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## GENUINE FUN IN 3 LIVE GHOSTS

North Shore Players Prepared to Give Best Production of Their Career

FUNDS GO TO LEGION

You Will View It At Skokie School

You may or not believe in ghosts, but it is certain the "spirits" will be brought quite forcefully to your attention if you elect—as you no doubt will—to attend the performance of "Three Live Ghosts," to be staged at the Skokie school auditorium Wednesday evening, March 21.

The North Shore Players, favorably remembered for their very creditable depiction of "Peg of My Heart," have put much time and study into the production of "Three Live Ghosts." It is an unusual play, calling for unusually effective acting and director Jessie Royce Landis, as dress rehearsals indicate, has succeeded in impressing upon the principals the fact that this production is to be a test of what amateur thespians must achieve if they are to hold the interest of the increasingly critical theatergoing public.

**Swells Legion Fund**  
Getting back to Wednesday night, however, it is important to say that "Three Live Ghosts" is to be something more than a mere dramatic feat. It is to be the pleasant means of swelling the funds of Winnetka's own post of the American Legion.

The Legionnaires are working diligently, in co-operation with Sidney M. Spiegel, Jr., president of the Players, in the endeavor to insure a sizeable contribution to the Legion treasury. It is the disabled ex-service men whom they have in mind, and what more pleasant way could one find to help in a cause that commands the interest of every true Winnetkan.

**Numerous Complications**  
The cast of "Three Live Ghosts" has been considered in previous announcements of the performance. The piece is a comedy in three acts by Frederick Isham and Max Marcin. The story has to do with complications arising from the return to England from a German prison camp of three soldiers, two British and one American, who are legally dead. The plot keeps you intensely interested from the rise of the curtain until the finish.

It is not a melodramatic episode of the late war, but rather, a bit of humor salvaged from the great accumulation of literature borne of the tragic world upheaval. It is brimful of rollicking fun, with here and there a touch of genuine pathos. Critics have termed it the most ingenious and amusing comedy of the current theatrical season.

Any member of the Winnetka Legion will be glad to provide you with tickets for "Three Live Ghosts," if, by oversight, you have failed to receive the invitation through the mails.

## Electric Dishwasher Aids Domestic Science Pupils

Monday morning witnessed the installation of a Walker electric dish washing machine in the domestic science room of the Skokie school. The washer has a capacity of 125—it can take care of the dishes required to serve 125 people at an average meal. It will be used by the girls in "doing the dishes" after the noon luncheons.

Girls in the domestic science classes are learning a new "trick." Every day a small group of girls entertain a small group of teachers at the noon luncheon. Each girl is responsible for one teacher and does all the work required in the preparation and serving of the meal.

Practical experience is the aim of the plan.

## Noted Educators Honor Guests at Smith Home

Mrs. Douglas Smith of Hubbard Woods entertained Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, Winnetka chairman of the Citizens' committee of the Builders, and Miss Edna Dean Baker, president of the National Kindergarten and Elementary College. Carlton Washburne, superintendent of schools in Winnetka, just returned from Europe where he has been visiting educational institutions, was also one of the guests of honor, and spoke and introduced President Baker.

## Shortage of Homes? This Ad Proves It

If you have a nice, comfortable home or apartment, you are privileged to indulge in considerable self-approbation. In other words "pat yourself on the back."

We continue: Last week there appeared in the Talk classified Ad section under the heading "For Rent—House," the following advertisement:

FOR RENT—FLAT IN WINN. over store, 5 rooms, bath, steam heat, hot water, hardwood floors—\$65 a month. Address Lake Shore News, A-109.

The Talk reached the reader Saturday morning. By evening more than fifty phone calls were received over the Talk phone inquiring for information about the flat. The "blind ad" prevented the ad taker from giving out information. Then the mails brought score of letters.

Are you patting yourself on the back? We thought so.

## RIDING CLUB IS LAUNCHED HERE

Plan Ten Mile Cinder Path  
In the Skokie

Wednesday evening of this week, a group of men interested in horseback riding met at the home of H. A. deWindt at 593 Sheridan road and organized "The Riding Club of Winnetka," with the following officers:

H. A. deWindt, president; C. C. Daughaday, vice president; Martin Lindsay, secretary; Howard W. Fenton, treasurer.

The board of directors comprises the officers and Arthur M. Cox and H. Spaulding Coffin.

Although as yet it is too early to give details of the plans of the Riding club, it may be said that the first thing to be done is to lay out about ten miles of bridle paths in the Skokie west of Winnetka and put cinders on these paths so they will be mudless during the wet seasons.

The well known architects, Clark and Walcott, submitted a tentative sketch of a stable to house 24 horses, indicating that the plans of the Riding club are made along broad lines with an eye to the increasing popularity of horseback riding and the future growth of the village.

## New Guinea Missionary, Speaker at Men's Class

At the Men's Sunday Morning class, Sunday, March 18 a part of the hour will be taken by Rev. Mr. Abell, a missionary of the London Missionary society who is working in New Guinea. This is one of the most remote fields in all the world. The natives are wild savages. Yet under the influence of Christianity and the training of Mr. and Mrs. Abell and others like them, these savages have learned to do with precision some very artistic pieces of work that will compare favorably with that done by others with generations of artists behind them.

The lesson of the morning will compare the spirit of prayer and the spirit of indignation as exemplified in Jesus. "These two attitudes are not incompatible," it is explained, "nor is the latter unchristian. If you wish to read a masterpiece of invective read Jesus' words in Luke 1:2."

## Rev. Charles W. Gilkey At Christ Church March 22

Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago, and one of the best known preachers and public speakers in the Middle West, will be the preacher at the final Christ church Lenten service to be held Thursday evening, March 22.

Mr. Gilkey has gained a reputation as a young people's speaker, his services at conferences of young people being almost continuously in demand.

The Christ church choir will provide the music for the service which is to be held in the edifice at Sheridan road and Humboldt avenue. The service to begin at 8 o'clock.

## Winnetka Church Singer Wins In Musical Contest

The Illinois State Federation of Music clubs recently held contests in Urbana for the younger artists of the state, and the first prize among the tenors was given to Mr. Cooper Lawley, tenor soloist in the quartet at the Winnetka Congregational church.

## GUARD HEALTH OF NEW TRIER

Township Board of Health Operates Effectively in Unincorporated Areas

MOORE IS IN CHARGE

Three Town Officers Comprise Board

About a year ago the Board of Health of the Town of New Trier held its first official meeting and was duly organized, according to law. The board, consisting of three of the town officers, Mrs. Gertrude M. Thurston, supervisor, George R. Harbaugh, assessor, and Leland V. Pierson, clerk, is created by statute, and is given general power and jurisdiction over the health and sanitary conditions throughout the unincorporated portions of the town.

Prior to the organization of the board, New Trier had never had any regulations or requirements on matters of this kind, although the statute authorizing the board has been in force since 1901.

**Moore In Charge**

Dr. E. E. Moore, well known health commissioner for the Village of Wilmette, was appointed health commissioner for the town, and has served in that capacity to the present time. The importance of such an organization as this one is becoming greater and greater to the villages and citizens of the town, in view of the rapid growth and development of the portions lying to the west of the villages. At the time of the board's organization in 1922, several contagious diseases were prevalent in the town, and means were at once taken to check their spread and efficient work on the part of Dr. Moore halted their increase before an epidemic stage had been reached. One of the things the board has had in mind particularly has been the betterment of the sanitary conditions at the country school on Thalmann road.

At a recent meeting a comprehensive set of rules and regulations were adopted by the board, and copies thereof may be obtained from Dr. Moore at the Wilmette Village hall. These rules will be distributed to all physicians practicing in the villages and the town, and it is hoped and expected that the residents of the town will co-operate with the health commission in complying with the stipulated requirements.

## Village Lighting Plant Wins Fight With Storm

Last Sunday night's terrific storm gave Winnetka's municipal lighting system its most severe test, and the system "stood up nobly" under the pressure of the winds, snow and rain.

Lights were out in the village for about an hour between 2 and 3 a. m. Monday, but there was no general interruption of service. Chicago and surrounding suburban communities suffered several hours of darkness.

Winnetka's fortunate escape from prolonged inconvenience was explained by village officials by the fact that the local system is without the transmission lines, essential to the public service utilities. This proved a great advantage to the village.

## Provincetown Puppets Show In Winnetka on March 18

The Provincetown Puppets are to appear at the Hubbard Woods school auditorium Sunday afternoon, March 18, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the North Shore Branch Sinai Congregation.

The puppets will be directed by Miss Emily Edwards of Hull House, Chicago, and the productions to be given are of especial interest to children. There is to be music with the plays.

## GIFT OF DISTILLING PLANT

A new water distilling plant, manufactured by the Jewell, Poler company, was installed in the science laboratory of the Skokie school last Monday. The plant is the gift of A. C. Jewell of Winnetka. Mr. Jewell is the president of the Jewell, Poler company.

## BRITISH CLUB FROLIC

The North Shore British club is to hold a Hard Times party at Winnetka Community House Wednesday evening, March 21.

## RETURNS TO DESK

Village Manager Woolhiser was back at his desk this week following an absence of several days because of illness.

## Bob Invites Dan To Help Angle Sardines

Once upon a time Daniel Boone Noe, Winnetka Village Purchasing agent, went angling and subsequently told his friends of the big catch the fish-warden made when Dan'l was apprehended minus the essential license.

Since that time, at annoying intervals, a certain "Bob" of Los Angeles, who happened to read about it in the Talk, recalls the incident by calling upon the V. P. A. to hie himself to the climes where fish abound and warden's do not molest.

This week the Talk received a portion of a Los Angeles daily containing a story headed "Sardines in Shimmering Tons in San Pedro Nets." The mysterious Bob, in penciled reference, calls out to Dan, "Yoo Hoo, C'mon over'n fish." Heh, heh, and several more heh, hehs.

## VILLAGE ACTS ON 'CROSSINGS'

Engineer Named to Report  
On Better Protection

The Winnetka Village council this week employed Elmer B. Tolsted, consulting safety engineer of Chicago, to investigate and report on proper protection of grade crossings in the village. The appointment is in line with the determination of village authorities to provide adequate protection across railroad right of ways, pending the realization of Track Depression.

The engineer's report will be used as a basis for the village's negotiations with the Chicago and Northwestern and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroad officials toward securing protection at grade crossings.

In this connection it is interesting to note that a conference was held Tuesday evening of this week at the offices of Windes and Marsh between the Track Depression committee of the Village council and representatives of the Engineering department of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. Details of the proposed Track Depression were discussed.

## Commercial Association Holds Dinner March 19

New Trier business and professional men will dine at the Robinson restaurant in the Metropolitan building at Wilmette Monday evening, March 19, the occasion being a dinner-dance to be given under auspices of the New Trier Commercial association. The women will be honor guests.

The restaurant contains a splendid dance floor and the Vagabond orchestra, under the direction of Earl "Duke" Bigelow, will furnish the jazz fantasies interspersed with the old time waltz and two-step.

Reservations for the dinner are to be made with Miss Ruth Forberg, office secretary of the association, by phoning Wilmette 63.

## Mountaineer Boys Speak At Skokie School Soon

Two boys from the Caney Creek Community center, located in the mountains of Knox county, Kentucky, are coming to the Skokie school to tell Winnetka school children about the Christmas celebration which the Winnetka toy shop enabled the center to give to the children of Caney Creek. Incidentally, they will tell of the life in the mountains and of the lack of educational institutions which is hindering their development.

Christmas was the first time that many of the Caney Creek girls had seen a real doll says a letter from the leader of the center. At Caney there are more than 100 girls who, up to Christmas, had never had anything but a "Shucky doll," a doll-made of corn husks.

## Tut's Countrymen Hold Interest of Fifth Grade

Miss Mary Payne, instructor in science in the Winnetka public schools, and Miss Edna Cleveland, teacher of the fifth grade in the Horace Mann school, took that grade on a trip through the Field Museum of Natural History, Grant Park, Chicago, Wednesday afternoon, March 14.

The children were keenly alive to all they saw, but evinced particular interest in the Egyptian mummies.

## WOMEN TO LEARN ABOUT VILLAGE

League of Women Voters to  
Conduct Symposium on  
Village Government

MEETING ON MARCH 28

Would Encourage Interest at  
Polls

The Winnetka League of Women Voters are most desirous of presenting to the public, especially to the newly-enfranchised women, a comprehensive view of the different phases of the Village government and its workings. At the last Village election only 82 people voted. Even when the fact that no opposing ticket was up and that there were no great issues at stake are discounted, this number is counted disgracefully low. The reason must be, they reason, that the people are quite unconscious of their duties as citizens and that they have a very meager understanding of the organization of their Village government and all its ramifications.

The Winnetka League of Women Voters have selected a committee, with Mrs. William G. Hibbard as chairman and Mrs. Walter Fisher as vice-chairman. This committee will conduct a symposium on the government of the Village of Winnetka, at the Winnetka Woman's club, Wednesday, March 28, at 3 o'clock, taking it as a model Village, with its organization, its plans, its achievements and its ideals. The object is to spread enthusiasm concerning the administration of the business of the Village and to help the public more clearly comprehend just what that business entails, so as to bring home to the people just how important their government is. No matter how excellent a government is, if interest in it is bound to disintegrate, and the best way to keep the government good is to stimulate the interest of the citizens in it.

This symposium which this committee has in mind will include talks graphically illustrated by charts, given on the following subjects by the following people:

1. Protection, including Fire and Police—given by Mrs. Theodore Brown.
2. Public Works, including street-cleaning, bathing-beaches, etc.—given by Miss Montagriffle.
3. Schools—given by Mrs. James Porter.
4. Libraries—given by Mrs. Edgar Stanton.
5. Track Depression—given by Mrs. William D. McKenzie.
6. Water Filtration—given by Mrs. Emmons Blaine.
7. Taxes and Finance—given by Mrs. Howard Phillips.
8. Health, including quarantines and waste disposal—given by Mrs. Charles T. Mordock.
9. The Winnetka Plan, including the Zoning Ordinance and Village Hall—given by Mrs. Raymond E. Durham.
10. Franchises, including telephone, gas, and electric railroad—given by Mrs. Ernest S. Ballard.
11. Light—given by Mrs. M. J. Blair.
12. An election chart, showing the names of the candidates and their duties, and general statistics about election—given by Miss Gemmill.
13. Parks—given by Mrs. Seward Simons.
14. A general chart showing the relation of all these parts—given by Mrs. Cushman.

The charts will ably illustrate the points to be made. They will carry constructive criticism, making suggestions as to what may be done, giving in many instances the cost of various departments and the sources of income in every instance, and showing improvements that may be made in various departments. There will also be lantern slides shown.

The Winnetka League of Women Voters is making a great effort to help educate the public along these lines. They firmly believe that it is only through a process of deliberate and consistent education that the public may be made to realize the vast possibilities towards a more peaceful and well-ordered life through loyal and sympathetic support of their government. It is hoped that this opportunity to learn more about our government may be embraced by as many as possible.