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WOMAN HEADS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT BODY

Mrs. Allan I. Wolff Elected President of Village Improvement Association

TO HEAR COMMITTEE

Plans Campaign To Bring Improvement of Vacant Lots

Mrs. Allen I. Wolff, 352 Ridge avenue, Monday evening was elected president of the Winnetka Village Improvement association at its annual meeting in Community House.

Officers named to assist Mrs. Wolff in conducting the important affairs of the association included; John C. Cobb and J. D. Pierce, vice presidents; Mrs. Dudley K. French, secretary, and Mrs. H. L. Woolhiser, treasurer.

Name Committee Chairmen

Directors, or chairmen of committees, were selected as follows:

- Parkways and Vacant Lots—Mrs. Horace K. Tenney.
- Refuse Removal and Disposal—Morris L. Greeley.
- Track Depression—William A. Otis.
- Municipal Art—Mrs. Frederic O. Mason.
- Plan and Scope—John Ritchie.
- Music—Mrs. William A. Otis.
- Forestry—Dr. Harold H. Hayes.
- Franchises and Operation—George D. Wolf.
- Publicity—S. Bowles King.

The several standing committees reported on work accomplished during the past year. Mrs. Wolff made the recommendation that the association should initiate complaints concerning the condition of vacant lots and parkways, rather than to depend on reports from individuals.

Purchase School Phonographs

The report of the treasurer showed 173 members on the books with a cash balance on hand of \$619.62. It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$120 to be expended in the purchase of two additional phonographs for use in the public schools in Music Memory testing.

The By-laws of the association were altered so as to bring the annual meeting during the third week in February, instead of in October. Mr. and Mrs. Otis presented a carefully revised schedule of by-laws, which were adopted following a brief discussion.

Exceptional Music Program at Woman's Club March 16

The next program of the Music department of the Winnetka Woman's club will be given Thursday, March 16, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The artists will be Hubert Carlin, from the studio of Fanny Bloomfield Zeisler; and Mrs. Harry S. Moses, soprano, from the studio of Mary Peck Thomson. They will present a program of the Romantic composers Schumann, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. Mrs. Jerry Rothschild will be in charge of the program.

MRS. LIEBER SHOWS CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Mrs. Gertrude C. Lieber, candidate for the office of Cook County commissioner, Monday evening outlined her campaign platform in a splendid and forceful address before a mass meeting at the Winnetka Woman's club attended by hundreds of Winnetka leaders, and at which her candidacy was formally endorsed.

Mrs. Lieber emphasized the need of the right type of citizenship in the County board personnel. Development of the Forest Preserve and the Skokie Preservation to the full extent of their resources was mentioned as one of the prime duties of the new board of which she expects to become an energetic member. Mrs. Lieber declared that, if elected, she will stand firmly for civil service in county offices, and announced her purpose of fighting for the proper and full return on tax money, especially as applied to the county hospital, juvenile court, Oak Forest infirmary, County jail and all other humanitarian institutions and projects.

Mrs. Lieber expressed the opinion that there was a destined place and

Deceased 15 Days-- But What a Fine Funeral Was Had

Ever since the fifteenth day of February last when Butler became high chief of the Winnetka Village Department of Public Works, Chief of Police Peterson, whose office is separated from Butler's by the merest kind of a flimsy wall, had been wracking his mental equipment in the determined effort to provide for Butler a fitting and proper induction into the high ranks of village chieftains. In short, Chief Peterson wanted to "throw" an honest to goodness reception.

Time passed rapidly, as time frequently will do, and along came the first day of March with nary a reception for Butler.

However, as you shall presently learn, on that day fate played into the hands of our police Chieftain and it all came about like this.

Early morning: Report from vicinity of Willow and Locust streets "rapidly moving automobile collided with a curb setter who had incautiously hunched out into the highway at that point. Result: erstwhile canine strung to nearby telephone wires. Peterson's golden opportunity!

Burial arranged for Thursday March 2, at sundown.

Thursday morning early Butler greeted by ebony bordered message, to wit:

"Supt. Butler: Please attend to burial of a curb setter the which got bumped for keeps while trying to shove speed wagon off Willow street. R. S. V. P.—W. M. Peterson."

As the last rays of the setting sun slinked behind the horizon Butler and his trusty sons of Sicily did the honors. The chief reviewed the obsequies from a safe distance.

ANGELL LECTURES ON U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

Many residents here are expected to take advantage of the splendid opportunity presented by the appearance of Norman Angell, eminent author and publicist, who will lecture at the Winnetka Woman's club this evening on the subject, "America's Foreign Policy and her Daily Life."

What is considered by leaders throughout the country as the most important national question since subject of slavery engaged the undivided attention of the country is embodied in Mr. Angell's lecture which promises to be a masterly and comprehensive discourse on the outstanding topic of the day.

Mr. Angell brings to his subject the wealth of years of study and practical experience concentrated in his many volumes including "The Great Illusion," published before the war and which prophesied with startling accuracy the economic conditions that actually resulted; and "The Fruits of Victory," written since the war which is considered one of the most important books of the day.

The lecture will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Angell appears in Winnetka under the auspices of a group of women leaders including Mrs. Stephen A. Foster, Mrs. George W. Gordon, Mrs. Ayres Boal, Miss Elizabeth Gemmill, Mrs. W. J. Huddle and Mrs. Ernest Ballard. Tickets may be secured from any of these women or at the drug stores.

need for a woman on the County board at this time.

Mrs. Lieber is to speak at an Evanston mass meeting next Monday evening. She is to be general chairman of the Conservation exhibit to be held at the Field Museum of Natural Science, March 6 to 18, in which specimens of birds, butterflies and flowers thriving in the Skokie Preserve are to be comprise a principle display.

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AUTHORITY ON BIBLE GIVES LENTEN TALKS

Rev. Samuel Mercer Gives Talks At Christ Church

Bible Religion with its application to the ideals of personal life, the family, and society, treating particularly of the devotional use of the Bible, will comprise the general theme of a series of special lectures to be given in Winnetka during the Lenten season by the Rev. Samuel A. B. Mercer, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament in Western Theological Seminary, Chicago. Rev. Mercer comes to Winnetka under auspices of Christ Episcopal church, Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector.

The first of a series of six Tuesday evening addresses is scheduled for March 7, at 8 o'clock in Christ church, Sheridan Road and Humboldt avenue. The subject of the first address is "Some Fundamentals of Bible Religion."

Has Message of Power

Rev. Mercer is a recognized authority on the subject of the Bible, having devoted a score or more of years to that particular study. He is an eminent author and noted lecturer. He is well known to north shore church-goers because of the remarkable work accomplished at the Church of the Holy Comforter at Kenilworth, with which he was identified as special minister for a period of one year. While there he built up the congregation and attendance from a few souls to audiences which each Sunday, taxed the capacity of the church auditorium. This work was carried on in connection with his many other important and diversified duties. Rev. Mercer is a master of the Bible from the point of view of scholarship and his presentations are thoroughly simple and human. The whole purpose of his talks here, it is explained, is to take our complex Christianity of today and reduce it to the simple terms of the Bible.

Subjects to be discussed on subsequent Tuesday evenings are: March 14: "Realities and Ideals in Bible Religion"; March 21: "Family Religion in the Bible"; March 28: "The Individual in the Bible"; April 4: "The Individual's Place in the Bible Religion"; April 11: "Devotional Use of the Bible."

APOLLO QUARTET ON MEN'S PROGRAM

Here Thursday at Big Bible Class Fellowship Gathering

Thursday evening, March 9, every man in Winnetka will have a chance to get acquainted with the seventy or eighty men who have made possible the Men's Sunday Morning Bible class and, within a period of two months since its inception, insured the complete success and permanency of the enterprise. Thursday is to be "get-together" night for the class and its friends. The Apollo Male quartet will provide special music.

Under the leadership of William Ayer McKinney this non-denominational Bible class increased in membership from a mere handful of men to a membership exceeding 100 men of the village. Indications are the class will within a few months develop into one of the largest and most influential religious organizations on the north shore.

Get Acquainted Time

In order to acquaint every man in Winnetka with the ideas and purposes behind the Men's class, the leaders have planned next Thursday's get-together at Community House. The well known Apollo quartet, which has appeared in some 200 performances in Chicago during 1921, will provide the program. These men are singing for the "Radio" concert on March 20, which reaches homes in every section of the middle west.

Thursday evening's program will include:

The Trumpet Calls Away—Dow Quartet.

Reading—Selected—Mr. Carpenter.

The Old, Old Love—De Koven—Quartet.

Duet—Rose of My Heart—Lohr—Messrs. Covert and Willard.

Musical Travesty—"Impresario"—Quartet.

Intermission...

Winnetka Suits Mr. Timberlake Just About Right

M. J. Timberlake, energetic and spry at high eighty years of age, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, who still carries one arm a wee bit rigid, an constant reminder of the eventful day when he was thrown from a horse while engaged in hot pursuit of Morgan's raiders, likes Winnetka and Winnetka folks—oh, just "mighty well".

Mr. Timberlake knows his Winnetka, though he's lived here but a year or so. He knows his Winnetka because he has entered nearly every household as special subscription representative of the Winnetka Talk.

"Winnetka treats me very kindly. I have yet to enter a Winnetka home and be accorded a frigid or forbidding reception. Why, on these chilly winter days the busy housewives frequently ask me to take a chair by the hearth and warm up a bit, and, what's more, they often invite me to stay for a sup of invigorating tea.

"Winnetka's just about right," he says, "but I have grave fears for my digestive apparatus."

Mr. Timberlake is a regular attendant at Winnetka Congregational church services and is an active member of the Winnetka lodge, Royal Arcanum. He will be eighty years of age in May of this year. He resides at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Dunmore, 415 Maple avenue. He calls his work the best health tonic in the world.

Winnetka "Scoops" Chicago on Roma Disaster Pictures

Two weeks ago, the patrons of Community House were astonished to see pictures of the ill-fated dirigible "Roma." These pictures were shown at Community House even before the leading Chicago theaters had received copies of them.

The pictures were rushed to Chicago by aeroplane mail and a print was immediately sent, by special messenger, to Winnetka. The messenger arrived just in time for the first evening show and the pictures were shown for the first time in Illinois.

Next Friday, March 10, the Community House will offer Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, and Elliott Dexter, in "Don't Tell Everything." This is a story of a town girl and a woody girl—a sportive young man and his philosophical friend. They are all entangled in a love situation that results in mix-ups that keep the spectator wondering how it can come out all right.

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

Depression or Elevation of Tracks? Debate Query

Track depression or elevation— which will it be?

That question, pondered at many village gatherings is to be discussed anew by the members of the Winnetka lodge, Royal Arcanum at the regular lodge session in Community House Monday evening, March 6.

The discussion is to be in the nature of a debate with J. F. Eckart Jr., contending that depression of railway tracks through Winnetka is the most desirable improvement, and Harold Arbine determined that elevation is the preferable solution of the traffic snarl.

A general discussion will follow the debate.

Tenor Solo—"Three for Jack"—Mr. Willard.

Reading—Selected—Mr. Hager.

Sunset—Van De Water—Quartet.

Every man in Winnetka is invited to this evening of entertainment and fellowship.

READ THIS SKETCH!

An historical sketch of the Winnetka Village Improvement association is to be found in another part of this issue of the Winnetka Talk.

The sketch is of particular interest to Winnetkans in that the history of the association is in a large measure interwoven with the history of the village over the period of almost 30 years since the inception of the association.

Prepared by William A. Otis, the sketch not only gives a clear idea of the usefulness enjoyed by the association for so many years, but affords, as well, an interesting insight into the earlier history of Winnetka.

The sketch will appear in two installments the first of which is published this week. The second and final installment will be published in the issue of the Winnetka Talk of March 11, 1922.

INFANT WELFARE FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED HERE

Committee of Women Direct Campaign to Raise \$6,000 For Winnetka Center

SAVE LIVES OF BABIES

Will Conduct Drive For Chicago Commons Station

Winnetka workers in the interest of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago this week set out upon a fourteen days campaign to secure \$6,000, a sum sufficient to maintain the Winnetka Center in the Chicago Commons.

The Workers met Thursday, March 2, at a tea in the home of Mrs. Morris K. Wilson on Sheridan road to devise plans for the campaign. The meeting was the starting point in the two weeks village-wide canvass, for funds.

"Did you know," said one of the leaders in the drive, "that Winnetka supports this station of the Infant Welfare society located at Grand avenue and Morgan street, Chicago, because we are fortunate enough not to need one here? We have a clean, healthy village with plenty of fresh air for our babies, instead of the congested slums and smokey railroad yards in the neighborhood of the Chicago Commons. Therefore, the Winnetka mothers should be glad to help these less fortunate mothers to ward off the frightful mortality of infants which exists in Chicago.

Death Rate Lowered

"To prove the efficiency of the work of the Infant Welfare stations," the worker continued, "the death rate has been cut from 4.2 per cent in 1910, when the centers were founded, to 2.5 per cent ten years later. Knowing how much the health of our babies concerns us, we should appreciate to the utmost how these mothers feel to have a place where they can get advice and care for their sick babies. They are counting on our support and we must not disappoint them.

Name Fund Committee

The committee immediately in charge of raising the Winnetka fund comprises the following women:

Mrs. Morris K. Wilson, chairman; Mrs. Lawrence Howe, vice chairman; Mrs. E. P. Bartlett, treasurer; Mrs. Jordan Wilson, chairman of the sewing committee; and Mrs. Harve Badgerow, chairman of the Visiting committee.

Two volunteer workers from Winnetka visit the center each week and assist at all the conferences. The medical attention is given by trained professional workers in the employ of the Infant Welfare society, and it is up to Winnetkans to do their share so that the Winnetka Center will not be handicapped by lack of funds.

"We cannot allow Oak Park and other suburbs, which have already subscribed the quota necessary for their centers," is the worker's final challenge, "to be more generous than we have been in helping these little babies who need you and me to give them a start in life."

STUDY GREAT LEADERS AT LENT SERVICES

"Francis of Assisi, whose bride was Poverty," is the subject for Rev. James Austin Richards' address Sunday evening at the first of a series of six addresses on the general theme: "Lives with a Christian Meaning." These are special services of the Winnetka Congregational church, appropriate to the Lenten season, and all Winnetkans are most cordially welcomed. Special music is promised.

Throughout the weeks to come discussion of outstanding characters will follow in quick succession, the speaker being Mr. Richards each evening with the exception of the evening of March 19, when Dr. J. W. F. Davies will preside.

The complete program follows:

March 5—Francis Assisi, Whose Bride was Poverty.

March 12—Louis Pasteur, the Lover of Truth.

March 19—Marcus Whitman, Christian of the Northwest.

March 26—Savonarola, Heretic and Martyr.

April 2—Paul, Mystic and Apostle.

April 9—Jesus of Nazareth.