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High School Bond Issue Vote Saturday

STATE BANK OPENS NEW HOME OCT. 2

Officials and Directors Invite Public to Join in Opening Day Festivities

INDICATES GROWTH

Building Is of Attractive and Practical Design

Monday, October 2, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, is Opening Day at the Winnetka State Bank. On that day the bank will occupy its attractive, individual building on East Elm street, just east of the Boal building.

With the entry into the new building, a move that is merely another indicator of the steady progress of the local banking house, it is not amiss to reflect upon the history of the Winnetka State Bank.

To Increase Capital

Established in 1909, in modest quarters in the Prouty building, the Winnetka State Bank has developed to the extent where it has become advisable to increase the capital to \$50,000, with surplus of \$20,000.

The bank in 1913 moved into quarters in the Boal building, but soon found that location entirely inadequate and it became necessary to proceed with plans for a bank building of the proportions of the new structure.

Doubles Deposits in Three Years

During the last three years the bank has met with very marked success, the present deposits being double those of three years ago.

The charter of the Winnetka State Bank was applied for by John R. Leonard, George Higginson, Jr., and Victor Elting. John R. Leonard was president of the institution from its establishment until 1920. Present directors are Victor Elting, Carlton Prouty, A. B. Kuppenheimer, Noble Hale and Henry R. Hale.

Henry R. Hale, president, started with the bank in 1909, attended the first meeting of the Board of Directors and was a cashier from the start. During all the years Mr. Hale has not been away from the bank over a period of more than two weeks. He served as cashier and active president since the establishment of the bank.

Beauty and Utility

The new bank combines the fortunate qualities of beauty and utility. Attractive and practical appearing without, it lacks nothing in beauty of appointment and convenient arrangement within. It is the product of Clifford Shopbell, architect, who has built probably 100 banks in various parts of the country.

The building is fireproof throughout and accommodates fifteen employees without the use of the mezzanine floor. Tiled flooring and lower walls of marble lend a distinctive effect. Fixtures and interior appointments can best be described as "the latest word" in conservative attractiveness. The building was constructed at a cost of \$58,000.

The Glen Family Retains an Interest in Winnetka

The Thomas Glen family of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, and recently of Winnetka, have not lost interest in local affairs as may be judged by the accompanying brief communication received from Mr. Glen this week.

"In spite of our being a stretch of about five hundred miles from the north shore, we are still interested in its doings. Would you please forward the Winnetka Weekly Talk to the address on the upper right."

Thomas Glen and family,
13 N. Main street,

Triangle Garage Repair Shops Have New Owners

Matt Borre and Carl Hansen, formerly of the Winnetka Motor Co., have taken over the repair department of the Triangle Garage and are operating under the name of the Triangle Auto Repair shop.

Both Borre and Hansen are expert auto mechanics and promise a very efficient organization.

FULL STEAM AHEAD' AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

All Activities of Community Center to be in Full Swing Beginning Monday

NEW GYM SCHEDULE

Every "Age" Has Place in Community Life

Community House will be ready to begin its winter schedule of work and recreation Monday, October 2. The appended gymnasium schedule shows some changes from last year, and is arranged to take care of the classes as fully as possible, considering the crowded condition of the building and the necessity of putting in the gymnasium other activities than the regular gym work.

The Men's Night continues to be Monday night each week. Tuesday evening is Ladies' Night and the Young Ladies' Gym Class and "Friendship Circle" will have the work as usual. Tuesday afternoons have been given over to First Year High School boys for basket ball. Social dancing for boys and girls will be on Wednesday afternoon and Fancy and Aesthetic dancing for girls on Thursday afternoons.

Gym Classes for Women

Two morning gym classes for women will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 o'clock. This work was found so interesting and valuable last year that in response to requests, two classes are offered this year instead of the one. Mr. Harry Clarke will have charge of this work. Miss Lasier will be at the piano.

On Wednesday mornings the gym will be available for tennis, and those interested in keeping up their practice in the game during the winter will find opportunity to do so at this time.

The classes in English for Foreigners will begin their work in Community House Tuesday, October 9. This work will be under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks Moulton, Mrs. John Fletcher and assistants. The only fee is a membership in Community House.

Working Girls Meet

"Friendship Circle" will begin its meetings on Tuesday evening, October 2, at 8:30 o'clock. There will be the usual gym work for those who wish it, followed by the regular club activities. Mrs. Charles Kreger has charge of this work, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Snyder and Mrs. Harry Clarke. This club is open to all girls working in Winnetka homes and they will be cordially welcomed. The only fee is a membership in Community House. The Winnetka Men's club will hold its monthly meetings and dinners in the gymnasium on the third Thursday of each month.

The new gymnasium schedule follows:

(1922-1923)

MONDAY.
3:45 to 4:30 Small Boys' Class.
4:30 to 5:45 Class in Basket Ball for Boys.
7:30 to 8:30 Young Men's Class.
8:30 to 9:30 Business Men's Class.

TUESDAY.
9:00 to 10:00 Class for Women.
(An extra fee of \$1.50 is charged for this class.)
4:00 to 5:30 Class for Basket Ball, First Year High School Boys.
7:30 to 8:30 Young Ladies' Gymnasium Class.
8:30 to 9:30 "Friendship Circle."

WEDNESDAY.
4:00 to 4:45 Social Dancing—Boys and Girls—Beginners.
4:45 to 5:30 Social Dancing—Boys and Girls—Advanced.
(An extra fee of one dollar is charged for this class.)
Evening, Baseball League.

THURSDAY.
9:00 to 10:00 Class for Women.
(An extra fee of \$1.50 is charged for this class.)
4:00 to 4:45 Fancy and Aesthetic Dancing, Beginners.
4:45 to 5:30 Fancy and Aesthetic Dancing, Advanced.
(An extra fee of \$1.00 is charged for this class.)

EVENING.

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BUSINESS MEN ENTHUSE OVER 'LIGHT' PROSPECT

Thirty Winnetka business men, constituting a representative group of local merchants, met at Community House Monday evening of this week to discuss the question of installation of ornamental street lights in the central business district.

The principal points of discussion pertained to the question of whether the installation of lights should be accomplished by special assessment or through the medium of private subscription. The consensus of opinion favored the special assessment plan.

Village Manager Woolhiser, who had been invited to the meeting, explained the proposition from the viewpoint of the village and promised the business men to draw up an estimate of the cost of an electric lighting system for the business district, as well as for the entire village. Mr. Woolhiser's report is to be heard at a subsequent meeting of business men to be held within a few weeks.

'MESSIANIC HOPE' MEN'S CLASS TOPIC

Three Winnetka leaders are to appear prominently in the discussion before the Sunday Morning Men's Class at Community House this Sunday morning.

"The Messianic Hope that Preceded the Advent of Christ" is the subject matter. Merritt Lum, Dr. J. O. Ely and Theodore E. Brown will present the subject in readings. The hope that grew up from the earliest days of the Jewish faith and the tremendous influence it had on the life of Christ form a tremendously important and interesting study.

Miss Katherine Hamilton, violinist, will give the special program of music.

The entertainment committee of the class is arranging two functions—an outing at Dr. J. O. Ely's camp at State Line on October 7, and an outing or picnic in the Forest Preserve on Saturday, October 21. Men who desire to attend these affairs have been asked to communicate with Burton H. Atwood, 839 Elm street.

The regular Sunday class session begins promptly at 9:30 o'clock in the Neighborhood room at Community House.

SKOKIE YACHT CLUB COMBINES WORK, PLAY

Skokie Yacht club held its first meeting of this school year in the shops at the Skokie school last Wednesday.

The club is entering upon its third year with a membership so large that it was necessary to divide the organization into senior and junior clubs, the senior club comprising the seventh and eighth grade boys.

This year the members are extending their building operations to include marine dry docks, dredges, loading cranes, pile drivers and canal locks. The range of model boats being built by the boys or planned for covers every characteristic type from the log dug-out to the Miss America speed boat. In building and testing out their boats the boys make continual use of the large concrete tank adjoining the shops in the school court.

Officers of the Senior group of Skokie Yacht club are John West, commodore; George Dewar, secretary, and Leonard Happ, treasurer.

Community Players Appear in Three-Act Comedy Soon

The Community Players of the Community Drama club of Winnetka are making preparations for the presentation of the three-act comedy drama, Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh," late in October.

The production was written by Harry James Smith and is said to provide an opportunity for excellent dramatic effort on the part of the local amateurs who have so frequently delighted Winnetka audiences with their capable presentations.

GARDENERS AT DANCE

Expert gardeners will cease their contemplation of the soil and the things that grow therein when the New Trier Horticultural society members swing into line at the subscription dance which the society is giving Saturday, September 30, at the Community house.

CALL UPON VOTERS OF NEW TRIER TO APPROVE BIG BUILDING PROGRAM

Board of Education Issues Another Statement Setting Forth Needs of New Trier Township High School; Taxed Beyond Capacity; School Work Handicapped

Voters of New Trier Township will be called upon this Saturday to render a decision which affects every child in the township who is now, or in the future will be a student of New Trier Township High school.

The Board of Education of the New Trier Township High school asks the electorate of the High school district to authorize at the polls an issue of bonds in the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for an extensive building enlargement program at the High school.

The accompanying article submitted by the Board of Education and in which are explained briefly and clearly the reasons why the voters should favor the bond issue, is the second to appear in these columns. The article commands close scrutiny and study by every voter in New Trier Township.

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

Polling places in the New Trier Township High school \$500,000 Bond Issue election Saturday, September 30, are announced as follows:

Precinct 1. McGuire and Orr's real estate office on Park avenue, Glenoee.

Precinct 2. Horace Mann school, corner Elm and Chestnut streets, Winnetka.

Precinct 3. Railroad station of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company, Kenilworth.

Precinct 4. Village Hall, at Central and Wilmette avenues, Wilmette.

The polls will be open from 1 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PROBLEM

(Second Article)

Every village in New Trier township has its local institutions on which it prides itself, but there is one institution which belongs to every citizen in the township—the New Trier Township High School. Since its organization little more than a score of years ago our High School has established such a reputation as to render it a distinct asset not only to every parent but to every property owner and every voter in the township.

Schools are built and maintained by the people and for the people, and increase of population necessitates enlargement of educational facilities. The time has come when the Board of Education of the New Trier Township High school is obliged to ask the voters of the township to authorize a bond issue of \$500,000 to provide funds for additional building and equipment, to take care of present and future needs. The facts set forth below reveal a condition which makes it impossible to delay any longer.

Villages Awake to Local Needs

Every village in the township has experienced a remarkable growth in school population in the last five years, and in each of these villages either new buildings or additions have already been built or projected, and in every case so far the people have heartily supported this policy. Winnetka has just completed a new building at a cost of more than \$325,000. Three years ago Wilmette built the Laurel Avenue school and has now authorized its Board of Education to issue bonds and to raise the tax rate in order to buy ground and construct another building at a total cost of \$170,000. Glenoee has voted a bond issue of \$35,000 to buy two school sites. The Board of Education of Kenilworth is considering a plan to construct an addition to their present building.

The increase of population which necessitates additional buildings and equipment in these villages affects the High school in the same way, and each of these villages has exactly the same interest in the Township High School that it has in its local schools; for probably more than ninety percent of the children of the township enter the High school. The growth which is experienced separately by the various local school districts is concentrated in the High school. And while these towns have been adding buildings or taking steps to that end, no additions

have been made to the High School plant for ten years. The boys and girls who have made up the increase in the school population of the villages during these years are entering our doors in increased numbers, and they must be provided for.

Tables Show Situation

The following tables, showing the increase in the school enrollment of the respective villages and of the High school during the last four years, reveal the situation better than words.

	Glen.	Kenil.	Wil.	Winn.
1919-1920	500	205	1416	994
1920-1921	550	217	1502	1070
1921-1922	600	226	1613	1109
1922-1923	640	245	1700	1208
High School				
1919-1920	897			
1920-1921	1010			
1921-1922	1187			
1922-1923	1350			

Fifty Percent Increase Yearly

What do these figures show? They show that the average annual increase in the High school enrollment for the last four years is over 160, or a total increase of 53%. This means that, with every pupil carrying a normal load of four studies, approximately twenty-five additional classes have been organized each year; and the indications are obvious that this rate of growth is likely to continue indefinitely. Again, these figures show that from twelve to fifteen extra class rooms are needed every four years, to say nothing of the need of additional physical training, laboratory, and lunchroom equipment.

The capacity of our plant as it now stands is one thousand pupils. Every inch of space is utilized. Two years ago the Domestic Science rooms were made into class-rooms. A year ago one of our four study halls was divided into three small class-rooms. This year the literary room has been cut in two for the same purpose. Class-rooms are in use for overflow study halls. The growth in the student body and the increase in the number of volumes thereby necessitated, has cut down the library space to a point that is intolerable. A similar condition exists in the laboratories and the gymnasiums. The lunch-room is so overcrowded that already it is necessary to curtail the service. In no direction is there room for further expansion. If the increase next year is as large as the average for the past four years, the situation will be well nigh impossible. Efficiency is certain to be lowered, and this of course must inevitably be done at the expense of our boys and girls. The Board of Education is appealing to the voters of the township to prevent this contingency. We are not asking for an increase of the tax rate. We are not asking for a bond issue in order to buy a building site. A little over a year ago fifteen acres of land was purchased—enough to take care of the needs of the school indefinitely if not for all time. This land will soon have been paid for out of current revenue. It is confidently expected that the bond issue of \$500,000 for which we are now asking, will be retired within the time limit of twenty years in precisely the same way.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL,

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