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## POSTPONE BUILDING AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

### Vaulting Prices of Materials Leads Governors to Hold Work Until Spring

## EXPLAIN CONDITIONS

### \$65,000 Subscribed in Recent Campaign

The Board of Governors of Community House, at a special meeting held Monday evening, decided to defer construction of the addition to the building until next spring. Since the preliminary estimates of costs were made up by Arthur S. Coffin, the architect, in April and May of this year, building costs have increased until they are practically equal to the peak of wartime conditions. When the bids were opened on the plans and specifications for the new construction, it was found that the fund subscribed would be entirely inadequate to build and equip the addition contemplated. The resolution drawn by the Governors and adopted unanimously, was as follows:

#### The Resolution

"Whereas, there has been a sharp increase in building costs since the preliminary estimates were made for the enlargement of Community House on which the financial canvass was based, and,

Whereas, there is a reasonable prospect of substantial reduction in costs before next spring, and

Whereas, the new building cannot, in any event, be available for use until after the close of the present active season of Community House,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the letting of bids be postponed until the latest date that will permit completion of the work for the opening of Community House Activities October 1, 1923.

At least six months would be required under normal conditions for the construction and equipment of the addition. Even if work were to start October 1, it would be impossible to get any use out of the new building before March or April next, so that for the greater part of the active period, the public would not derive any benefit from the additional facilities.

The Governors feel very strongly that they would not be justified in using the money subscribed by the Community for construction at the present extravagant cost of materials and labor. Under present conditions, further, building material, cement, steel lumber and electrical equipment are difficult to obtain, and when ordered their delivery is attended with much delay and uncertainty.

Before taking this step, the Gov-

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## Ouilmette K. of C. Council Plans Columbus Day Dinner

Ouilmette council, Knights of Columbus, announces a dinner at Kenilworth Assembly hall on Columbus Day, October 12, at 8 o'clock, which will be one of the biggest events of the day in the Illinois district.

A real evening's entertainment has been prepared by the committee and such well known speakers as the Honorable Jerome Crowley, Master of the Fourth Degree, Henry R. Rathbone and others will address the gathering.

Entertainment will be furnished by the famous Columbia quartet.

Tickets can be procured from W. A. Hellinger, of Wilmette, or from William Dooley, of Highland Park. Reservations are rapidly coming in and those who intend to be present are asked not to delay in advising the above persons of the number of tickets that they will need, as the supply is naturally limited.

## Tilden, Tennis Champion, To Examine Local Players

William Tilden II, National Tennis champion is to conduct examinations of pupils of Mercer Beasley, tennis coach, at the Indian Hill courts, Sunday morning, October 1, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Tilden took a keen interest in north shore tennis activities early this summer when he appeared at Skokie club in the celebrated exhibition tournament last July.

## INDIAN HILL OPENS ASSOCIATION YEAR

### Improvement Body Announces First Meeting of Season at New Trier Monday

## WILL ELECT OFFICERS

### Hear Talks and Reports By Several Committees

The Indian Hill Improvement association, which has done so much to direct the development of south Winnetka along the right lines, begins its new year with a meeting to be held Monday evening, September 25, at 8 o'clock, in the Mess hall of New Trier Township High school.

One of the principal items of new business to come before the meeting will be the election of officers for the ensuing term. A Nominating committee headed by A. W. Converse was appointed at the last regular meeting of the association and is expected to present a strong list of candidates pledged to carry on aggressively the excellent work of the association.

#### Hear Important Reports

A number of other important matters will come before the meeting including reports of committees, reports on the progress of various activities in which the association has taken an active interest, as well as short talks from the outgoing and incoming officers.

A general invitation is extended to all residents of south Winnetka to attend this important meeting. A special invitation is, however, extended to the newcomers in the neighborhood, of which there have been so many in the past year.

As has been the fixed policy of the association in its efforts to benefit the sections in which it is active, a goodly portion of the evening will be given over to the social and entertainment side, for it has already demonstrated that the best results in community development come when those within the community know one another.

## HOW DO YOU PARK YOUR CAR; READ ON

Winnetka automobile drivers should know, says Chief Peterson, that our village is growing so rapidly that actual traffic congestion frequently obtains in the business districts.

Many drivers in the village (women are the principal offenders) are not observing the state parking regulations, according to Chief Peterson.

"When parking your car be sure to have the right side adjacent to the curb," is the chief's warning. "You can never go wrong if you bear that simple thing in mind. It isn't necessary to nose your car into the curb at a forty-five degree angle. Simply park it parallel to the curbing and be sure it is parked according to regulations. If your car is parked wrong and you pull into the center of the street and into a possible collision you, and no other driver, are wrong. The simple observances of traffic regulation will prevent many accidents."

## Do You Want A Closed Car?

October weather is the best of the year for short automobile trips. The woods and the fields are a riot of color, but to fully enjoy them one needs a closed car, like this one—

FOR SALE—STEPHENS SALIENT Six: 1921 model, 5-pass. sedan. Fully equipped with front and rear bumpers, seat covers, 4 brand new cord tires. Car run about 10,000 miles. C. F. Collins, 550 Greenwood Ave. Glencoe. Tel. Gl. 468.

Classified ads, attractively written, turn readers into buyers.

## BOY BURGLAR GIVEN TEST FOR BEHAVIOR

Conrad A. Wold, 15-year-old alleged burglar, recently taken by the Winnetka police in connection with a robbery at the Thomas N. Wheatley home at 329 Fairview avenue, Monday was ordered confined in the Detention Home of the Juvenile court by Judge Arnold to remain for a period of probation. Wold, whose home is in Evanston, must remain in the Detention home over a period of from 30 to 60 days, during which time he will be under almost constant surveillance. Wold faces a term of years in the State Reformatory should his conduct prove unsatisfactory to the authorities.

Chief Peterson's effective finger print system was responsible for the apprehension of Wold. Impressions left on a piece of window pane shattered in the Wheatley burglary corresponded with Wold's finger prints taken by the Evanston police, it was said.

## ASKS OLD QUESTION; GIVES ANSWER, TOO

### Fred Merrifield Speaker at Morning Men's Class

Sooner or later you will become involved in an argument, or, perhaps, your children will pop the question, as children frequently do. Then, what will be your answer?

The Sunday Morning Men's Class of the Winnetka Congregational church is to hear Fred Merrifield this Sunday morning at Community House proposed one of these universal queries and proceed to give the answer.

The subject of Mr. Merrifield's address is, "How We Got the New Testament." He'll answer the question so emphatically and simply that not a member of the class will need to stammer out an "I don't know" when the kiddies or others make inquiry. If you're mixed up concerning the origin of the New Testament, the Men's class discussion will help you out fine.

Mr. Merrifield, a member of the faculty of the Divinity School of Chicago university, is best known to thousands of sport fans as the former invincible hurler of one of Chicago U's most famous baseball teams, and baseball coach at the university in later years.

A special feature of Sunday morning's class session will be provided by Dr. Davies Lazear, favorably known Winnetka singer.

The class will meet in the Neighborhood room of Community House instead of in the gymnasium. Beginning time is 9:30, sharp.

## This Community Film Is Full of Actual Cowboys

A western picture and not a "movie" cowboy in it!

This is the distinction given "North of the Rio Grande," a Jack Holt-Bebe Daniels Paramount picture which opens at the Community House Friday Sept. 29th.

For instead of recruiting his cowpunchers in Hollywood, Director Rollin Sturgeon waited until he arrived at his Arizona "location"—and then employed twenty-five from bona-fide cow ranches.

Remarkably rugged scenery, "shot" in places where it is said no cameras have ever before found lodgment, form a background for a story which carries its action swiftly back and forth across the great border and involves the two popular co-stars in a story which combines thrills, romance and pathos in equal parts. The supporting company is excellent.

## Winnetka Man President at North Shore Golf Club

Election of officers of the North Shore Golf club last week resulted in the election of George D. Wolf, of Winnetka as president for the coming year.

Officers elected with President Wolf were: Charles A. Nash, vice president; A. D. Collins, secretary; J. J. Kutten treasurer.

Directors named were: For three years, Robert Flaherty Richard Jordan, Frank W. Hopkins; for two years, Burt W. Lynch; for one year, A. B. Wigglesworth.

Installation of officers is to be early in October, it is announced.

Mr. George McKinney, 605 Cherry street, is home from a vacation spent in the northern woods of Minnesota.

## \$500,000 BOND ISSUE VOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION, SEPT. 30

### New Trier Township High School Board of Education Issues Statement Calling to Voters of District to Render Decision September 30, on Proposition

Saturday, September 30, has been announced as the date of an election in New Trier Township High District in which the voters of the district will be called upon to decide upon the proposition to authorize an issue of bonds in the sum of \$500,000, for the purpose of providing funds for an extensive building program at the high school.

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL PROBLEM

The Board of Education of the New Trier Township High school feels quite deeply that the voters in the New Trier School district should know about a problem which confronts the board at present in connection with the high school. It feels this for two reasons:

1. Because the Board of Education desires and is entitled to have the benefit of the views of the voters of the School district with regard to the proper disposition of the matter which is before the board.

2. Because the voters themselves have a right to know about the question in order that they may be able to cast their votes intelligently when the matter is presented at future elections.

The problem, like that of any large high school, is composed, roughly speaking, of three constituent parts. One of these has to do with the teaching force. A second is concerned with the matter of suitable and sufficient land for the school. The third comprehends questions of building policy. This article will not deal with the first two of these subjects further than to say that the faculty at New Trier at present is composed of an exceptionally fine lot of men and women, from the principal down. They are well-paid, because the policy of the board has been that, if it is to secure efficient men and women to teach our young people, and if we are to retain them, their salaries must be high enough to make the teaching positions attractive and to enable teachers to do their very best work for the school without having to lie awake nights over the matter of how next month's bills are to be met.

#### Land Question Solved

The land question has been solved. The school now has about 34 acres of land, 16 of which have been acquired by the School Board during the past two years and paid for out of current income without placing upon the voters of the School district any increase of taxation.

The principal problem which remains to be solved is the question to which the voters should give very sincere and thoughtful consideration. It has to do with the matter of securing suitable and sufficient buildings to carry on properly the operations of the school.

No intelligent man or woman who lives in the New Trier Township School district can be ignorant of its

phenomenal growth during the past six or seven years. This growth is reflected by the attendance at the high school. Its graduation classes in 1906, 1907 and 1908 averaged anywhere from 18 to 30 boys and girls. Last June the graduating class numbered 134. Each year for the past twenty years has shown a steady increase in attendance. During the last four years the attendance has increased nearly 50 per cent. The registration this fall has added 150 boys and girls to last year's registration and the end is not yet. From present indications the attendance this year, when the records are completed, will be between 1,300 and 1,350 pupils.

The School Board has been quite alive to the growth of the School district and to the increasing needs of the school in the way of proper building equipment. It knows that during the last year alone more than 500 new homes have been built in the township and that nearly an equal number were built the year before. It knows that this increase is likely to continue indefinitely. It knows that one factor in the increase of population in the township is to be found in the splendid quality of the public schools. It believes that the citizens of the township have prided themselves in the past on the fact that their high school is one of the best in the country, but it knows also that if the school plant is allowed to become inadequate, and if its efficiency is allowed to go below par, the reputation of the school will soon as bad as it has been good; and it believes that the residents of our school district do not wish their children to suffer in their education because of inadequate equipment and lowered efficiency.

#### Now, Is Logical Time

Under normal conditions the Board of Education of the High school would have agitated the question of additional building two or three years ago. It felt, however, that additional building should be postponed just as long as possible for a number of reasons. In the first place, taxes in our community have been and are high. In the second place, during the past three years the cost of labor and material has been abnormally high. It is gradually becoming lower, and the board feels that the wisdom of the policy of postponing additional building has become apparent. In order to postpone it, however, the school has

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## HADLEY SCHOOL ATTRACTS ATTENTION

The Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind has made good progress with its work during the summer. Applications for courses have come in steadily, and from widely distant places, even Manila and India being represented. The number enrolled has now reached 300.

Alfred Allen, the secretary, spent a short time on a vacation trip, and visited various institutions for the blind in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburgh. He found there that the men and women engaged in work for the blind were deeply interested in the Correspondence school, and that they were very enthusiastic in the hope that it will succeed in filling the great field which they see before it.

#### TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK!

Saturday night is the time to make the change in time so that you won't be an hour early for church services Sunday morning.

Daylight Saving Time expires with Sunday morning and the clocks must be turned back one hour to conform with Standard time. Do this just before you retire Saturday night and be on the safe side.

## Schroeder Made Defendant In \$10,000 Slander Suit

Paul Schroeder, a real estate operator, was made defendant in a suit brought in Superior Court this week by Franklin H. Perry in the amount of \$10,000 and on the grounds of alleged slander and defamation of character. No date had been set for the hearing.

The action taken by Perry was said to be the outgrowth of differences resulting from real estate transactions.

Schroeder is now at liberty on \$2,000 bail, as defendant in action taken by Vida J. Mitchell of Indiana, who caused his arrest recently on the charge of "obtaining money under false pretenses, commonly called the Confidence Game."

## Beach Closes; Ray Falcon Says He'll Not Come Back

Winnetka's bathing beach was formally closed for the season last Sunday, following the most successful summer in the history of the municipal bathing place.

Frequenters of the beach will regret to learn that Ray Falcon, who has guarded the place for several seasons, will not present his bronzed appearance next year. Falcon took keen interest in the children who came to the beach by the hundreds and the mothers of these youngsters placed absolute confidence in him.