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CHRIST CHURCH HAS BIG XMAS PROGRAM

Bishop Charles P. Anderson
Preaches Sunday Morning
and Confirms Class

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Festivities Continue
Through Tuesday

At the service at Christ church, Sheridan road and Humboldt avenue, tomorrow morning, Bishop Charles P. Anderson will be the preacher. This is the occasion of Bishop Anderson's annual visit to the parish, to which the people of Winnetka always look forward with great interest.

Confirmation Service

At this service Bishop Anderson will confirm a number of candidates, who have been prepared and will be presented by the Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector.

Midnight Xmas Service

The usual schedule of Christmas activities in Christ church has been arranged for this year. The custom of holding a Midnight service consisting of carol singing and the Holy Communion, established last year, will be continued. This service will be held in the church on Sheridan road, and will begin promptly at 11:30 Christmas Eve. The music will be provided by a choir of men's voices, under the direction of Mr. Ellis E. Chase, Choirmaster.

Children's Festival

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the children of the parish will gather for their annual carol service in the church. With the lighted tree and the children's voices united in the singing of familiar carols, led by the specially trained Children's Choir, this service has become an outstanding feature of every Winnetka Christmas. At this service the children will present their Advent offering, and will place about the tree their offerings of edibles, which later will be carried into Chicago and there distributed among the poor.

Services Christmas Day

Two services will be held on Christmas morning—the first a Service of Holy Communion to take place in the chapel at 7:30 A. M. The second service will be held in the church at 11 o'clock. At this later service the full choir of the parish will sing.

The children of Christ Church school will gather in the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for their annual Christmas Party. As in the past, the children from the House of Happiness in Chicago will be the guests of the school, and will present a play. Also taking part in the program will be a group of eighth grade children from the North Shore Country Day School, who will present a play written by themselves.

Those who have charge of the arrangements for this party have promised a glorious afternoon, to which the children of the parish are looking forward with eager anticipation.

Beware of Christmas Fires, Cautions Fire Chief Houren

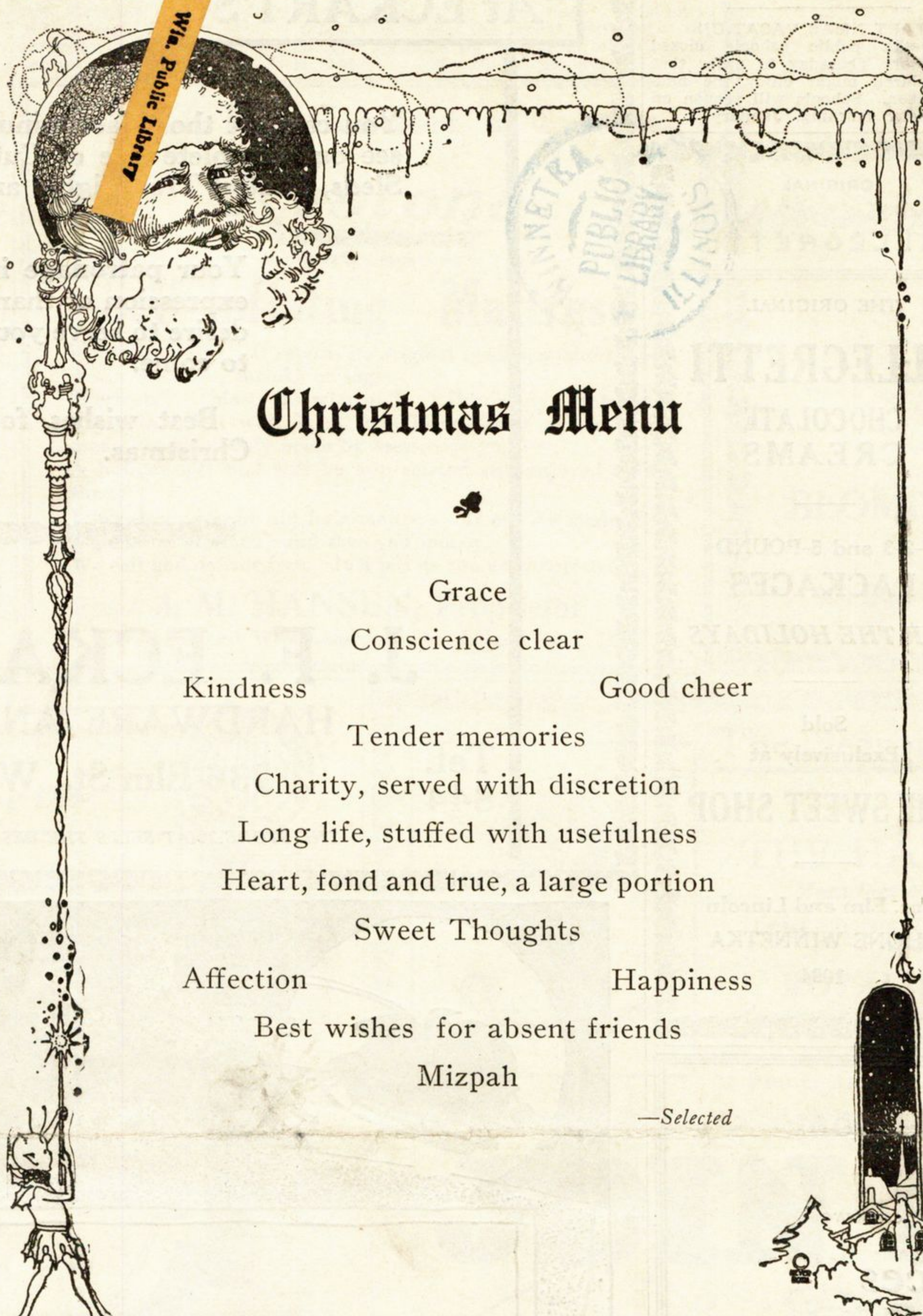
No fires in Winnetka for two solid weeks, and but one call upon the fire department this month up to Wednesday evening, December 20, is a unique record at this season, according to Fire Chief Houren.

"This month has been unusually free from fires," says the chief, "and we hope this will hold true for the holiday weeks. I think it is not amiss to caution Winnetka householders relative to the danger of fires at Christmas time. One particularly dangerous practice is the placing of lighted candles in the windows. When candles are lighted they should be under constant surveillance. Lighted candles are the basis of most Christmas fires."

Sinai Congregation Not to Meet Next Thursday

There is to be no meeting of the North Shore Sinai Congregation at Hubbard Woods school Thursday, December 28, it was announced late this week.

Dr. Nathan Krass, who was to have been the speaker on that date, will be unable to come to Winnetka at that time, it is explained, and it has been found necessary to omit the meeting.



Christmas Menu

Grace
Conscience clear
Kindness Good cheer
Tender memories
Charity, served with discretion
Long life, stuffed with usefulness
Heart, fond and true, a large portion
Sweet Thoughts
Affection Happiness
Best wishes for absent friends
Mizpah

—Selected

CONG'L CHURCH XMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED

The Christmas music at the Winnetka Congregational church on Sunday, December 24, will be given by the Girls' choir, assisted by Mrs. Byfield, soprano soloist; Mr. Snyder, tenor; Mr. Dean, bass; Mrs. Harold E. Knapp, harpist and Mrs. Brewer, violinist.

The church feels especially fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. Byfield as soloist at this time. Besides assisting the girls in their numbers, she will sing an old Breton carol, with the harp for accompaniment.

The special numbers for the harp, violin and organ will help greatly to create the Christmas spirit with its cheer, that it always present in the music at this happy, joyous season.

Our Postoffice Is Doing a "Land Office" Business

Is business rushing at the Winnetka postoffice? Well, rather.

Here's an indication of the bulk of matter coming into the local office almost any day this week. Thursday December 23, is taken as an illustration: Received, 150 sacks of parcel post matter; 15 sacks of letters; 25 sacks of papers.

This is the season when the mail carriers, and the distributing force in the office, merit extreme consideration. The Christmas season means real, hard work to them. An occasional word of cheer will help, too.

Henry Harfst Purchases Real Estate at Ravinia

Henry Harfst, formerly of 480 Sheridan road, Winnetka, has purchased ten acres of lake front property at Ravinia.

The Harfst family now resides at 7641 East Lake Terrace, Chicago.

McGuire and Orr, well known north shore realtors, were the agents in the above transaction.

No Coasting on Oak Hill This Year, Council Rules

One might caption this brief story, "When a Feller Needs a Friend." It's a fit subject for a Briggs cartoon.

The children of Winnetka, and grown-ups, too, who have enjoyed the Oak street "hill" during the winter coasting season, are to be denied the use of the "hill" this winter.

The Village Council Tuesday evening decided that the heavy traffic on Maple avenue made it impractical to close the Oak street intersection.

If necessary, it was explained, the village will be compelled to spread ashes on the "hill" to prevent coasting and avoid accidents.

Oak street hill has been employed as a coasting place for many years. It is a matter of tradition that certain villagers constructed toboggans especially designed to "beat all comers" on the celebrated incline.

Remember: Xmas Carol Sing Is Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve, Winnetka will hold its annual Christmas Carol services on the village green.

Promptly at 5 o'clock Sunday evening, December 24, the villagers will gather about the natural Community Tree on the village green to sing the well known Christmas carols.

None but the old, well known carols will be sung, in order that both old and young may participate in and enjoy the old custom that heralds the Christmas Day.

The Christmas Carol singing is sponsored by all the churches and leading civic organizations of the village.

The Winnetka Carol service dates back to 1914 and never has failed to call forth a large group of villagers.

Remember the time—5 o'clock Sunday evening, December 24—bring along your best voices and ask your neighbors to accompany you!

MASONIC TEMPLE WORK TO BE STARTED SOON

The building permit for the new Winnetka Masonic Temple, to be erected at 708 Elm street, was issued to the Winnetka Masonic Temple association Monday of this week. Preparations for the clearing and breaking of the ground were immediately made and work on the project is now under way. The permit indicated an expenditure of \$76,500.

Permits granted during the last seven days, although low in number, were high in valuation because of the temple. The total value of the three permits issued was \$86,736.

Samson J. Eisendrath received authority to construct a two-story frame residence at 1145 Chatfield road at an estimated cost of \$10,000. A permit for the construction of a private garage was granted Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Taylor, 1078 Spruce street.

Friendship Circle Plans Christmas Party Tuesday

Friendship Circle, the club for girls who are employed in Winnetka homes, is planning a joyous Christmas party for the regular meeting night, Tuesday, December 26, at Community House.

Every member has been requested to bring some inexpensive gift to the party. There is to be a general distribution of gifts as a feature of the party.

Members also have been requested to bring guests.

Aw Gee, They Had to Go and Fix That Water Pipe

Horace Mann Public school pupils enjoyed an enforced and impromptu vacation Monday of this week, when burst pipes interfered with the operation of the heating plant.

Everything was o. k. for Tuesday, much to the dismay of numerous youthful Christmas window shoppers.

APPROVE 'LIGHTS' FOR HUBBARD WOODS

Merchants Favor Installa-
tion of Electric Street
Lighting There

COMMITTEE NAMED

Matter Now Before Village
Council

Hubbard Woods business men, at a meeting Monday night of this week called by the New Trier Commercial association, approved a plan to place ornamental electric lights in the north Winnetka commercial district.

The meeting at Community House brought out a representative group of Hubbard Woods merchants and other business people and the plan, as outlined by an official of the Commercial association, found practical unanimous approval.

Fear Cost Excessive

Exception was taken to but one feature of the proposed improvement. The merchants expressed the fear that the cost per foot would be excessive in view of the fact that considerable unaccessible Park district property is included in the business section. It was the sense of the meeting, however, that, if the stipulated figure of \$4.65 per front foot be maintained as the maximum cost, the improvement would be generally endorsed.

Name Committee

Before the conclusion of the discussion the meeting appointed a committee, with William Aitken as chairman, to meet with a similar committee representing the Elm street business section, in working out a plan for uniform light standards for both business districts. On the committee with Mr. Aitken are Messrs. Dingwell, Wyman, Pappa and Pullom.

Edwin P. Shepherd, of Shepherd and Hovey, consulting engineers, attended the meeting in company with Montague Ferry, a Hubbard Woods resident interested in the proposed lighting project, and made some valuable suggestions. He also expressed a willingness to do the engineering work on a 5 per cent basis instead of on a 10 per cent basis, the figure given in the Village Manager's cost estimate.

62 Light Standards

The proposed lighting system would give the Hubbard Woods district 62 light standards at a total cost of approximately \$14,775.04.

The matter of the improvement, as well as that contemplated and recently approved with regard to the Elm street business section, awaits the consideration and, it is hoped, early favorable action of the Village Council.

Dr. J. W. F. Davies, Home From Florida, Feels Fine

Dr. J. W. F. Davies, associate pastor of the Winnetka Congregational church, returned to the village Thursday of this week after seven weeks spent in Florida, recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Dr. Davies was taken ill early in November. He underwent an operation at the Evanston hospital and, shortly afterward, left for Florida.

"Looking fine, feeling stronger and gaining steadily," was the bulletin received from Community House.

At the Community center the title "Dr." gives way to that of "Chief," an affectionate interpretation of the more dignified term "Director."

Upon his return to Community House Thursday, Dr. Davies found his desk banked with letters of greeting. Among other interesting messages was the following bit of verse, which voices the sentiment of hundreds of Winnetkans:

Welcome

We feel a gentle throb of welcome,
'Cuz the chief's got back.
It's his presence we've been missin'
More'n a month now, lookin' back.

Davies ain't been here to greet us
With his smile an' words of cheer,
Thoughts an' deeds that's made life
brighter
For us folks for many a year.

We don't all show how we love him
In the noisy sort of way,
But our hearts just bump with gladness
'Cuz the chief's got back, I'll say.

—FRANK WHITNEY.