAY LECTURE TOPIC

"The Embittered. The Question of Evil," is to be the subject of the lecture by the Rev. James Austin Richards on Tuesday morning in the Neighborhood room of Community House.

This is the last of a series of lectures and discussions upon the influence of Jesus upon different types of people and His help in answering great questions.

CONVALESCING

E. P. Bradstreet is convalescing at the Evanston hospital following two weeks' serious illness.

Many Promise Help For School For Blind

William A. Hadley Launches Movement That Is Receiving the Support of Many Winnetkans

William A. Hadley, 913 Oak street, has felt the pulse of a great need for courses of higher education among the blind and has tried to meet that need by correspondence courses. Prospective pupils have appealed to him from all parts of the United States and as far as China, for courses as varied as a college curriculum. He has tried to meet that need himself.

Last Sunday a group of his friends met at the Douglas Smith home, 915 Sheridan road, to hear from him of the vision he has for this work. The group there sat inspired by the magnitude of the need, promising to help Mr. Hadley in every way possible to make this school for higher education for the blind the great boon that it should be. Of the 100,000 blind in the United States seventy-five per cent become blind after they reach maturity, and for this number not one avenue of study is open to stimulate a forward-looking mind.

Miss Campbell, secretary of the Illinois Commission for the Prevention of Blindness, gives the movement her utmost support. She says that higher education is a crying need among the blind, and that sooner or later some one must create a school to satisfy this need. Mr. Hadley, in her opinion, is marvelously well equipped to be that man. Miss Loomis, in charge of the room for the blind in the Chicago Public Library, is very anxious to see the school organized. Mrs. Donald Forgan, interested in the rehabilitation of soldiers blinded in the war, has been tremendously interested in Mr. Hadley's work and has given him much encouragement in formulating his plan for this vast undertaking of such vital significance to the blind.

"COME EARLY FOR FOOD SALE", SAYS CAMP FIRE

If the food sale is as great a success as last year you will have to come early or be disappointed, the Winnetka Camp Fire Girls advise in reminding again of the forthcoming Food Sale Saturday, November 26, from 11 to 12:30 o'clock at Community House.

Cooked foods of all kinds, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, rolls, etc., donated and, in most cases, prepared by individual girls, arranged on seven different tables, one for each group, will be offered for sale.

A committee from the Camp Fire council will judge the tables. Judges include Mrs. Frank Windes, Mrs. J. E. MacLeish, and Mrs. David Kennicott.

Proceeds from the sale will go into the Camp Fire Girls treasury and will be used to secure additional equipment.

The local Camp Fire Girls are under the able general direction of Mrs. J. W. F. Davies and Mrs. E. W. Wortley, who are doing remarkable work in that connection.

ROYAL ARCANUMS RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS MONDAY

Monday evening, November 21, at 8 o'clock, Winnetka council, Royal Arcanum, will reach its second objective by putting through its first class of new members.

The degree is to be given by a uniformed team from North Shore council of Chicago and a large delegation of visitors is anticipated from councils in Highland Park, Evanston and Chicago. Grand officers also will be among those present.

Officers of the local council are expecting the largest attendance since the revival of activities here.

It is requested by the leaders that local members be certain to be on hand to welcome the visitors and the new "brothers". The meeting place is Rooms 9, 10 and 11, Winnetka Community House.

An excellent program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. Programs for future meetings of the council will be announced at the Monday evening session, it is said.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Winnetka Weekly Talk desires to announce that, since Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday of next week, all advertising copy, news items and communications must be in the offices of the Winnetka Weekly Talk not later than Wednesday evening, November 23, to insure publication in next week's issue of the paper.

"B" RESIDENCE TABOO WITH HOME OWNERS

Petitions Presented Before Zoning Commission at Third Hearing Insist Upon "A" Residence Classifications

MEETING OF PETITIONS

Central Section of Village Heard; Zoning Commission To Give Final Decision November 30

Winnetka's central district, including all the territory not included in the so-called Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill sections, was the subject of discussion at the third public hearing on zoning held at the Village hall Wednesday evening of this week.

The most accurate characterization of the assembly is that it was a meeting of petitions.

Armed with amply signed petitions, representatives of property owners in various sections of the Central district confronted the Zoning commissioners at the outset of the hearing presenting their objections and suggestions without delay or extended ceremony. Each petition (was accompanied by a well-planned and lucidly put address that left little doubt as to the desires and claims of the various petitioners. The petitions can best be listed as follows:

Varied Requests

A petition received from property owners in what is known as the L. D. Webster re-subdivision, on the west side of Lincoln avenue, south of Pine street, requesting that section be zoned as "A" residence, rather than "B" residence.

Hill and Stone, realtors, now erecting a business building on the west side of Lincoln avenue, requested that the property south of the Dr. Levick residence be zoned for "C" business, or Commercial.

A petition received from residence property owners in the "B" residence district north of North avenue in Hubbard Woods, asking that the designation be changed to "A" residence.

A request from residence property owners on Arbor Vitae road, asking that Lot 16, McGuire and Orr subdivision, at northwest corner of Elm street and Arbor Vitae road be zoned for "A" Residence instead of "C" Commercial.

Wants Commercial Extended
A request from Dr. Emil Ries, owner of Block 37, east of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway between Oak and Cherry streets, a portion of which is tentatively zoned for "C" Commercial, be extended throughout the block.

A request from property owners in the vicinity of Blocks 35 and 36, between Oak and Cherry streets west of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad right-of-way, that it be changed from "B" residence to "A" Residence.

Residence property owners in the vicinity raised serious objection to the Hill and Stone request referred to above, and the residents on Arbor Vitae road were firm in their demand that that street in the block adjoining Elm street remain exclusively residential.

In a word, the residence property owners in the Central district, without exception, wish to preclude the possibility of entrance of boarding houses, hospitals, two-family houses, greenhouses, or nurseries in their neighborhoods.

The Zoning Commission expects to hold a final hearing Wednesday evening, November 30, prior to which careful consideration will be given to petitions and suggestions received at the three divisional hearings. The final decision of the Commission will be announced at this meeting. The place of meeting will be announced in the next issue of the Winnetka Talk.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Union Thanksgiving services of Christ Episcopal church and the Winnetka Congregational church will be held at Christ church, Sheridan road and Humboldt avenue, Thanksgiving morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. James Austin Richards, pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church, will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. The complete choir of Christ church will provide music appropriate to the occasion.