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## SNELL TAKES PART IN BIG LEGION PARADE

Is Member of Committee Which Planned Dedication of Illinois Quarters

## MAC NIDER IS GUEST

Parades and Corner Stone Laying Feature Program

Harold W. Snell of Winnetka Post, No. 10, Post of the American Legion was a member of the committee which greeted National Commander Hanford McNider when, on May 27, he was at Bloomington, Ill., to lay the corner stone for the \$150,000 McBurnes Memorial building for Soldiers and Sailors, which will house the State Headquarters of the American Legion.

This committee played an important part in the day's program which included the greatest gathering of ex-service notables ever assembled in Illinois.

Ten thousand ex-service men and women representing all Legion posts and service organizations in Illinois marched in uniform in the monster parade which was the feature of the day. Fifteen bands and drum corps were in the procession.

The program included addresses by Hanford McNider, Oscar E. Carlstrom National Commander U. S. W. V.; John W. Thompson for National Commander World War Veterans; State Commander Willman of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Judge Cochran of Sullivan, Illinois, Past Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R. State Commander William McCauley of the American Legion addressed ex-service men on the State Bonus. Maj. Gen. Milton Foreman, of Chicago and Colonel Garrity, Commander-in-Chief Spanish War Veterans, were present.

Besides the parade and laying of the corner-stone, there were continuous band concerts; street dancing and a banquet, where Commander McNider was the guest of honor.

## SCIENCE MONITOR HAS PRAISE FOR SCHOOL

The Christian Science Monitor, issue of May 11, 1922, contains an interesting account of Winnetka's civic enterprise in establishing a public school by public subscription.

In a story, published in connection with an illustration of the new Skokie school, the writer recounts in detail the method by which the \$342,000 structure was made a reality in spite of the fact that the Winnetka school district lacked sufficient bonding power to erect the type of school the village needed.

The story quotes Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of schools, as follows:

"The school is one of the best educational buildings of its size in northern Illinois," said Mr. Washburne to The Christian Science Monitor. "It is on the junior high school plan, and takes only pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. The building stands on its own grounds of 12 acres. On the east is a four-acre park and north of it is an 80-acre playfield, including the Winnetka Community golf links. It is strictly a public school, part of the public school system, open to everybody."

The Christian Science Monitor is an international daily.

## Legion and Men's Club Have Chummy Gathering

Winnetka Legion men and members of the Winnetka Men's club had a "rousing good time" at Legion headquarters Tuesday evening of this week.

The evening was in the nature of a joint get-together of the two organizations and proved a not only unique social venture, but a thoroughly interesting and entertaining innovation.

First on the program was the showing of the remarkable films of the German U-Boat activities during the World War. Col. Sigeland, formerly of the United States Intelligence service, overseas, was the lecturer.

Following the picture program there was a general get-acquainted fellowship gathering, made all the more intimate by a touch of the old army life in the serving of coffee and doughnuts, a la Salvation Army.

## Young Daughter of Winnetka Founder Poverty Stricken

Winnetka today is confronted with a strange, not to mention pathetic, situation, involving the destitution of an aged woman living in abject poverty in Denver, Colorado.

Winnetka's connection with this otherwise not unusual circumstance, comes about in a manner that will astound every citizen.

The aged woman is Miss Helen Peck, youngest daughter of the late Charles E. Peck, generally recognized as the founder of this village, a wealthy land owner here many years ago, who, among other contributions to Winnetka's civic development, gave the village its beautiful Common.

**Dependent Upon Charity.** None of Mr. Peck's bounty remains to take care of his only living daughter, now in her eighties, who, Mrs. W. A. Otis reports in a communication to the Village Council, is feeble, broken-down, and poverty stricken, residing with a cousin, Miss Kate Moody, also aged and desperately poor. They are dependent upon the charity of strangers.

In view of these facts, what is Winnetka to do? Mrs. Otis has referred the problem to the Village Council. That body, having no legal right to appropriate the public money for such a purpose has, in turn, quite properly referred the matter to the Winnetka Community Council, of which the Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard is chairman.

**Suggest Means to Help.** "The Council felt very desirous of contributing a substantial amount to the daughter of Mr. Peck," reads a letter received by Mr. Gerhard from a village official, "but found that it has no legal right to appropriate public funds for this purpose. It was therefore thought that some public body, such as the Community Council, should take the matter actively in hand and raise the necessary funds by some other means."

"A small annuity or pension would bring this forlorn and destitute woman some of the comforts to which she was formerly accustomed," writes Mrs. Otis. "Such a contribution from Winnetka would serve to indicate that Winnetka really appreciates the splendid services and gifts of Charles E. Peck, the father of the village."

## YOUNG PEOPLE AID ENLARGEMENT FUND

Club Announces Entertainment For Next Monday

The Young People's club of Winnetka is giving what is announced as a "high-class entertainment" in the gymnasium of Community House, Monday, Decoration Day Eve, at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is in the nature of a benefit for the Community House Enlargement Fund, campaigning in the interest of which is now in progress.

The program of the evening is to consist of fancy dancing, readings, a memorial tableau, a patriotic drill, solos and a short one-act farce. Music will be provided by the Young People's club orchestra.

The entire community is invited and guaranteed, it is explained, as interesting and entertaining an evening as can be had anywhere. A record crowd is anticipated, particularly in view of the designation of the proceeds.

### Memorial Day Spirit

The farce, it is said, is a clever bit of Irish humor that is certain to please everyone. The memorial tableau, though brief, is called impressively beautiful as is also the patriotic drill, and these should be fit forerunners of the annual Memorial Day.

The Young People's club has worked unceasingly to perfect every detail of the program and feels certain the citizenry of Winnetka will respond in characteristic Winnetka fashion and insure an unqualifiedly successful venture.

The entire proceeds go into the coffers of the Community House Enlargement fund.

### APPRECIATES HIS VILLAGE

Capt. Thomas W. Johnson, who has been away from the village several months, was welcomed back into the good fellowship of the Elm street stopovers this week. The captain says Winnetka is a pretty good place after all. Plenty of fresh air, and all that.

## HOLD MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ON COMMON

Village Leaders to Honor Winnetka's Soldier Dead

Following the custom of many years standing Winnetka, on Tuesday, May 30, observes the annual Community Memorial Day with ceremonies on the Village Common. Winnetka Post No. 10, American Legion, will attend the exercises in a body.

Observances, beginning at 3 o'clock, will be preceded by a band concert from 2 to 3 o'clock.

Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ Episcopal church and member of Winnetka Post, American Legion, will deliver the address of the day. Harold W. Snell, commander of the Winnetka Legion Post, will preside. Representing the American Legion on the program will be Frederic O. Mason.

The program, as outlined by the Community Memorial Day committee, is to be as follows:

Band Concert ..... 2 to 3 o'clock  
America ..... The Assembly  
Invocation .....  
Rev. James Austin Richards  
The Battle Hymn of the Republic  
..... The Assembly  
Winnetka Post American Legion ...  
..... Frederic O. Mason  
Address ..... Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard  
Roll Call ..... L. Sherman Aldrich  
Taps ..... Raymond Orwig  
Raising Colors and Star Spangled Banner

Should the weather be unfavorable the ceremonies will be held in the Winnetka Community House.

## MANY REGISTRANTS FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Boys and Girls Anxious For Get-Away to Lake Hamlin

The approach of vacation is reminding Winnetka boys and girls that the time is at hand to be thinking about the summer camps at Lake Hamlin, Michigan, and each day finds new applicants registering at the offices of Community House. These camps are for Winnetka boys and girls, are under the direction of J. W. F. Davies, Director of Community House, and are sponsored by the center. The camps are for eighteen days each. The boys leave for Camp June 26, and the girls on July 17.

The camp is ideally located on the edge of beautiful Lake Hamlin, near Ludington. Here the youngsters work and play, swim and hike, have good fun and comradeship in the out-of-doors for eighteen happy days, and come back brown sturdy and more physically fit for the winter's work.

Registrations will be received up to June 15. As the number is limited to thirty in each camp, it is advisable to register promptly, say Community House authorities.



Isn't this just what you're looking for? A tent and a trailer to carry it in! Think of those spicy pine woods up North and Summer only a few weeks away!

FOR SALE—ONE SECOND-hand double camping tent with trailer. Tel. Wilmette 1249.

READ OUR WANT ADS

## Mayhap Some June Bride Will Claim The Entire Outfit

Winnetka's Community is such a home-like place that a number of our good citizens have lost sight of the fact that, after all, it isn't actually a depository for household effects and whatnots.

Comes the more or less interesting information from the Community House cooking quarters that sundry and several articles and utensils have been left there by village housewives or their daughters, which, in the aggregate, would make up a fairly well equipped cuisine, were it not for the fact that in most instances there are too many of a kind.

Scan this list and "write your own ticket": 4 aprons, 4 napkins, 2 lunch cloths, 1 silk neck scarf, 2 white bowls, 1 aluminum colander, 1 bread tin, 1 enamel spoon, 12 fire tins, 4 cake baskets, 2 rolling pins, two round baking pans.

These articles have been left in the Community House kitchen, it is explained, and "will be disposed of thirty days from date if unclaimed."

## PORTRAIT TABLEAU ON BENEFIT PROGRAM

Plans Completed For Christ Church Choir Concert

The choir of Christ Episcopal Church has been busy with rehearsals for its part of the entertainment that takes place Friday evening, June 2, at the Winnetka Woman's club. As this entertainment means a summer camp in the heart of the woods for the boys, much energy and enthusiasm have been put into the work.

E. E. Chase, organist and choir-master, has arranged an attractive program of songs, including beside the choral numbers, a quartet for men's voices, and solos by Mr. C. L. Day, Mr. Paul McCready, Edmond Fulton and William Carey.

**Exhibits of Portraits** Between the songs there will be an exhibition of famous portraits representing various periods and schools of art. These will be produced in "Tableaux" under the direction of Mrs. Hathaway Watson, Mrs. Laird Bell and Mrs. Cornelius Lynde.

Much time has been spent in the Library of the Art Institute and in looking over collections of colored prints, that the list may be not only the most interesting but true to life in every detail. The many entertainments that these women have successfully sponsored are a tribute to their ability and there is little question but the Portrait Tableaux, posed and arranged under their supervision, will equal any that have been given.

The "title roles" have been assigned to some of the most talented of Winnetka's younger generation.

The refreshments are in charge of Mrs. J. W. Prindeville, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Cox, Mrs. E. E. Chase, Miss Carol Jackson and Miss Beatrice Williams.

Mrs. A. W. Shaw is chairman of the committee arranging the choir concert and tableaux. There has been a gratifying advance sale of tickets and boxes, it is said, and these may be obtained from Mrs. Shaw or any other member of the committee, or at the door of the club on Friday evening, June 2.

## Glencoe Girl Heads N. U. North Shore Alumni Branch

The North Shore branch of the Northwestern University Alumni association formally elected officers at its annual banquet at the Winnetka Woman's club last Friday evening.

Officers chosen included: Miss Rebecca Anthony, Glencoe, president; Miss Louise Otis, Winnetka, secretary; Directors: Frank Cresap, of Kenilworth; Preston Boyden, of Winnetka; Dr. C. A. Aldrich, of Winnetka.

### DISCUSSES HEALTH PROGRAM

Principal Eston V. Tubbs of New Trier Township High school addressed the Parent-Teacher association of Hyde Park High school Friday evening on the subject, "The Health Program at New Trier."

### MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS

Winnetka public are to hold special Memorial Day observances Monday of next week under direction of Harry L. Clark, director of playground activities.

## ASK QUICK RESPONSE IN COMMUNITY DRIVE

Would Have Enlarged Community House Completed For Fall Activities

## CAMPAIGN HOPEFUL

Canvassers Find Citizens Eager to Help

Was Sunday's Canvass for Community House successful? Will Winnetka have an enlarged and adequately equipped Community Center when activities are resumed on a full scale next fall? These questions were in every one's mind this week. The Board of Governors wish it were possible to make a satisfactory answer at this time.

But there is no standard in past campaigns with which to compare the pledges so far received. No really village-wide campaign for Community House has been conducted in recent years. Will the \$105,000 fund be raised? Only the merest estimate is possible.

### Reports Incomplete

Over two hundred canvassers went forth on Sunday afternoon. But in practically no case are reports complete. Many "prospects" were away either for the day or the week and are still being followed up, even as this statement is written. Some of the prospective givers have not yet made up their minds. They realize the urgency of Community House needs and are anxious to figure the utmost that they can do in the campaign. It is hoped, of course—in fact, it is quite essential—that the individual decisions be reached quickly, otherwise precious time will be lost in the already too short building period between now and the active season next fall.

### Appreciate Merit of Cause

Canvassers report that almost uniformly they were met with courtesy and given a sympathetic hearing. Large individual pledges so far reported indicate that those of larger means realize their responsibility in this community campaign. Equally responsive have been the smaller givers—equally sacrificial in spirit. Three zones report that because of a uniform response on the part of givers, generally, their quotas seem assured. Altogether the campaign is quite hopeful if reports continue to come in to match those so far received. The "if" is important; for if because of undue optimism, canvassers should let up on their work, no prediction of ultimate success could possibly be realized.

## GOLF CLUBS PLAN FOR MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Special programs of Golf will mark activity at north shore golfing places on Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30. Should weather conditions be favorable Tuesday is expected to call forth the first of the season's large crowds of enthusiasts.

The North Shore Golf club at Kenilworth plans a special program Decoration Day. Indian Hill Country club will have all-day low net and low gross play with 18 holes in the morning and 18 holes for the matinee.

Skokie Country club, in accordance with custom, will have an attractive program for its members and, it is expected, will welcome a large field of golfers.

## Local Expert to Conduct Column on "Tennis Topics"

Tennis is rapidly becoming one of the major sports, offering excellent pastime at Country clubs and recreational centers as a favorite "pair-off" with the honorable game of golf.

With this in view, Mercer Beasley, will conduct a column of interesting "Tennis Topics." In the Winnetka Weekly Talk. The first of these appears in this issue.

Those who are interested in tennis can ill afford to overlook this summer feature of the Winnetka Talk. Start reading "Tennis Topics" with this issue!