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GIRL IS KILLED BY FAST TRAIN

Chicago Bound Train Crushes Youthful Artist at Hubbard Woods

COMMUTERS LOOK ON

Seventeenth Victim Here in Ten Years

Another name has been added to Winnetka's "Death Toll of the Grade Crossing."

Miss Helen Hoppin, artist, of Waukesha, Wis., who had been a visitor at the home of her cousin, Mrs. C. T. Moon, 1386 Ashbury avenue, was instantly killed shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday morning when she was struck by a city bound Chicago and Northwestern Express train at the Gage street crossing at Hubbard Woods.

Miss Hoppin, it was explained at the Moon home, was on her way to Chicago Thursday morning to engage in art work she had been doing at Hull House. She was to take a local train at the Hubbard Woods station.

Thought Train Was Local

Driven to the station in Mrs. Moon's car, the young woman, while standing on the west platform of the station a few feet from the Gage street crossing, observed a train approaching from the north. Thinking the train was the one she was to board for the journey to the city, she crossed the tracks. She was struck by the locomotive while crossing over the east tracks.

Two men, who, with scores of commuters, witnessed the tragic accident, rushed to the crossing and carried the lifeless form of the young woman to the Hubbard Woods pharmacy, where E. O. Carlson, proprietor, immediately took charge of the situation and notified the police and Moon household. The remains were later removed to the Scott Undertaking rooms at Evanston.

An inquest was held at Evanston Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Downer Graduate

Miss Hoppin, who was 24 years of age, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoppin of Waukesha, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee. She was a graduate of the Milwaukee Downer college and recently had been doing art work at Hull House, Chicago. She had been visiting for several weeks at the Moon residence.

Thursday's tragic crossing accident follows closely the death of Mrs. James Fentress, who, on February 6, was killed by a Chicago flyer at the North avenue crossing of the Northwestern road. Less than a month ago a Glencoe fruit dealer was killed by a Chicago-bound flyer at the Park avenue grade crossing in Glencoe.

Miss Hoppin is the seventeenth victim of a grade crossing accident in Winnetka within the period of the past ten years.

Confer On Depression

As stated in last week's issue of the Talk, local village officials are working diligently to arrange a feasible plan with Chicago and Northwestern, and Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad officials to hasten grade separation and track depression in Winnetka. The officials have been conferring in this connection for some time and it was reported from an authoritative source that Northwestern officials were preparing to submit a favorable report to the Executive board of the railroad. The North Shore line official, while non-committal in the track depression plan, are said to have intimated the road would fall in line with action taken by the Northwestern road.

Winnetkans are thoroughly awake to the need for measures that will insure protection at rail and street intersections. This week the Indian Hill Improvement association authorized a committee to appear before the Village council with a request to have a subway constructed at the Winnetka avenue crossing of the Northwestern and North shore line.

The Village Improvement association is to deal frankly with the grade separation and track depression problem at its annual meeting in Christ Church Parish House Monday evening, February 19.

The Woman's society of the Congregational church, representing several hundred women of the village, last week voted to submit to the Winnetka Talk the list of people killed at Winnetka grade crossings in the past ten years. This list was prepared they stated "for the purpose of recalling in detail the appalling loss which the community has sustained through disasters in the past ten years and, if possible, by this means, to further the cause of track depression.

WINNETKA PLANS FOR MUSIC WEEK

Hor. Musicales on Week's Program

"Music Week," February 18-25, is to be observed at several special programs on the North shore, according to Mrs. Burton H. Atwood, who is in charge of the week's observances in Winnetka, and interested in promoting similar song gatherings in neighboring communities.

The most pretentious gathering of the week is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 25.

"As a fitting close to the observances of 'Music Week' in Winnetka, elaborate plans have been made for a mass meeting on Sunday evening, February 25, at 8 o'clock," Mrs. Atwood announces.

Various Groups Take Part

"The following groups will meet to take part in a musical program:

- "Choir of Sacred Heart church.
- "Choir of Christ Episcopal church.
- "New Trier High School Glee club.
- "Scandinavian Americans.
- "British Americans.
- "Men's chorus.
- "A Capella Choir of Winnetka.

"Residents of the village are urged to bring their families and enjoy an evening of song together," continues Mrs. Atwood. "Those able to play instruments are invited to assist in playing the familiar airs."

Announce Other Programs

Other "Music Week" programs are announced as follows by Mrs. Atwood:

- Community singing from 7:45 to 8:15 o'clock preceding the regular Little Symphony concert Tuesday evening, February 20 at New Trier High school. This concert occurs during "Music Week."
- Service of Song at the Glencoe Union church Sunday afternoon, February 18 at 4 o'clock. This is to celebrate the opening of "Music Week" on the north shore. The public is cordially invited.

Informal Musicales

Many informal musicales arranged for "Music Week." These will occur in Winnetka homes where friends and neighbors will enjoy old fashioned song fests together.

SPARKLING WIT IN COME SEVEN

"Come Seven" To Be Unusual Production

Sparkling with the most delightful wit, presenting a series of characters that are of special delight because of their very unusualness and the fact that they are true to life, "Come Seven," the negro play by Octavus Roy Cohen, is ready for presentation by the North Shore Theatre Guild on the following dates:

- February 20, Durand Hall, Lake Forest.
- February 21, Woman's club, Evanston.
- February 22, Skokie school, Winnetka.
- February 23, Skokie school, Winnetka.
- February 24, Kenilworth club, Kenilworth.

The Cast

The play is cast as follows:
Rias Nesbit.....Percy B. Eckhart
Elzevir Nesbit.....Mrs. John Marshall
Florian Slappey Perry Dunlap Smith
Lithia Blevins.....Mrs. Dwight Green
Lawyer Evans Chew.....
.....Charles Eastman
Mrs. Lawyer Chew.....
.....Mrs. E. Ashley Gerhard
Probable Huff.....Mr. Freeman
Vistar Goins.....
.....Miss Douglas Whitehead
Semore Mashby.....Mr. Stephen Birch
The Ampico trio, consisting of Carleton Kaumeyer, violinist-director; Edward Weisert, cellist; Eugene Dressler, pianist, will play between acts.

CANCEL PUPPET PRODUCTION

The Provincetown Puppets, which was to have been presented at the Hubbard Woods school Sunday Feb. 18, under auspices of the Sinai Congregation, will not be seen, in consequence of the tragic death of Miss Helen Hoppin, who was arranging the production. The production has been cancelled.

FUGITIVE CAPTURED HERE

Edward Knowlin, a fugitive from justice from Ashbury Park, New Jersey, was picked up by the Winnetka police department last week. He was returned to Ashbury Park.

An Editorial

A monster strides the length of village.

Winnetka is appalled!

Each day we live in breathless fear lest he claim another victim. Claim one of our neighbors, nay, even one from our very fireside.

Last week he claimed a woman as his toll. Snatched her away in the prime of her days.

This week he claimed a girl of twenty-four summers. A girl with a life of rich opportunity before her.

Seventeen human lives have been claimed in the past decade.

Who will be the next victim?

And there will be the next victim, always another victim until the day when every grade crossing in Winnetka is obliterated and the lives of our citizens made safe.

It isn't now a question of placing the blame. Censure of railroad employes may be commendable, but it is not the remedy.

There is but one remedy.

Winnetka must have grade separation. Winnetka must have either track depression or track elevation, preferably track depression.

And, until the day when our Village officials, who are working diligently toward that end, can secure for us grade separation and track depression, let the railroad companies see to it that efficient and mentally competent men are placed at the grade crossings where, with each new day, the insidious danger lurks, the monster stalks for his prey of human life.

Let them make the grade crossings as safe as possible. Let them place two men at every crossing—one a gateman, the other a uniformed crossing policeman under supervision of the police department and adequately paid by the railroad company.

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ISHAM JONES ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT MASONIC DANCE

Radio and cards, and the celebrated Isham Jones orchestra for the dance, is the social card for the Winnetka Masonic lodge and its friends Friday evening, February 23, at the Winnetka Woman's club.

The evening of festivity will precede a day of equally great jollification on Saturday, February 24, when the Winnetka masons will lay the corner stone on the Masonic Temple now under construction on east Elm street.

Friday evening's affair promises to be the outstanding social events of the season in the village. The occasion will mark the first appearance in Winnetka of the world renowned Isham Jones College Inn dance orchestra and the masons and their friends are anticipating "the time of their young lives."

Mrs. Johanna Hoge Was Resident Here 50 Years

Last Saturday the funeral service for Mrs. Johanna Hoge was held at the residence of her son, M. K. Meyer, 829 Elm street, where she had been living during the last years of her life.

At the service Dr. J. W. F. Davies stated that Mrs. Hoge was born and lived on the Island of Rugen, Germany, up to the time that the family immigrated to the United States in 1872. Coming to Winnetka in June of that year, she has been a resident of the village for the past fifty years. She was the youngest and is the last of a family of six boys and one girl. Of her own family of eight children, two sons survive Max Karl Meyer of Winnetka, and Frank O. Meyer of Huntington Park, California. Three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Hoge was in her 79th year.

Burial was at Rosehill.

Dr. R. S. Childs, 906 Oak street, was confined to his home with illness during a part of the week.

NORTHERN GAME FILMS SHOW HERE

Goes to Hawaii For Government

Donald R. Dickey, the man who films wild game in its native haunts, thereby giving invaluable aid to scientists interested in the study of unfettered animal life, is to show his great film, "Game Trails of the North Woods," at Winnetka Community House, Tuesday evening February 27.

Mr. Dickey is coming to Winnetka at the instance of Clark Washburne, who has arranged to have him stop over here on his way to Washington. Winnetka is the only stop for exhibition purposes on Mr. Dickey's trip from Pasadena, Cal., to the national capital, where he is to confer with officials relative to arrangements for a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Guest of Geographic Society

At Washington Mr. Dickey will lecture and present his famous picture before the National Geographic society.

"Game Trails of the North Woods" is considered the most remarkable depiction of wild life ever effected by the camera. The pictures are studies of normal life and habits of big game of the north woods, many of the views having been taken in New Brunswick. Scientists are rejoicing at the prospect of being able to study animals in native habits as the result of Mr. Dickey's remarkable motion picture photoplay.

Commissioned by Government

Mr. Dickey has been commissioned by the United States government to make pictures of wild birds and animals in the Hawaiian Islands.

Tickets for the lecture and motion picture exhibition, of necessity limited to 500, are to be secured at Community House or at the drug stores in the village. Winnetka must have either track depression or track elevation, preferably.

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SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH HAS PROGRAM OF SONG

Members and friends of the First Scandinavian Evangelical church, 886 Elm street, are to enjoy an interesting program of song Wednesday evening, February 21, 8:15 o'clock, given by the choir of the Lakeview Evangelical Free Church of Chicago, C. B. Hedstrom, director.

The program for the evening will be as follows:

- Congregational singing
- Scripture reading and prayer.....
-Rev. Paul T. Seashore
- A Robe of White.....R. Johnson
- Amazing Love.....Mendelssohn-Gabriel
- The Choir
- The Voice of Jesus
- Hazel Nelson
- When Jesus Whispers Peace.....
-Haldor Lillenas
- Glory to God.....Gounad
- The Choir
- When Jesus Calls
- Sermon by Rev. Harry Lindblom
- Nearer Home.....McGrath
- The Old Story.....R. J. Oliver
- The Choir
- Duett....Delphie and Marshall Daniels
- The Great Coronation Day.....
-Haldor Lillenas
- Wonderful Grace.....Haldor Lillenas
- The Choir
- Benediction

Services at the First Scandinavian church on Sunday, February 18, are announced as follows:

Sunday morning combined Sunday school and service at 10:15 o'clock; Young People's society meeting at 5 o'clock; Evening worship at 7:45 o'clock, at which there will be the study from the Book of Ephesians.

The Forty Club will entertain with a dancing party on next Thursday evening at the Winnetka club.

MASONS IN BIG FETE SATURDAY

To Lay Corner Stone of Winnetka Masonic Temple in Great Celebration

START WITH PARADE

Entire Community Invited to Participate

Visiting masonic delegations from far and near will visit Winnetka, Saturday, February 24. The corner stone of the new Winnetka Masonic Temple will be laid on that day, at 2:30 o'clock. This will be an occasion of considerable importance not only to the Masonic fraternity, but to the entire community.

When this beautiful structure is completed, Winnetkans can boast of as fine a temple as can be found in any town of its size in this country.

Whitney Is Chairman

Plans are being made under the direction of general chairman, Miles Whitney to accommodate the largest assemblage ever witnessed in Winnetka. Mr. Whitney, who was also in charge of the plans for the Constitutional ceremonies held at Skokie school last November, says that Winnetka lodge is out to set another record by making this the largest and most impressive meeting ever held in our town. From the glimpse a talk representative had of the plans for the occasion, one is inclined to the belief that Mr. Whitney will accomplish his purpose.

Expect Host of Visitors

The ceremony of placing the corner stone will be performed by grand master, Elmer E. Beach of the grand lodge of the State of Illinois. He will be assisted by a full line of officers from the Grand lodge. The Winnetka lodge will be represented in the ceremonies by its master, Thomas N. Wheatley and the other officers of the lodge. Several short addresses will be made prominent Masons and by officials representing the village and local fraternal and civic organizations. Invitations are going out to every lodge in Chicago and vicinity, also to north shore lodges, Milwaukee lodges and others that are interested in the progress of the new Winnetka lodge. Several of the Milwaukee lodges, who were represented by delegates at the Constitutional ceremonies will also be represented by delegations on this occasion.

Plan Big Procession

The ceremonies will start with a parade which will form at the Horace Mann School at 2 P. M. sharp. The line of march will be as follows:

From the school grounds east to Elm street to the Northwestern station; thence south to Oak street, east on Oak to Maple, north on Maple to Elm and west on Elm to the site of the Temple.

The various units will make up the procession in the following order: Police escort, band, military escort, visiting lodges and organizations, Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons, Master Masons, village officers, council members and officials, Knights Templar escort to the Grand lodge officers, Grand lodge.

Interpret Passion Play Here Tomorrow Evening

An unusual privilege is to be afforded Winnetkans tomorrow evening in the interpretation of The Passion Play, to be given at 8 o'clock at the Winnetka Congregational Church, by Mrs. Clarence F. Swift, with the assistance of stereopticon, and special accompaniment music.

Mrs. Swift has been making a most favorable impression in this kind of work and will show some pictures of the 1922 presentation of the play just imported from England, and said to be unobtainable elsewhere in this country.

A. Spencer, Louise Winter In Musicales February 27

The mission in Alaska, maintained by Christ Episcopal church, will be the beneficiary of a musicale to be given in the Skokie school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 27. On the program is Allen Spencer, well known Chicago pianist, and Louise Winter, soprano.

This musicale is expected to be one month, as an excellent program is being arranged.