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LOCAL SCHOOLS ASK INCREASED INCOME

Special Election Decided Upon to Take Advantage of New Illinois Tax Law

OUTLINES PROPOSITION

Winnetka Follows Lead of Glencoe and Highland Park

BY LAIRD BELL
(President Winnetka Board of Education)

If the Winnetka school are to maintain their present standards they must have more income. The last Illinois Legislature recognized the plight of the schools by authorizing a higher tax rate, subject to approval of the increase by a referendum. The Winnetka Board of Education is calling a special election for March 18, to authorize such an increase for the grade schools.

What education costs is largely a question of what kind of education we want. We have established certain standards in Winnetka and have held to them for many years. We have held to them even though, as a matter of fact, we have run behind our income intermittently for several years. If we are to maintain these standards, we must have more income from taxes. The real issue in the special election is, therefore, whether we wish to maintain the standard of education which we have set up.

Teachers Salaries First Need

The two principal features of our policy have been, obtaining the best grade of teachers, and keeping our classes down to thirty pupils for each teacher. The principal cost of any system is the teachers' salaries. Roughly, 70% of our present budget goes for such salaries. The number of teachers increases steadily with the number of pupils. Our average increase in pupils over a period of five years has been 9% per year. But the total cost of teachers' salaries has increased still more rapidly. In the past three years we have made three increases in salary schedules. Our minimum was increased first from \$800 to \$1,000 a year, and then from \$1,000 to \$1,200. A third increase has been in the graduated scale of additional salary payable on account of extra training and experience. All these increases were due in simple justice to the teachers under the living conditions which have been obtained. Even if they had not been due, however, competition would have forced them. Some normal schools grade their graduates and refer to the best graduates only applications from the schools with salary schedules of the first class. We are barely in this class. Furthermore, neighboring communities on the North Shore pay substantially

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"Pasteur, Lover of Truth," Subject for Lent Service

The Lenten Sunday evening services at the Winnetka Congregational church made a happy start last Sunday evening with a presentation of the permanent Christian meaning of the poetic life of St. Francis of Assisi. The subject tomorrow night will be "Louis Pasteur, the Lover of Truth." When asked why Louis Pasteur should be included in the list of saints, Rev. Richards expressed the conviction that the world has never shown a finer example of truly Christian science—adding that he did not care whether one spelled those two words with capitals or not.

BASKETRY COURSES POPULAR

The new courses in basketry in the manual training department of the public schools, under the direction of Mrs. Helen M. Brenton have proved very popular, according to the instructor. Thirty-seven boys have been enrolled in the class to date.

AID FOR RUSSIA, NEAR EAST

At the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow morning an opportunity will be afforded to make contributions for the relief of the starving multitudes both in Russia, where crops have failed, and in the Near East, where political chaos has done its worst. A community so richly favored as Winnetka it is hoped will not be forgetful of the suffering peoples, however distant.

WILSON FOUNDATION WINS SUPPORT HERE

Winnetka is giving a splendid response to the appeal for help in swelling the \$1,000,000 Wilson Foundation fund, according to Mrs. Horace K. Tenney, chairman of the local Wilson Foundation committee.

The manner in which Winnetkans are evidencing an interest in the fund campaign has been a most agreeable surprise to the workers, Mrs. Tenney said today. The committee has effected a strong organization with thirty volunteer workers in the field prepared to inform those interested of the purpose of the foundation. It is the desire of the committee to reach every resident of the village before the termination of the campaign.

The Wilson Foundation has for its purpose the perpetuation of the ideals fostered by ex-President Wilson in his efforts to bring about lasting peace and amity among nations.

SAVE THE BABIES! FUND DRIVE SLOGAN

Campaign to Secure \$6000 for Winnetka Welfare Station

BY A CAMPAIGN WORKER

Winnetka's Infant Welfare drive is on and we appeal to one and all of you to help us raise the \$6,000 necessary to support our station: that is, the Winnetka Station at the Chicago Commons.

It is a Class A station; that is, all three kinds of work are done there—the infant work, nutrition work for children from 2 to 6 years, and prenatal work. If you realize that 1,600 mothers died in childbirth in one year in the United States, you will be among the first to help.

Saving the Babies!

Our station is a God-send to the people of this district, and it is efficient. It does get results. An undertaker in the neighborhood said that the summer used to be his busiest season on account of the little babies who could not survive the stifling heat; but since the Welfare station was established, he might as well go fishing.

This is the purpose of the Infant Welfare society: "To reduce the infant death rate and to improve the health of the coming generation by keeping the baby well before its birth by caring for its mother, and after its birth by teaching her how to feed and care for the infant."

This is a most appealing and deserving charity and one which we must do our utmost to support.

Do your bit and the child will reap the benefit!

Infant welfare workers are conducting the Fund drive in Winnetka today! Will you respond?

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. Jordon Wilson, chairman of the sewing committee; and Mrs. Harve Badgerow, chairman of the Visiting committee.

MEN AND WOMEN! MASS MEETING!

The Winnetka branch of The League of Women Voters has invited all candidates, of whatever party, who have filed petitions for State Representative and State Senator offices in the Spring Primaries, to appear at a great Winnetka Mass Meeting to be held at the Winnetka Woman's club Tuesday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock.

The meeting is to be marked by brief addresses in which the candidates' platforms will be outlined, and will be featured by a special discussion of such important questions as:

The Merit System.
Civil Service.
A Systematic Budget.

Every resident of New Trier township is invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussions.

The meeting, like the League of Women Voters, will be positively non-partisan in character and not in the interest of any particular party, candidate or ticket.

AVIATION EXPERT IS MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER

Major R. W. Schroeder Talks on "Ocean to Ocean Between Sunrise and Sunset"

UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

Man Who Achieved Record to be Club Guest March 16

Arrangements are being made for the largest meeting of the year when Major Rudolph W. Schroeder comes to Winnetka as the guest of the Winnetka Men's club Thursday evening, March 16. The members of Winnetka Post of the American Legion have been invited to attend the dinner and hear the address of the evening.



Maj. R. W. Schroeder.

Major Schroeder has taken as his subject "Ocean to Ocean Between Sunrise and Sunset". There is probably no man in America better prepared by training and experience to speak on this subject. He has experimented in aviation craft since 1908 and learned to fly on Cicero Field, Chicago, in 1910. He was for four years in the air service of the army, acting as chief test pilot during the war. He is now Aviation Engineer of Underwriters Laboratories and National Board of Fire Underwriters. As an intrepid airman, Major Schroeder is known the world over, and his exploits at hitherto unknown altitudes have challenged admiration and imagination everywhere.

Relates Thrilling Incidents

The phenomena of the air in the vicinity of eight miles from the earth is intensely interesting and the Major's talk is replete with incidents that thrill and inform. He talks plainly, but so convincingly that every one in the audience feels that he has a grand stand seat and an unobstructed view down to the pigmy world miles and miles below.

Many of the instruments including the Moss Super Charges were worked out before the test flights for altitude records could be made. A new appreciation of the significance of the accomplishments in establishing new altitude records is obtained after Major Schroeder explains the long and difficult details of preparation.

The dinner will be held in the gymnasium of Community House at 6:30 o'clock sharp. On account of the large crowd which is anticipated it is urged that reservations be mailed promptly.

RADIO STATION FOR BOYS' SUMMER CAMP

Boys in the Radio club of the Horace Mann school have started work on two wireless outfits for the Boys' Camp conducted each summer by Charles S. Kinney, director of shop-work in the public schools.

The more powerful outfit will be erected by the boys at the camp on Adventure Island, Sturgeon Bay, while the smaller outfit will be taken on exploring trips to neighboring islands and the mainland from which points of communication with the camp will be established.

If a government license can be secured the boys will attempt to establish regular communication with their Winnetka friends.

SECOND LENTEN TALK BY BIBLE AUTHORITY

"Realities and Ideals in Bible Religion" will be the subject of the second Tuesday Lenten address of the series of six talks given by the Rev. Samuel A. B. Mercer, at Christ Church, Sheridan Road and Humboldt avenue.

Rev. Mercer, who is professor of Hebrew and Old Testament in Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, is an authority on the subject of the Bible and his first address Tuesday of this week, was accorded an enthusiastic response by a large audience. He is said to possess the faculty of taking the complex Christianity of today and translating it into the simple terms of the Bible, representing the scriptures truly applicable to modern life.

All residents of the village are cordially invited to hear these talks. Services begin promptly at 8 o'clock and are held under auspices of Christ church, Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector.

DISCUSS PROJECTS AT ANNUAL CAUCUS

Leaders Meet to Advance Best Interests of Winnetka

An address by Village President John S. Miller in which were outlined some of the needs of the Village government and, in a general way the present aspect of municipal affairs, featured the session Wednesday evening, March 8, of the Winnetka Village Caucus, a non-partisan and public gathering of citizens for the purpose of selecting nominees for village offices in the Spring election, and establishing a definite platform advancing certain improvement projects.

Among the matters discussed by President Miller was the new Municipal Filtration plant now completed and which it is expected, will be in operation within a few weeks.

Projects and plans set forth in the caucus platform included:

Municipal ownership and operation of Village utilities, retention maintenance and development of the Village water and light properties.

Submission of the matter of renewing franchises to a referendum vote of the people.

Efficient and economical business methods in the administration of all departments of the Village.

Consistent work in the interest of securing track depression in the village in the interest of public safety, present conditions, with the steady growth in population, constituting a grave hazard to life.

Placing all telephone and Village wires in underground conduits and the removal of the present poles, if and when practicable.

The caucus was adjourned to meet again Wednesday evening, March 15.

A committee of citizens which is to meet this evening at Community House and report back its findings, as to nominees, at the Wednesday meeting includes: Wallace D. Rumsey, chairman; Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Mrs. Allan I. Wolff, Coren T. Davis, Edward P. Farwell, William B. Moulton, Eugene Rummel, Judge Charles M. Thompson, Robert Wallace.

A committee delegated to formulate plans for future meetings includes Harold Ickes, Merritt Lum and John S. Miller.

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PLAYFIELD PLANS BIG YEAR AT ANNUAL MEET

Barret Conway Elected President for Ensuing Year; Park Board Announces Plans

REVISE PLAYERS' FEES

Women to Have Larger Place in Golfing Events This Year

At the Annual meeting of the Winnetka Playfield association, held at Community House Tuesday evening, March 7, a large number of golf, baseball and winter sports enthusiasts heard reports of their officers and various committee chairmen covering the association's activities during the year just closed, and elected officers and directors for the ensuing year. Gerald Burnham, president, Carl H. Zeiss, secretary, A. T. Weinstock, treasurer, and E. E. Brown, chairman of the sports and Pastimes committee, read interesting, comprehensive reports pertaining to their various departments.

Mr. Burnham spoke of the purposes and objects for which the association was organized, sketched its development to date, and outlined possible activities and future growth. Mr. Brown dealt with the work of the Sports and Pastimes committee during the season of 1921, outlining prizes awarded, names of winners, etc., in fifteen separate tournaments beginning with the opening event on Decoration Day and ending with the Grand Harvest Home tournament in October, and referring also to the Winter Sports carnival which was held under the joint auspices of the Playfield association and the Park Board on January 29.

Boost Women's Golf.

Of particular interest was the report of Mrs. R. S. Childs covering the golf tournaments held for women. The increasing participation by the women of the village in the mid-week events planned for their especial benefit is most gratifying. It is hoped that a cup may be provided next year for the women's championship of the course.

At the conclusion of the reports and other business of the evening Wallace D. Rumsey, representing the Park Board, read some very significant statistics respecting the use of the golf course during the past year, and announced some of the plans of the board for regulation and operation.

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Dickinson Is Wednesday Evening Lenten Speaker

Frederick Dickinson is to be the speaker March 15 at the third Wednesday evening service conducted by laymen of the Winnetka Congregational church during the Lenten season.

"The Place of the Church in the Christian Life" will be the topic of Dr. Dickinson's discourse. The subject follows in sequence two previous talks, the first given by John Venema on "The place of the Bible in the Christian Life" and the second "The Place of Faith in the Christian Life," discussed by George W. Oldfather.

The discussions touch upon the problems of everyday life. The meetings are held in the Congregational church library, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Scouts Hold Public Evening on Thursday Night, March 23

The annual Public Evening for Boy Scout troop No. 1 is to be held Thursday, March 23, at Community House gymnasium when demonstrations of first aid, signaling and exhibitions of cookery will feature the evening's activity.

Of particular interest will be the initiation of Tenderfoot Scouts. The Scouts' Public Evening has always attracted a packed auditorium and this year, it is expected, will be no exception to the rule.

DEATH TAKES MRS. N. E. SIMPSON

Mrs. Nellie E. Simpson, widow of David J. Simpson, passed away Sunday, March 5, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis G. Schmid, 355 Linden avenue. Funeral services were from the residence Tuesday afternoon. Surviving Mrs. Simpson, besides her daughter, are two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Bell and Mrs. Sammie Duance Rolling, and a brother, William B. Pierce.