

## MANAGER COMMENTS ON STREET LIGHTS

H. L. Woolhiser Describes Procedure to Secure Business District Lighting

## OFFERS SUGGESTIONS

Says Village Officials Stand Ready to Help Movement

Editor's Note—The accompanying article was submitted to the Winnetka Talk in response to a specific request voiced in a communication appearing in last week's issue that the Village Manager be heard on the question of improved lighting for the business district of the village. Every public spirited citizen of the village should consider seriously the facts and suggestions as set forth in this statement.

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The recent discussion in the Public Forum regarding the need for more adequate street lighting in the business district of Winnetka is very encouraging to one who has been endeavoring for several years to secure the active interest of our business men and other property owners in this important matter. Good street lighting is not merely a physical and a business proposition, as has been at times suggested, but involves also the stimulation of civic pride and respect for the home community and the development of an appreciation for the aesthetic side of life.

The practical method of procedure for securing an ornamental street lighting installation is for those citizens interested to petition the Village Council for the improvement, at which time a public hearing can be held and the matter presented and discussed. The writer has prepared the form for such a petition and has placed it in the hands of an interested citizen.

## Describes Customary Plan

It is evident that an improvement of this nature is more expensive, both in initial cost and maintenance, than ordinary street lighting. It is usually customary for the municipality to bear the additional cost of maintenance and operation, provided that the property which is benefited bears the initial cost of the installation. The special assessment law of the State of Illinois provides that street lighting improvements may be constructed under special assessment proceedings, whereby the cost is levied in proportion to the benefit received; this would seem to be the most desirable procedure in our case. It may be felt that the Village Council should defray a portion of the initial cost out of the Electric Fund, but it should be understood that because of the rapid growth of the community this fund is no more than adequate now to take care of absolutely essential extensions to generating plant and distribution system to give the necessary capacity to render good electric service to the Village.

## Suggests Public Hearing

With reference to the sample unit which has been installed on Elm street, it should be stated that this is merely suggestive, and it is quite possible that some other design will be found more appropriate for our conditions. However, we should not lose sight of the fact that designs which have been adopted for lighting a formal city park faced by imposing public buildings are not necessarily in harmony with a suburban or rural development. I quite agree that this is a matter on which the advice of Mr. Edward Bennett should be secured. Mr. Bennett is thoroughly familiar with our local conditions and can be depended upon to approve a design which will be acceptable to all. These are matters which can be profitably discussed at the preliminary public hearing after which the details can be worked out by village officials, in accordance with the wishes of our citizens. The Village Hall stands ready to render all possible assistance in securing this much needed improvement.

## ANNOUNCE MAY DANCE

The New Trier Horticultural society is planning a May dance to be held at Winnetka Community House Wednesday evening, May 3. All residents of the village are cordially invited to participate in the frolic.

## SCHOOL HAS THIRD DAY OF INSPECTION

Sunday Afternoon, April 30, Announced by Board as Time to Visit School

## OFFER EXPLANATION

Classes in Session This Week In New Building

Many Winnetkans were disappointed at not getting into the new Skokie school again last Sunday. In view of the delayed delivery of some of the postcards announcing the opening of the building for inspection on Easter Sunday, the Board of Education announced a second inspection day for last Saturday afternoon.

While many residents took advantage of this many others attempted to get in on Sunday afternoon instead. The Board of Education has expressed its regret that the building could not be open on Sunday as well, but states that after the desks and other equipment had been moved in, it was not possible to open the building generally.

## Welcome Visitors Tomorrow

In view, however, of the great interest displayed, the Board has arranged that the building shall be open again on Sunday, April 30, and will welcome further visitors.

Classes were held in the new school all this week and, though there were many inconveniences and, in the early part of the week, considerable disturbance with the workmen putting on the finishing touches in the corridors, the classes were orderly and the children adapted themselves to the new surroundings without friction. The glaziers' strike made it necessary to put cardboard in place of glass in the doors and some painting and decorating remains to be done, but generally speaking, the classrooms are entirely usable.

The Assembly hall and gymnasium will not be ready for use for several weeks, it is said. The surroundings of the building are still rough, but the Board of Education states that as soon as the contractors' supplies and rubbish can be removed, the grading and walks and drives will be completed, and the building will appear completed outside as well as in before the graduation exercises in June.

## Canvass Reports Encouraging

Canvassers have been at work all week and report a favorable reception almost everywhere. Reports as to the amounts were not available at the time of going to press but it was announced Wednesday night that Zone V, west of the tracks and north of North avenue, was leading in amounts subscribed, and Zone IV, east of the tracks and south of Willow street, held first position in the percentage of its quota.

## CHURCH COMMISSIONS MISSIONARIES SUNDAY

A unique and interesting service will be held at the Winnetka Congregational church this Sunday morning. At that time the church is to commission Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wolsted to go as its own missionaries to India.

Those who remember the commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds last May will recall that the service is one of unusual interest and appeal.

A traveller from India will tell something of how American Christians can help in that country. Prof. Walker of the Chicago Theological Seminary will present Rev. and Mrs. Wolsted as candidates for the work, and they will make brief responses. Dr. Hitchcock, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will present the commissions from that Board, and then in a responsive service the church will give its own commissions to Mr. and Mrs. Wolsted. The service will be on Daylight Saving time.

## FIRE AT KREGER HOME

Fire starting from a defective chimney last Friday evening burned a considerable portion of the attic and roof of the Terese Kreger home at 411 Linden street. Quick and effective work of the Fire department prevented damage to the lower part of the building.

## INDIAN HILL TRACT AS A COMMERCIAL AREA?

The Winnetka Board of Appeals on Zoning has announced a public hearing to be held at the Village hall Monday evening, May 15, to consider a petition entered in the names of Robert Grepe and Barbara Fortman, owners of property immediately south of Hill road, and facing Wilson ave., requesting that the zoning designation of that property be changed from "A residence" to "C" Commercial. The property comprises a triangular tract concerning which condemnation proceedings have been instituted by the Winnetka Park board to have it converted into a public park. The Indian Hill Improvement has for two years been working in the interest of having a park established on the site of this property.

## Hear G. F. Gonsalves Is to Purchase Prouty Buildings

Reports went the rounds of the Village this week to the effect that the Carlton Prouty real estate holdings in the Elm street business district were soon to be purchased by George F. Gonsalves, prominent local builder and contractor.

A movement is afoot according to reliable information whereby Gonsalves will become the owner of the property designated as the Prouty building at Elm street and the Chicago North Shore Electric right-of-way; Prouty Annex, comprising several connecting frame shops facing the Electric road right-of-way immediately south of the Prouty building, and adjoining vacant property extending from Elm street to Oak street.

The deal, it is said, will be consummated in the very near future.

## Electric Road To Abandon Dangerous Sunset Station

Announcement was made at the Village hall this week that the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway is to abandon the Sunset road station in the Indian Hill section of the village.

The Village council Tuesday evening approved this action after considering a report from the Indian Hill Improvement association which conveyed the information that a vote taken at a recent meeting of that civic organization indicated that a considerable majority of the residents in that vicinity favored abandonment of the station since it is considered dangerous. The station platform is extremely narrow.

## Children Invited to Join Art Class at Woman's Club

The Saturday morning Art class for boys and girls begins sessions at the Winnetka Woman's club May 6. The course is inexpensive, it is explained, and instruction is by an expert teacher who has had many years of training at the Chicago Art Institute.

Parents who desire to enroll their children for the course are asked to register names by telephoning Winnetka 220.

## SOCCER GAME SUNDAY

The North Shore Soccer club will play the 22nd. Field Artillery eleven at Foster field, Evanston, Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 3 o'clock. A thrilling match is anticipated.

## BRITISH-AMERICAN MEETING

The British-American society will hold a business meeting at the Community House this evening.

## Save Your Money

Reading our Want Ads is a profitable occupation, because it gets you in touch with real bargains. Frequently you can save one-half to two-thirds on articles that are just as good as new. Maybe these lamp shades, offered below, are, in color, material, and size, just what you want.

FOR SALE—TWO 26-IN. SILK lamp shades, \$10 each. 874 Bluff St., Glencoe.

Read All the Want Ads  
Every Week

## MUST ENLARGE COMMUNITY HOUSE UNANIMOUS VERDICT OF LEADERS

Heads of Scores of Village Civic and Social Groups Give Endorsement at Great Meeting and Promise to Work in Interest of Development of Community Center

## CHURCH EXPRESSES FAVOR OF ENLARGED COMMUNITY HOUSE

Striking endorsement of the plan for an enlarged Community House was given by the Congregational church at a meeting of the congregation, Sunday noon. The church body was called together to consider the recommendation of the Church Council that the plan of the Board of Governors of Community House be given the utmost possible support.

Attention was called to the fact that the proposed new addition was to be erected on land recently purchased by the Church, and that because the title of all Community House property was vested in the Trustees of the Church, formal action of the Church was necessary. The sentiment was unanimously favorable to continuing the Church policy of eleven years' standing of throwing the resources of the Church back of an institution which had so strikingly demonstrated its worth to the whole village. Full approval was given of the general plan.

## Shows Relation to Church

Newcomers in Winnetka may be interested in knowing the exact relation of these two institutions. Though physically joined to the church, Community House is a community institution the support of which the church guarantees against operating deficit, asking in return only the privilege of use on Sunday mornings for the sessions of the Church school. Throughout the years of development, both invaluable financial support and sympathetic co-operation have been extended by the church; but, at all times, Community House has been considered a non-sectarian institution, devoted to the welfare of the entire community and, with the exception of Sunday mornings, at the disposal on an equal basis of all church groups or bodies with no church affiliations whatsoever. The Congregational church must ask for rooms and await its turn just as any other organization. Those in charge of Community House activities are appointed by the Board of Governors and this Board in turn is practically self-perpetuating, the Church Council uniformly accepting the recommendations of the Board itself. On the Board are representatives from the larger church groups of the village as well as those not affiliated with any church, in about the proportion of interest shown in Community House affairs.

## Ambitious Development Plan

It is understood that the Development committee of the Congregational church Council is preparing its definite recommendations as to church enlargement. Just as in the case of Community House, the growth of Winnetka is forcing a policy of liberal expansion. Architects are being consulted as to the possibility of a new and much larger structure. It is probable that an architect will be recommended in the near future and plans drawn for a building which will provide for the needs of this Church embracing, as it does, some twenty denominations.

## Women to Hear Mission Talk Monday P. M., May 1

By invitation of the North Shore Methodist Episcopal church Woman's Missionary society, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a joint meeting in the home of Mrs. Henry White, 483 Madison avenue, Glencoe, Monday, May 1, at 2:30 o'clock.

An address on Foreign Mission will be given by Mrs. Alice Lewis who visited mission stations while traveling through Asia with her husband who was minister of education in that country.

Mrs. J. W. Barry will tell of interesting experiences in connection with her social service work in the Cook county jail. Mrs. Barry and her assistants conduct a religious service in the county jail every Sunday afternoon. The Winnetka W. C. T. U. is to assist in the services next Sunday afternoon both in the men's and women's quarters.

Joseph Gibilterra will sing at the meeting.

"Community House must be enlarged."

This was the decisive answer of a group of seventy-five leaders in community activities, who met Tuesday evening at the call of the committee of the Governors of Community House. Two votes were taken: (1) "Shall Community House proceed with a campaign for funds for enlargement?" and (2) "Is the tentative plan calling for enlargement of the present structure and the addition of an Assembly Hall satisfactory?" To both questions was given a unanimous "yes."

Not since War days has Winnetka seen so representative a group of the people responsible for bringing to the village the advantages it enjoys today. The social groups were represented, the Circles, the athletic interests, the movements for leadership of boys and girls, the improvement associations, the fraternal orders, the American Legion, representatives of dramatic groups, the Playfield association. To name them all would mean listing practically every activity in the village. The meeting itself was a demonstration of the emergency now facing Community House held, as it was, because no better place was available, in a basement room originally intended as a store room. But even the inadequate ventilation and the facts that the room could not accommodate the attendance and that noise overhead made discussion difficult did not dampen the enthusiasm.

Mr. George Wolf acted as chairman of the meeting, outlining the situation as it appeared to the Board of Governors, and then called on Director J. W. F. Davies to detail the present handicaps faced by the Community House structure.

## Population Doubled

"When Community House was erected in 1911," Mr. Davies said, "it was the foresight of two men which forced a decision to build what then seemed too large a structure. In these eleven years, Winnetka has grown from 3,700 population to 7,700, Community House now is entirely inadequate, and we face a new need for vision and determination."

Mr. Davies gave many startling facts as to present crowding: groups of 30 to 40 obliged to meet in rooms designed for 15; activities forced into a gymnasium entirely unsuited for meetings, dinners, dances, dramatics; groups turned away for lack of space; a reception hall suitable for 75 packed at times with 250. He made a convincing plea for more rooms, larger rooms and equipment that will enable the devoted staff of workers to keep up with the demands made upon it.

Even more interesting than the outline of the new plan was the immediate response to the challenge.

The Indian Hill Improvement association, through Walter E. Shoemaker, pledged hearty support. From Harold W. Snell, of the American Legion, came the assurance of the backing of that influential body. Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ Episcopal church, stated that his group was very much interested in Community House and that during his five years in Winnetka nothing had more stirred

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## "HONOR ROLL"

(Put Up Your Window Cards)  
Last Friday there appeared all over Winnetka brilliant orange and blue window cards, indicating the homes of the subscribers to the new Skokie school.

The cards comprise a drawing of the front elevation of the school on a background representing the Honor Roll that will be placed in the vestibule of the building. On this Honor Roll will be placed the names of all subscribers.

The committee in charge of the canvass asks every subscriber to display his card prominently. They are not only the badges of loyal supporters, but their presence in more than 700 front windows constitutes the best kind of endorsement of the canvass now in progress among new comers and others in the village not reached in previous campaigns.

The same cards are being delivered to new subscribers as rapidly as their subscriptions are reported at headquarters.