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STATION PARK FOR INDIAN HILL SURE

Legal Obstacles to Realization of Association's Plan Have Been Removed

PLAN MINSTREL SHOW

Membership Drive May Bring Roll to 500

The Indian Hill Improvement Association held its regular meeting last Monday, December 4.

The meeting was the largest this year, about 300 members being present. The enthusiasm and interest being shown by the members this year is a source of great satisfaction to President Cain and the executive committee, and they foresee a bright future of accomplishment if this spirit continues.

Big Membership Roll

The committee on membership made a preliminary report which indicates over 400 total members will be enrolled when all reports are in. In fact, the number may reach 500, as only one-third of the committee who participated in the drive have turned in their reports.

The committee on parks and public improvements reported that the park at Indian Hill station is now assured, all legal obstacles having been overcome.

Describes Proposed Park

George C. Cohan, who designed the landscaping of this park, was present and gave a short talk. He exhibited a diagram showing how plantings of trees were to be made and how the various walks are to be laid out. His plans showed the park as it will appear ultimately when there is a new Union Station for steam and electric roads covering the site of the present stations. He urged planning into the future so that the treatment of the station property when rebuilt will blend with the park landscaping into a harmonious unit. Although the union station is not immediately in sight, it is bound to come and Mr. Cohan explained how it had been possible to make slight changes in the ultimate plan to meet the present temporary conditions.

Mr. Cohan also offered some helpful suggestions about the landscaping of the new Elder Lane park and also the open parkway along Sunset road, and was quite complimentary about the activity of the association in working for civic improvements.

Police Ask Co-operation

President Cain read a message from the Chief of Police, urging the residents to take advantage of his department's willingness to be of service in watching homes when occupants are away. Even though families expect to be away for only a few hours, this service is cheerfully offered.

An amendment to the constitution was read and approved by vote, providing for a certain number on the executive committee and specifying that the president of the previous year shall always serve on this committee. It is thought this will permit the work started in one year to be followed through into the next year without interruption or delay.

Plan Minstrel Show

President Cain announced plans for an all-star vaudeville and minstrel show to be put on by the association early in February. One of the members who has had wide experience conducting such affairs has offered his services and the use of his stage settings and costumes for the purpose.

Much enthusiasm is being displayed in this ambitious project and a committee was appointed to work out details.

Enjoy Musical Program

A delightful musical program followed the business meeting. Piano selections were offered by Mr. Arnold Heaps and vocal selections by Mrs. Isabell Heaps.

There was community singing of popular songs, refreshments, dancing, and the evening was voted to be highly successful.

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SKOKIE PUPILS GIVE TWO PLAYS TONIGHT

Two one-act plays, "The Golden Doom" and "A Pot of Broth," will be presented by a dramatic class of the Skokie school this evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial auditorium. This is the first time that pupils of the Skokie school have attempted to produce a play for the interest of the general public.

Because the dramatic class is desirous of securing new lights and other stage equipment, a nominal admission fee will be charged. Tickets are on sale at the Polly Prim Shop, 809 Oak street, and at the Skokie school. Pupils of the Skokie school visited each of the other schools Thursday morning and sold tickets to those who were interested. None of the seats are reserved.

In "The Golden Doom" 13 children are taking important parts. The players are Mary Libbals, John Milton, Adelia Barrall, Ruth Weil, Henry Brooks, Richard Younker, Jeanette Masten, Louise Conway, Allan Wolff, Earl Hamrich, David Schmid, James Young, and Doris Demling.

The three players in "A Pot of Broth" are James Young, Louise Conway, and David Schmid.

'EAGER HEART' PLAY BRINGS XMAS CHEER

Community Players Arrange Production

On Saturday afternoon, December 16, and Sunday evening, December 17, the Winnetka Community Players will present the Christmas play, "Eager Heart" to the people of Winnetka in the gymnasium of Community House.

Owing to the special restrictions in regard to the presentation of the play it is not permissible to publish the names of those who take part in it. Suffice it is to say that these players are all well-known and talented members of the Winnetka Community Drama Players. They are glad to give their services and to make possible this Christmas offering to the residents of Winnetka. They are playing for love of the work and for the sake of the story which the play tells. It is a tale symbolic of Christmas—with the shepherds and the king, and has also a story of more modern people. The music in connection with it will be rendered by trained voices. These men and women are also glad to make this offering of their talents to this spirit of Christmas. The same beautiful lighting effects will be used as were used in the Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang," which was given by these players last year. There will be delightful orchestral music—a quartet, consisting of violin, piano, flute and 'cello.

Last year the Community Drama Players gave the Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Rang." They are planning to give it again next year, and to alternate these two plays each year at this season.

The play Saturday afternoon, December 16, will be for the children of the village, and will be repeated Sunday evening, December 17, for men and women. There will be no admission charge.

You are asked to keep these dates in mind.

Florida Great Vacation Spot Springer Declares

State representative-elect and Mrs. Lewis B. Springer, of Wilmette were expected home late this week from a tour of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner with friends at the Cocoa House, Cocoa, Fla.

"We are taking a motor trip through Florida which will cover between 700 and 800 miles, writes Representative Springer in a post card communication dated November 30. "The weather is delightful and we are seeing many interesting things, as well as 'eating many oranges.' We will return home the last of next week."

Realtors in Annual Session at Winnetka Monday Evening

The annual meeting of the North Shore Real Estate Board of Suburban Chicago will be held Monday evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock at 556 Center street, Winnetka.

Election of officers will be an important feature of the session. There will be other important business and every member of the board is urged to attend.

BURGLARS ESCAPE IN POLICE CHASE

Patrolman Cummings Opens Fire on Pair Near Morgan Cartier Residence

HEIRLOOMS MISSING

Peterson Denies Burglar Wave Rumors

Patrolman Edward Cummings of the Winnetka Police Department debouched upon his Hubbard Woods night travels Wednesday at 6:30 o'clock by applying his flashlight generously, and trying doors in the Morgan Cartier home at 1415 Asbury avenue, which had been reported to the police as temporarily unoccupied.

Cummings' activity provoked immediate excitement. Two men left the house in great haste, with the patrolman close in their wake. Cummings fired several shots and chased the culprits into the mazes of Glencoe, where they succeeded in eluding capture.

Loss Exceeds \$2,200

Later at the Cartier home it was discovered that upward of \$2,200 in family heirlooms, table silver and jewelry was missing. Cummings maintained, however, that the fugitives did not carry loot. Entrance to the home had been gained by the "jimmy" process, applied to a window.

Contrary to rumors afloat in the village, to the effect that both the Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill sections have been ravaged by thieves in the past few weeks, Chief of Police Peterson declares that there have been but four burglaries and two larceny cases reported to the police in the past three months.

On the other hand, the chief asserts, in the month of November alone, the police found thirty-eight Winnetka homes left open at night when the residents were away.

Reports Unfounded

Rumors of an epidemic of burglary and sneak-thievery are absolutely unfounded, the chief declares. The village has been almost free from such depredations this fall, he insists.

Residents leaving their homes for the evening are requested to leave a light burning and to notify the police of their absence from home. Persons leaving their homes unoccupied for a period of days or weeks are especially urged to advise the police of that fact. The police phone number is Winnetka 5.

SHADES OF SOMEBODY, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

Buffalo Bill, Daniel Boone, Colonel Zane, General Custer, or any other Indian fighter of fact or fiction, never had anything on an unknown Winnetka youth, when it comes to owning arsenals and warlike weapons.

One morning last week the blue coated forces that protect the Village of Winnetka from the misdeeds of "violent" citizens were scouring the wilderness in the southwest of the village in the vicinity of Hill road. Drawn by some unknown force they approached a hollow tree and were impelled to look inside. A shining muzzle of a pistol came to view. On further examination a complete Indian fighting outfit was unearthed.

Included in the spoils was a large, Richardson hunting knife, the blade of which showed signs of recent grinding; a 22-calibre pistol with a ten-inch barrel, manufactured by Stevens; and an old army holster bearing the inscription, "Prairie City, Oklahoma, Ranch 101."

Chief W. M. Peterson, head of the blue coated force that keeps the peace, believes that the arsenal was the property of some Winnetka boy whose mind had become obsessed with the tales of the frontier, and whose weapons would have been confiscated had they been seen around his home.

Dr. Davies Expected Home From Florida Soon, Report

Dr. J. W. F. Davies, associate pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church, and director of Community House, has been in Daytona, Fla., slowly recovering from a recent attack of appendicitis. News now comes that he hopes to be back in Winnetka in the near future.

HEAR OPERA STAR IN CONCERT DEC. 15

Arrangements have been completed for a unique program of music to be given in the Skokie school auditorium, Friday evening, December 15, when K. C. Raclin presents in concert, Alexander Akimoff, basso, and Daphne Edwards, pianist.

Akimoff was formerly a member of the Petrograd Grand Opera company and Miss Edwards, a resident of Highland Park, played with great success with the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra.

The concert on December 15 will be the first of a series of similar musical evenings, it is planned.

Patronesses for the concert include Mrs. William Sherman Hays, Mrs. Louis Kuppenheimer, Mrs. Samuel Sheffield Hutchinson, Mrs. Franklin Rudolph, Mrs. Walter Lytton, Mrs. A. C. Roebuck, Mrs. William Hadley, Mrs. Harry Moses, Mrs. Charles R. Baker, Mrs. H. L. Raclin, Mrs. B. H. Atwood, Mrs. C. H. Younkers, Mrs. Nathan Klee and Miss Olga Menn, Mrs. Ernest C. Van Ammon, Mrs. Aaron Younkers.

Mr. Isaac Van Grove, pianist, will accompany Mr. Akimoff.

Mr. Akimoff will render the following selections:

Aria of Don Basilio "Il Barbiere di Siviglia"G. Rossini
The Plea "Blocha"M. Moussorgsky
Song from "Boris Godounow".....
.....M. Moussorgsky
Varlaam's and several selections by Mr. Van Grove by Beethoven, Mozart and Handel.

ARDEN SHORE BOYS NEED MORE CLOTHES

Winnetkans Invited to Contribute

An urgent call for boys' clothing, including shoes, overshoes, sweaters, helmets and stockings, was sent forth this week by the Arden Shore association, which has charge of the Arden Shore Rest Camp for undernourished boys located at Lake Bluff, Ill.

The request represents an urgent need at this time, according to the appeal message sent to the Talk. A large consignment of such contributed articles is to be sent to the camp on December 19. However, clothing is welcome at all times during the winter months.

Mrs. Marcus D. Richards, 806 Rosewood avenue, has agreed to take charge of Winnetka's contributions of clothing.

Boys at the Rest Camp are brought from the Chicago tenement districts. They are just beyond school age, but physically unfit to assume the essential duties of contributing to the support of their families. These boys are nursed back to health in a remarkably short time under expert treatment and supervision. Each winter hundreds of undernourished boys are given a chance at health at the Arden Shore camp which is maintained by public subscription on the north shore.

Congregationalists in Annual Session Dec. 13

Wednesday evening, December 13, the Winnetka Congregational church will hold its annual meeting for the transaction of business.

This meeting is always important because of the election of officers for the new year, but this year it promises to have a special interest because the church council will present some recommendations growing out of studies which it has made because it foresees that the time is not far distant when the present church plant will be inadequate.

Not only will all voting members of the church be expected to attend, but all interested friends of the church will also be welcome.

Friendship Circle Elects Officers at Annual Meet

Friendship Circle, a club for working girls which meets once a week at Community House for social and recreational activity, held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening of this week.

Miss Clara Hanson was chosen president, Marion Jale, secretary, and Elsie Kisting, treasurer.

The club is planning a party for the near future.

MERCHANTS FAVOR LIGHTING PROGRAM

Ask Village Council to Act Favorably on Lights for Elm Street

COST TO BE \$31,394

Hubbard Woods Merchants May Follow Suit

Practically every place of business in the Elm street commercial district was represented at a meeting at Community House Monday evening of this week, when a report on a proposed ornamental street lighting system was heard, and measures taken to have the plan put into operation.

The meeting, the second within two months, was called by officials of the New Trier Commercial association, and resulted in the appointment of a committee with E. C. Weissenberg as chairman, and including in its personnel R. H. Schell, Gustav Nelson, Sanborn Hale and William T. Wersted, to investigate the matter of selecting the most approved light standards.

Under the plan presented by Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser, the area comprising Elm street from Maple west to Birch; Center street from one-half block north of Pine south to Cherry; Lincoln avenue north to the Community House; Chestnut from Spruce to Oak street, and the other streets in this district will be lighted.

Cost is \$31,394

The estimated cost of such ornamental lighting was given as \$31,394, or approximately \$3.33 per front foot. The total frontage is 9,405 feet. Cost per light standard is given at \$233.54. The number of standards required, placed at intervals of 100 feet, is 134.

Cost of the proposed improvement is to be met by the spreading of an assessment over the property directly benefited, with payments apportioned over a period of five years.

Favorable action on the proposed system was to have been taken at this week's Village Council session, but the matter was not discussed, it was thought, because of the pressure of other business.

Hubbard Woods Figures

In addition to submitting figures on the Elm street lighting program, Manager Woolhiser brought figures covering a similar lighting arrangement in the Hubbard Woods business section. These figures showed a total cost of \$14,775.04, a total frontage of 3,148 feet, a cost of \$4.65 per front foot, and the cost of standards at the rate of \$227.30. The increase in the rate per front foot over that in the Elm street section is due to the fact that a considerable portion of the Hubbard Woods property involved is park land, thus making the obligation of the private owners the greater.

It is planned by the Commercial association to call a meeting of the Hubbard Woods business men at Community House on Monday evening, December 18, to discuss the lighting problem as affecting that business district.

Sons and Daughters Guests at Woman's Club Dec. 28

Sons and daughters of members of the Winnetka Woman's club are to be guests of the club Thursday afternoon, December 28, upon the occasion of Mothers', Sons' and Daughters' Day.

The program of events for the afternoon begins at 3 o'clock, when a group of New Trier High school players will present the play, "A Christmas Fantasy."

There will be dancing from 4 until 6 o'clock. Music will be provided by the Kippy orchestra.

All sons and daughters, over twelve years of age, are invited to participate in this holiday afternoon.

Cigaret Starts Blaze in Automobile; Slight Damage

A lighted cigaret was the cause of a fire which slightly damaged an automobile belonging to T. J. Kelly, 1076 Ash street, while it was receiving gasoline at the pump in front of the F. T. Richardson garage, 724 Elm street, on Thanksgiving morning. The flames also spread to the pump. When the fire department arrived the blaze was quickly extinguished.

A brush fire at 682 Lincoln avenue on November 29 was responsible for the only other trip made by the fire department last week.