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BALLOT JANUARY 6 ON SCHOOL BONDS

Proposed Bonds to Provide
for Improvement at Three
Public School Buildings

EXPLAIN PURPOSES

Future Taxpayers to Bear
Most Expense

By LAIRD BELL

(President, Board of Education)

A notice was posted last Wednesday of an election Saturday, January 6, to authorize additional bonds for the Winnetka School board. The proposed bonds include the following: For the completion of the addition to the Greeley school, \$18,000. For a 4-room addition to the Hubbard Woods school, \$45,000. For the outside work at the Skokie school, \$13,000.

These purposes all more or less explain themselves. The additional money for the Greeley school is needed because after the original bond issue it was found that by spending this additional money we could build the addition up a second story and have space for 5 rooms and toilet, which can be made ready when needed at very slight additional expense. The plan was modified accordingly. The original issue fully met the work originally contemplated, and the extra money is for this extra purpose only.

Survey Future Needs

The addition to the Hubbard Woods school is, as residents in the neighborhood of the school will appreciate, very much needed. We have had, this fall, a thorough survey made of our future needs, with especial attention to the recent growth of population and its tendencies. Some radical steps will have to be taken in the near future to accommodate the inevitable growth; but, whatever is done, the Hubbard Woods school must be added to. One or two rooms are needed at once, and 4 rooms will be filled very soon. A 4-room unit is most economical to construct. A tentative plan called for an addition on the northeast side of the present building.

For Outside Work

The cost of the Skokie school within the four walls is more than covered by subscriptions, and from the best information we can get will be more than covered by the actual collections upon subscriptions. The bonds proposed have nothing to do with the building itself. There are, however, as everyone who has built a house realizes, many incidental expenses covering the outside work, such as walks, drives, grading, sewer and gas connections. A garage is necessary for the buses and also for the great number of bicycles, for which at present we have no storage space. The garage will cost \$3500 and will pay for itself in a very short time through the savings of garage rents and the time of the drivers going to and from the public garage. The remainder of the issue will not cover the entire cost of the outside work, but represents all that we feel it proper to put out at the present time.

The bonds for the Skokie outside work are to fall due as far in the future as possible in order that this burden may fall as much as possible upon future residents and tax-payers, rather than upon those who have contributed to the school.

Ask Voters' Support

The board believes the issuance of these bonds to be entirely justified and asks the cordial support of the bond issue. Unless these funds can be secured through the sale of bonds due in the future, most of these expenses must be met out of current income, which, under our present circumstances, is almost impossible to contemplate.

Hubbard Woods Welcomes Zick Drygoods Business

G. L. Zick and company, one of Winnetka's leading drygoods concerns that has been located on Elm street for many years, has now established a branch store in the new Aitken Block on Linden avenue, Hubbard Woods.

The firm opened its Hubbard Woods store during the Christmas buying season and reports an excellent holiday business. The branch store specializes in women's and children's furnishings.



1923 Greetings.

*We could not wish you more than this:
Long years of restful peace and bliss
And many friends to love you;
God's blessing on your fireside warm,
Safe shelter always from each storm,
And freedom's flag above you.*

—Contributed.

FAVOR NEW STREET AT PROUTY ANNEX

Citizens' Meeting Endorses
Plan to Cut Through From
Elm to Oak Street

RAILWAY IS ACTING

Improvement Would Eliminate
Prouty Building

Prouty Annex, as the business block facing the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railway right-of-way on the east from Elm to Oak street is called, was the subject of discussion Wednesday evening of this week at a meeting of representative citizens at the Village Hall, called by John S. Miller, Jr., president of the Village Council.

The meeting, called "to consider a question of public policy," voted to endorse the action of the Village Council in planning to establish a street east of the North line tracks and extending from Elm street south to Oak street, an improvement that would cost approximately \$125,000.

In Accord With Plan Idea

The proposed improvement would be in accordance with the provisions of the Winnetka Plan and it is explained that immediate action on the plan is advisable in view of the fact that the North Shore line is now acquiring a strip of land east of and adjacent to its right-of-way along Prouty Annex. The Village, if the plan is endorsed by the Council, would acquire a strip of land east of and adjacent to that acquired by the railway, for the purpose of establishing a street. Acquisition of the two strips by the railway and the village would automatically eliminate the Prouty building and the Prouty Annex business block.

Would Spread Assessment

Cost of the improvement would be defrayed by the spreading of an assessment on the property benefited, as determined by appraisers appointed by the courts, together with public benefit funds in the village treasury. According to law the village is permitted to assess a public benefit tax netting approximately \$11,000 annually.

The improvement as outlined at the meeting would provide Winnetka with another excellent business block facing the proposed new roadway on the east.

Want Through Street

The advisability of extending the proposed street to connect with Wilson street on the south, was also a matter of discussion at the meeting. Such an improvement, together with the proposed extension of Center street parallel with the Chicago and Northwestern railroad to the south limits of the village, would provide through highways on either side of the railway rights-of-way.

"Squash Court" Included in the Building Permits

Building permits issued in Winnetka last week authorize the construction of four buildings with a total estimated cost of \$33,500.

At the head of the list is a permit issued to William Aitkin who will build a \$20,000 two-story, brick veneer residence with garage attached at 639 Hill road. Earl L. Weinstock received a permit to construct a two-story brick veneer dwelling at an estimated cost of \$7,500, at 630 Walden road.

Permission to build a "squash court," a frame structure used for playing the game of "squash," was granted to H. Stanton, 672 Blackthorne road. The court will cost \$3,000. E. M. Jones, 878 North avenue, received a permit to construct a private garage at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

Expect Masonic Temple to Be Completed About May 1

With work beginning immediately on the new Winnetka Masonic Temple at 708 Elm street, members of the lodge confidently expect to occupy their new home May 1.

Several contractors are at work on the site of the proposed building, which is to cost approximately \$110,000.

SAYS 'DON'T DELAY WITH SORE THROAT'

Village Health Officer, C. O. Schneider has requested the Winnetka Talk to impress upon the public the fact that the Village Health department has an antitoxin, almost a cure, for diphtheria provided it is given early.

Dr. Schneider reports a case of diphtheria in Winnetka this week where death resulted because the patient had been suffering with throat trouble three or four days before a physician was called and, although antitoxin was then immediately given, the disease had by that time already progressed too far for the antitoxin to accomplish its work.

"In case of a sore throat do not delay, Dr. Schneider warns, but call a physician at once and if there is the least suspicion of diphtheria insist upon having the antitoxin injected immediately. Its use can do no harm even if diphtheria is not present. A delay of from twelve to twenty-four hours while a culture is being made and examined is not warranted if there are clinical symptoms of diphtheria.

"Antitoxin should be used early to be effective," says Dr. Schneider. "If given late it may do no good."

Hear New Year Sermon at Congregational Church

Services at the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow morning will recognize the passing of another year and look forward to 1923. Rev. James Austin Richards will preach on the subject "The Beauty of Holiness." It promises to be an interesting New Year message.

Dr. Abraham Hirschberg to Address Sinai Congregation

Announcement is made this week that Dr. Abraham Hirschberg, of Temple Sholem, Chicago, will address the North Shore Branch, Sinai Congregation, at the Hubbard Woods school Wednesday evening, January 10, at 8:30 o'clock.

YOUTHFUL CAMPERS IN REUNION DINNER

"Chief" Davies Accorded Great Reception

Happy boys and girls, seventy-seven strong, gathered in Community House Tuesday evening, December 26, for the Annual Camp Re-union dinner. This event is eagerly looked forward to each year by the boys and girls who have been in Mr. Davies' ("Chief's") Camp on the shores of Lake Hamlin, Michigan. They live again the good times of camp, and renew the camp friendships. But it is not only of themselves and of their own good time that they think. They love to do something constructive for others too. This year they voted to send a box of clothing, toys, etc., to one of the families living near camp who is in need of such things. These will be collected and packed immediately.

If radiant faces, lusty camp-yells, hearty singing of camp songs and thorough justice done to a good dinner are any indication of a good time, the occasion was a "howling success." The youngsters voiced their love and welcome to "Chief" Davies in prolonged cheers, to which he responded in a few words touching upon the value of friendships, and an early appreciation of the great out-of-doors.

Caroline Roberts the winner of the highest Camp Emblem last summer (the "I. H. C. Most Honorable"), had the program in charge. This consisted of speeches by some of the councillors and campers, and stunts by the boys and girls. The evening closed with the showing of some camp slides by "Chief" in the viewing of which the group lived over again some of the happy times in camp.

INDIAN HILL ASS'N IN REGULAR SESSION

The regular meeting of Indian Hill Improvement association will be held on Tuesday, January 2, at 8:15 p. m., at New Trier High school.

A good program has been arranged and there will be refreshments and dancing.

A large attendance is expected because of the interest which has been shown in the recent meetings and the recent large increase in membership.

The first rehearsal for the vaudeville and minstrel show to be given by the association was held on Tuesday, December 26. So many members were in attendance and so much talent displayed that a cast of seventy people was arranged. It is probable that several more members who were unable to be present at the first rehearsal will join the cast later.

After the regular meeting and entertainment program next Tuesday the second rehearsal will be held and the various new parts assigned. It is evident from the interest being shown that this event will be the most elaborate and entertaining yet attempted in this section.

'Twere Well to Prepare for That Firemen's Ball

Saturday evening, January 27, is the occasion of the annual Prize Masquerade Ball given under auspices of the Winnetka Fire department.

As usual, the event will take place at Winnetka Community House. The celebrated Vagabond orchestra will furnish the music. You are asked to get that costume ready without delay.

The personnel of Winnetka's fire fighting organization is as follows: Chief, G. M. Houren; Captain, Fred Schwall; Lieutenant, Jacob Smith; Pipemen, Hugh Noble, John Smith, John Anderson, Fred Jocket, William Schultz, Harold Bohnen, George Leichsenring, Arthur Schultz, Herbert White, Carl Braun, Adolph Bucher, John Schultz, William Bucher, Robert Scully and Joseph Schmidt.