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## 1922 BUILDING MARK TOTALS \$2,458,000

High Mark in Winnetka Building Experienced in Past Year

### ISSUE 377 PERMITS

Homes Alone Total \$2,085,000, Report

Evidence that Winnetka is experiencing a steady and uninterrupted growth was brought to light Wednesday when Erwin Dames, superintendent of public works, made public a compilation of the building permits issued in 1922. The report showed a total of 377 permits for the past year as against 314 for 1921, 200 for 1920 and 166 for 1919.

Not only was there a big gain in the number of permits issued for 1922 but there was also a surprising total for the combined value of the buildings erected in the past twelve months. Buildings authorized in the 377 permits represented a total estimated cost of \$2,458,000.

#### Residences Average \$11,500

Out of the 377 permits, 182 were issued for private residences having a combined cost of \$2,085,000. The most expensive dwelling was constructed by Edgar Crilly, 375 Sheridan road, at a cost of \$50,000. The average value of each residence amounted to \$11,500.

In 1922 seven permits were issued for the construction of commercial, semi-public and apartment buildings, said Mr. Dames. These seven buildings had a combined cost of \$281,000. The Winnetka State Bank erected a new building at a cost of \$30,000. Repp's store and office building was constructed at a cost of \$30,000 and two Hubbard Woods apartment and store blocks were built at an expense of \$20,000 and \$40,000 respectively. The new Eckard store and apartment building cost \$30,000, additions to the North Shore Country Day school \$55,000, and the new Masonic temple will be erected at a cost of \$75,500.

#### Building Continues

Building permits issued for the week ending January 3 totaled \$58,300. William Aitken headed the list with a permit to construct a \$20,000 two-story brick veneer house at 639 Hill road. John A. Verhoeven, 700 Locust, received a permit to erect a two story residence at an estimated cost of \$17,000.

Next in line came W. H. Andrews with a permit authorizing the construction of a \$11,000 two-story frame and stucco residence at 255 Myrtle street. A permit for the construction of a garage was also granted to Mr. Andrews. Christy Brown, 351 Ridge avenue, received a permit to build a two-story frame and stucco \$10,000. William M. Crilly, 606 Provident road, was granted a permit to construct a one story frame residence at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

### Men, Women Meet Tuesday to Engage in Bible Study

The Men's Sunday Morning class will hold an open meeting Tuesday evening, January 9, to which women will be invited. This meeting is in response to a repeated request that wives or other women in the families of members be permitted an occasion to enjoy the privileges of the class.

The exercises will be conducted as they are on Sunday mornings and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock with a rousing song-fest led by Wallace Rumsey.

If this attempt to comply with the request that several wives have made meets with a cordial response, it may be repeated in one or two later months during the winter. With this in mind those attending next Tuesday are invited to bring, in writing, suggestions of subjects they would like to have taken up in subsequent meetings. This meeting will be held in the Assembly room at Community House and it is hoped by the class leaders that a representative attendance of the men in the class, as well as of women, may be had.

The regular session of the class tomorrow morning in the Neighborhood room of Community House at 9:30 o'clock will discuss the first lesson in the Galilean ministry of Jesus.

### LEGION AT BURIAL OF JACOBSON, NAVY MAN

Flags at the Village hall, Elm street and Hubbard Woods business sections, were at half-mast Thursday of this week in tribute to Elmer L. Jacobson, seaman in the United States navy during the World War and a member of the Winnetka Post of the American legion, who passed away Tuesday, January 2, at Ottawa, Ill.

Members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion attended funeral services Thursday at 2 o'clock. Burial was at Memorial Park. Rev. James Austin Richards of the Winnetka congregational church conducted the services. A squad of army men fired a volley over the grave and a Fort Sheridan bugler sounded taps.

Jacobson in recent years lived at 769 Linden avenue, Hubbard Woods. He enlisted at the Great Lakes Naval Training station and served faithfully through the late war. After returning to civil life he contracted tuberculosis and was placed in a government hospital at Ottawa, where he waged a valiant though futile battle against the dread white plague.

He is survived by his widow and two small children.

Being too ill to make formal application for membership—though expressing a desire to do so—Jacobson last year was voted into the Winnetka Post of the American legion. The post did splendid work in securing adequate government compensation for the family.

## INDIAN HILL AGOG OVER THAT BIG SHOW

### Everybody Busy on Minstrel-Comedy Event

Further plans for the big Minstrel-Vaudeville-Musical comedy event to be given at New High school auditorium January 29 and 30, were discussed at a well attended meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, Tuesday evening of this week.

"The Jollies of 1923," as the forthcoming entertainment has been termed, is demanding practically all of the leisure time of committees, and the huge cast that has been enlisted from among members of the association. Joe Bren, who has achieved singular success with other Winnetka entertainments, is directing the rehearsals for this ambitious production and, already there is certain indication that Winnetka is to be very agreeably surprised when the curtain rises upon the first scene of the "Jollies."

The entertainment will contain a variety of scenes and there will be numerous acts, including a minstrel show, comedy sketches, song and dance numbers of the revue type, as well as grand opera travesties and other interesting novelties.

Special committees are at work preparing the magnificent scenic settings and costumes.

### Hubbard Woods Youngsters to Have Fine Skating Pond

As a result of many requests from residents of Hubbard Woods, the Winnetka Park board has authorized the flooding of as large an area as possible in the Hubbard Woods Station park for skating purposes.

Because of the fact that this area is underlaid with tile drainage, it cannot be flooded until there is a period of continuous cold weather, officials explain.

Steps to provide the skating pond at the Hubbard Woods location will be taken at the earliest possible date, it is stated. This pond, however, must be restricted to use by children. A larger skating rink is to be provided at the Skokie Playfield in the event weather conditions will permit flooding at that location.

### Police Take Gun From Prospective Celebrant

Fred Matteve, Italian groceryman of Clinton, Indiana, was arrested by motorcycle policeman Hanselman of the Winnetka police force last Wednesday afternoon for carrying concealed weapons. Matteve and a friend had come to Chicago to celebrate New Year, according to Matteve's story.

Both men had been drinking bootleg whiskey and were headed south in an auto when they were picked up by Hanselman. Search revealed an automatic revolver secreted on Matteve's person.

## SCHOOL BONDS VOTE ON SCHEDULE TODAY

Board of Education Seeks Funds to Make Additions to School Buildings

### POLLS, HORACE MANN

Need Funds for Skokie Outside Work

Winnetka voters will be called upon today to vote upon the proposition of authorizing additional bonds for the Winnetka School board, including 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.

The polling place is the Horace Mann school at Chestnut and Elm streets. The polls will open at 1 o'clock p. m. and close promptly at 6 o'clock p. m.

#### Purposes Explain Selves

"These purposes all more or less explain themselves," Laird Bell, president of the Board of Education, stated in a recent article in the Talk. "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 to a second story and have space for five rooms and toilet, which can be made ready when needed at very slight additional expense. The plan was moderated accordingly. The original issue fully met the work originally contemplated, and the extra money is for the extra purpose only."

#### Need Is Imperative

A thorough survey has shown that the proposed addition to the Hubbard Woods school is very much needed, President Bell stated. Considering future needs as indicated by the growth in population, the Hubbard Woods school must be added to at once, it is explained, and a four-room unit is most economical to construct.

The bonds for the Skokie work would have nothing to do with the building itself, President Bell assures, but for incidental expenses covering the outside work, such as walks, drives, grading, sewer and gas connections. Also, a garage is necessary for the school bus and the great number of bicycles for which at present there is no storage space.

Bonds for the Skokie school outside work are to fall due as far in the future as possible, it is explained, so that the greater portion of the burden will come upon future residents and taxpayers, rather than upon those who have contributed to the school.

### Learn Maywood Adopts the Village Manager Plan

Word was received at the Winnetka Village offices this week that the Village of Maywood, Ill., had elected to adopt the Village Manager Plan of municipal government.

Maywood's plan will be modeled after the plan of Glencoe and Winnetka, it was explained.

H. W. Tolsted is president of Maywood.



### Broadcast Your Wants

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### WAHANKA CAMP FIRE IN ANNUAL REUNION

Wahanka Camp Fire Group held a re-union meeting and Council Fire at the home of Mrs. John Marshall Tuesday evening, January 2. Several members of the Camp Fire Council met with them, including Mrs. John MacLeish, Mrs. Arthur Steirett, Mrs. George Gordon, Mrs. E. W. Wortley and Mrs. Hoyt McClain.

The rank of Torch Bearer was bestowed on Jean McClain. This group is the oldest active Camp Fire Group in Winnetka, and has as its guardian Mrs. John Marshall. As most of the girls are of college age or are about to graduate from High School, and it is therefore difficult to meet, it was decided to disband as an active group, but to meet at vacation times or on special occasion whenever possible. The money which still remains in the treasury will be turned over to Community House to be used in some way in the fire place which is to be in the Camp Fire Room in the new addition which is to be made to Community House.

The girls of this group and of all the six Camp Fire groups are planning to make the tiles of the fire-place, each tile having on it the symbol of the girl, with larger tiles on which the symbols of the various groups will be made.

Mrs. Wortley thanked the girls in the name of Community House for this gift, and spoke of the spirit of loyalty and perseverance which had been displayed by the group.

## LEADING EDUCATOR WILL PREACH HERE

Dr. William G. Thayer at Christ Church

Dr. William G. Thayer, head master of St. Mark's school at Southboro, Massachusetts, will be the preacher at Christ Episcopal church, Sheridan road and Hubbard avenue, tomorrow morning at the 11 o'clock services. Dr. Thayer's subject will be: "The Ministry and Theological Education."

St. Mark's school is one of the two or three largest preparatory schools in the United States and no man has had a larger part in the educational life of America in the last 30 years than Dr. Thayer.

Winnetka lays proud claim to numerous graduates of St. Mark's school. Many local alumni of Yale, Harvard and other important schools received their preparatory training at St. Mark's, and it is expected they will be particularly interested in hearing Thayer and renewing acquaintances with the noted educator.

Persons not affiliated with Christ Church are especially invited to hear Dr. Thayer.

### Friendship Circle Plans Many Happy Winter Affairs

A friendly greeting goes forth from "Friendship Circle" to all the girls working in Winnetka homes, and a cordial invitation is extended to them to come to Community House next Tuesday evening, and every Tuesday evening, and get acquainted with the girls and have a happy time with the group, either in the gymnasium or in the club work.

The club meets in the neighborhood room every Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock under the joint leadership of Mrs. Charles Kreger and Mrs. Ralph Snyder, assisted by Miss Rolence. The first part of the evening is spent in the gymnasium for those who wish it, and later the entire club gathers in the Neighborhood room for a friendly time of games, dancing, fun and general sociability. The leaders have planned many happy times for the weeks ahead, and the girls will be glad to welcome any new comers.

### New Eckart Building Adds Beauty to Elm St. Block

J. F. Eckart, senior member of J. F. Eckart and company, Elm street Hardware dealers, has recovered sufficiently from his recent protracted illness to pay brief visits to the new Eckart building now nearing completion just east of the new Winnetka State Bank.

Mr. Eckart is taking great pride in the new structure, displaying interest in the gradual completion of what is to be one of the most attractive commercial structures in the Elm street business district.

J. F. Eckart and company is a long established firm in the village, and friends of Mr. Eckart are delighted to learn that he is well on the road to complete recovery.

## GIRL BANDIT 'BOSS' CLEARS UP CRIMES

Evanston Gang Rounded Up by County Police Admit Scores of Burglaries

### GIRL IN CONFESSION

Elizabeth Sullivan Implicated Big Gang

The round-up this week of an Evanston bandit gang was expected to clear up practically every hold-up and burglary committed in Evanston and New Trier township in the past three months.

Arrest early this week of 21-year-old Elizabeth "Honey" Sullivan, 1952 West Railroad avenue, Evanston, and her subsequent alleged confession to participation in numerous hold-ups and burglaries in north shore towns, enabled the police to account for practically every offense of that character perpetrated during the past year. The raids of the gang included homes of some of the wealthiest families on the north shore.

#### Credit to County Police

Splendid work by Sergeant Davidson of the Cook County police, was largely responsible for the solution of the crimes that have been baffling the police of this vicinity. Assigned to this duty by Major Albert N. Denman, head of the county police, Davidson a short time ago set about, through his men, to win the confidence of girls thought to have been intimates of the thieves. Cultivation of such acquaintances eventually pointed the way to "Honey" Sullivan, who, upon arrest, was said to have given details of scores of hold-ups and burglaries committed by "her" gang.

#### Make Prompt

Information from Sullivan led to the prompt arrest of Tommy Guest and Tommy Gash, both of Evanston, who later were released on bonds after being forced to face charges of implication made in the "jobs" by the girl.

It was expected that by the end of this week the remainder of the bandit gang, including Glen Kenley, T. J. Wohl and others, will have been placed in custody of the police.

#### "Worked" North Shore

Besides scores of Evanston homes, a few business places, and the Howard theater in Rogers Park, the gang is said to be responsible for numerous burglaries and housebreakings in Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and Glencoe. Their hold-up activities were confined largely to the territory west of the north shore, commonly known as the "roadhouse district."

The gang operated with the use of "railroaded" cars, practically all of which were recovered by the police a short time after offenses were committed.

### No Oak Street Coasting; Use Hill on Park Avenue

There is to be no coasting on the Oak street hill.

The Village Council this week definitely decided that in view of the increased motor traffic, it was no longer practical and safe to permit coasting on the Oak street hill.

But, harken further! You are not to lose faith in the oft-repeated assertion that "every cloud has a silver lining."

Winnetka is to have a coasting place. The location is Park avenue, the coasting hill extending from Lincoln avenue on a downgrade to Maple avenue, near the small park known as Sheridan Park. The proposed toboggan will be permanently barricaded and the incline iced and a track cut in as soon as weather conditions make it possible.

The new hill, it is expected, will furnish a fairly satisfactory substitute for the Oak street hill. The Park avenue hill will be reserved for the children of the village.

### Park District Implores Payment of Assessments

The Winnetka Park district has announced that it is very anxious to have assessments on the Hubbard Woods Park and the Oak and Ridge triangle paid as soon as possible, for the reason that, in order to avoid payment of interest on money borrowed for these purposes, the district must secure the assessments without delay. Payment of the assessments is to be made at the Winnetka State Bank.