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## SCHOOL BOARD VOTE SATURDAY

### Ernest S. Ballard Is Candidate to Succeed President Laird Bell

### BELL GREAT LEADER

### Administration Is Record of Achievement

Saturday, April 14, is the date of the annual Winnetka School board election when three candidates will be voted upon by the citizens of the school district.

Ernest S. Ballard, 1229 Hampton-dale road, and one of the best known civic leaders in the community will be candidate for president of the Board of Education to succeed Laird Bell.

Mrs. William Brooks Moulton, 1161 Pine street, and Mrs. Nat H. Blatchford Jr., 844 Auburn road, are candidates for members of the board to succeed Mrs. John Olmsted and Frank Fowle.

#### Candidates Well Known

These candidates, it is generally known, are exceptionally well qualified to direct the destinies of the Winnetka Public schools. They are so well known as to require no introduction to Winnetka voters.

The School Board election is especially significant this year in that it marks the termination of the administration of Laird Bell, the man who accomplished the seemingly impossible in effecting the establishment of the beautiful Skokie school on west Elm street.

#### Proves Great Leader

An able executive in any circumstances, Mr. Bell's great powers of leadership were first demonstrated when he launched the fight for the Skokie site for a public school. Battling against odds, with many of the village's most prominent residents with the opposition, he achieved his first great victory when the voters approved the west Elm street site in one of the most bitterly contested elections in the history of the village.

That however was merely the beginning of the herculean task. In the succeeding months we find this great leader directing a fund campaign unique in school annals.

It was a daring project, but Winnetka's citizenry, imbued with the undaunted spirit of this man, arose to the situation and brought into reality a public school achieved entirely by public subscription.

Fund campaign followed fund campaign until the necessary amount of money to make possible the school was realized.

#### Community Achievement

Already, Mr. Bell's dreams of a school and community assembly place are being realized for, in addition to a modern school house, equipped to take care of every modern educational requirement, there is the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, the scene of dramatic effort, concerts and numerous groups and community-wide gatherings.

In the candidates selected to be voted upon at the April 14 election, Winnetka is assured of a continuation of the lofty ideals and social business principals that were all the basis of Laird Bell's record of achievement.

### Announce Public Hearing On North Winnetka Tract

The Board of Appeals on Zoning announces a public hearing to be held in the Council chambers at the Winnetka Village hall Monday evening, April 16, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Zoning ordinance with reference to the property lying between Center street and Linden avenue south of North avenue in Hubbard Woods, which territory the amendment proposes shall be reclassified as "C Commercial."

A detailed announcement of the hearing and description of the property in question is found on another page of this issue.

It is regretted that the Winnetka Weekly Talk failed to give notice in its news columns of a public hearing a few weeks ago. This circumstance was brought about by the fact that the legal notice arrived in the offices of the Talk too late to permit of comment in the news columns.

## 124 VOTERS TURN OUT AT VILLAGE ELECTION

Election day was quiet in Winnetka. In a general village election only 124 turned out to cast their ballots. Those who did vote performed a dutiful act because there was no contest for any of the village offices and the vote was purely complimentary.

John S. Miller Jr. was re-elected village president without opposition. He and Byron A. Nelson, elected police magistrate, received the highest number of votes awarded to any of the candidates—124.

The official results of the election follow:

Village president, John S. Miller, Sr., 124; trustees, John D. Pierce, 120, Edwin E. Brown, 123, Jerome N. Frank, 121; village treasurer, William E. Davis, 123; Marshal and collector, Theodore Flynn, 121; police magistrate, Byron A. Nelson, 124; library trustees, Paulene Rudolph, 120, Edward R. Lewis, 120.

## CAMP FIRE DOES TODAY'S BAKING

### Food Sale Begins at 10:30 This Morning

Winnetka housewives may omit the usual Saturday's baking, today. Let the Winnetka Camp Fire Girls do it!

Beginning at 10:30 o'clock this morning in Community House, they will have on sale delicious homemade bread, biscuits, pies, cakes, cookies and good things—all the work of their own efforts.

The previous Camp Fire Food sales have demonstrated the fine ability of the girls in this line.

#### Pride in Cooking

Camp Fire stands for the home and for encouraging skill and interest in every day matters. The girls take a pride in cooking appetizing and wholesome food. Camp Fire honors will be awarded the groups having the most attractive food display, and to those registering one hundred percent in effort, as well as to each girl who has made something for the sale.

The money earned will be used largely for the Camp Fire room in the new Community House addition. But the results mean more than this—they mean an investment in effort and ability on the part of these girls.

The general chairman of arrangements is Mrs. Lawrence M. Janney, assisted by Mrs. Wallace W. Chickering. The judges are Mrs. Arthur Sterrett, Mrs. David Kennicott, Mrs. Harry Clarke and Mrs. John R. Montgomery.

The sale opens at 10:30 o'clock. If unable to come early, prospective buyers may phone orders to be held until 12 o'clock, noon.

### Largest Residence Sale of Season Made This Week

The property at the north west corner of Ash street and Sheridan road, Winnetka formerly the home of J. G. Kellogg, has been purchased by F. C. Honnold of 7220 Sheridan road, Chicago. As Dr. F. C. Honnold he was prominent in the medical profession and very active in service during the World war. Later he retired from his profession and established the Honnold Coal company, of which he is president.

The above sale represents the largest residence sale in Winnetka or vicinity this spring.

McGuire and Orr acted for the purchaser, negotiating for the reported price of \$68,000.

### Local Girl Has Title Role in College Drama

Miss Helen English, daughter of Mrs. W. R. English, of 375 Hawthorne lane will have the part of Sleeping Beauty in the annual French Club play, "LaBelle Bois Dormant," by Maurice Boucher to be given at Rockford college on the evening of April 23. The play is the dramatization of the old fairy tale, The Sleeping Beauty.

### POSTPONE "GRADE" MEETING

A joint meeting of the Grade Separation committees of the Villages of Winnetka and Glencoe, scheduled to be held this week, was postponed because of the absence from the village of William D. McKenzie, chairman of the Winnetka committee. The meeting will be held at an early date.

### Strayed: 3 Cross-cut Saws Notify Our Bert

Bert Blow, excavator extraordinary, is plumb mad.

Everything is perfectly lovely in the business line, sure enough, but Bert has one glaring fault; or, is it a virtue?

Bert simply cannot resist the pleading of a borrower.

In the war days when the Winnetka Home Guard was doing its stuff in this vicinity Bert loaned the company two brand new, two-man cross-cut saws as his contribution to a wood-sawing bee. Bert hasn't seen the saws since.

Two months ago Bert loaned another of those cross-cut saws to—let's see, who was it? Oh yes, Bert forgot the name. Goodbye cross-cut saw.

"I'd like to get 'em back" Bert wailed to a Talk news snoopster this week, "Won't you please help me?"

Here's our contribution, Bert. Hope the saws come back.

### GUARD RUBBISH FIRES, CITIZENS ARE WARNED

Careless supervision of burning rubbish was responsible for nine runs made by the Winnetka Fire department last week. Six of these rubbish fire trips were made on one day, Monday, April 2.

In almost every case in which the department was called out it was found that people had been careless or neglectful in the burning of rubbish gathered in the spring cleaning. The situation has become so bad that circular letters asking residents to exercise proper caution are being sent out to householders by village officials.

Answering rubbish fire calls, the department made trips last week to 555 Arbor Vitae road, Woodland and Sunset, 265 Poplar street, 1030 Hubbard lane, 1145 Laurel, 1324 Asbury avenue, 1194 Fig street, 44 Indian Hill road, 721 Lincoln avenue, 847 Ash street, and 369 Ridge avenue. A rubbish fire started behind the coal and wood sheds of the E. C. Wissenberg Coal company caused a fire which for a time threatened to get beyond control although it was finally put out with little loss.

Sparks from a chimney started a blaze on the roof of the house occupied by G. J. Nickles, 140 Bertling Lane, last Saturday. The fire was extinguished before any damage had been done.

### Scandinavian Church to Hold Special Services

Special meetings are arranged for the First Scandinavian Evangelical church, 886 Elm street, during the period, April 10-22 to be conducted by the Rev. Harry Lindblom, pastor of the Lakeview Free church of Chicago.

Meetings are to be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock, and on Sundays at 4:30 and 7:45 o'clock. There is to be special music and the services will be in the English language.

The order of the Sunday services at the church follows:

Sunday school ..... 10:15 a. m.  
Morning sermon ..... 11:15 a. m.  
Young People's meeting ..... 5 p. m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:45 p. m.  
Monday—Young People's Bible study ..... 8:15 p. m.

## Save time

and money by looking in the

### Classified Ads

for people who want to rent homes. Read the ad below:

WANTED—A HOUSE, 6 OR 7 rooms in Winnetka, by May 1, will lease for one or two years. Willard W. Beatty, Skokie School. Phone Winn. 850.

## MOUNT HOLYOKE HEAD SPEAKS HERE APRIL 11

Dr. Mary E. Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke college, will speak at the Skokie school Wednesday evening, April 11. This is an open meeting of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association. All residents of the village are invited to attend.

Mount Holyoke college, the pioneer institution in America for the higher education of women, was founded by Mary Lyon as Mount Holyoke Female seminary in the year 1836, but was changed to Mount Holyoke college in 1893. Dr. Woolley left Wellesley college to be its president and under her wise and inspiring guidance the school has taken its place among the leading educational institutions in the country.

The Parent-Teacher association hopes the residents of the village will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Dr. Woolley.

## WEST RESIDENTS IN CIVIC GROUP

### Plan Co-operation in Advancement Programs

Another civic body came into being this week in the formal organization Monday, April 2, of the West Winnetka Improvement association. An organization meeting held at Community House was attended by 53 representative citizens who have their homes "west of the tracks."

#### Wallace Is President

Displaying an enthusiasm that augurs well for the future of the association, the meeting proceeded without delay to the election of officers, choosing Robert H. Wallace, 1083 Cherry street, as president. With Mr. Wallace were elected, Mrs. Carl J. Easterberg, vice president; Clifford Baugh, treasurer, and Sidney Well-beloved, secretary.

A committee on Constitution and By-Laws was chosen with Joseph E. Winterbotham, chairman, Charles Sommers, Edwin J. Thompson, William J. Carey and Darrell S. Boyd, members.

#### Plan Membership Drive

The association plans an immediate membership campaign to be conducted through the expedient of an intensive house-to-house canvass of the west section of the village. A 100 per cent membership is confidently anticipated.

A second meeting of the association is scheduled for Monday, April 16, at Community House at 8 o'clock.

The association will have the purpose of looking after the interests of the residents in the territory west of the tracks. Far from assuming a dictatorial or antagonistic attitude, the association plans to co-operate in every way possible with the village officials for the advancement of the interests of not only the territory in question but of the community as a whole.

### New Ordinance Demands Weed Cutting on Vacant

At the meeting of the Winnetka Village council this week an ordinance was passed regulating the growth of weeds on vacant property, requiring that owners, tenants or other persons responsible shall keep weeds cut not to exceed a height of ten inches, within 200 feet of any residence.

The purpose of this ordinance is two-fold, it was explained. In the first place it is in the interest of fire protection, the prevention of the spread of fires. Secondly, the enforcement of the ordinance will have the effect of generally improving the appearance of vacant property in the village.

### North Shore Gas Company Stockholders Get Checks

Holders of the seven percent preferred stock of the North Shore Gas company are receiving checks this week in payment of the quarterly dividend ending April 1.

It is interesting to note in this connection that Lester Price, formerly district manager of the company at Winnetka, has been made assistant general manager with headquarters in Winnetka. Mr. Price is well known in the village and has made an enviable record in his work in the Winnetka offices of the company.

Tom Clark of Highland Park succeeds Mr. Price as district manager.

## GROUP HOMES IN OUR NEW 'HOUSE'

### Community House Provides Rooms for Legion, Scouts Camp Fire

### ADDITION UNDERWAY

### Enlarged Structure to Have a Special Movie Hall

The Governors of Community House have accepted final plans, drawn by Arthur S. Coffin, architect of the original building, and have let a general contract for the construction of the addition to Charles Secord of Pullman, Illinois. The figure is close to \$60,000.

Ground is being cleared to the west of the present structure and real work will be under way in a short time. The governors confidently expect that they will be able to welcome the public in the new building on October 1, 1923.

The plan indicates a one-story addition throughout, with the exception of the center room, where a moving picture projection booth will be placed. The new portion extends 159 feet west from the west wall of the present building and is about 118 feet north to south.

Entering the House on the east, one will look straight west down a spacious hallway to the doors of the new center room. The present kitchen is thrown into this hall. The new kitchen, flanked by pantries for serving the present Assembly room and the new center room, is at the right, where, also, stairs will lead to the basement. At the left are to be women's rooms and a large cloak room.

#### Large Meeting Room

The main or center room is intended for large gatherings, dances, dinners, lectures, theatricals, mass meetings, etc. It is 65 by 50 feet, nearly as large as the present gymnasium. At the west end is a stage, having an arch 25 feet in width, and a depth of nearly 30 feet. This affords ample facilities for dramatic enterprises of all kinds. This room is lighted entirely by an overhead skylight and has ample height. The moving pictures will be shown in this room, instead of in the gymnasium as at present.

A lobby and exit are provided on Pine street, and there are seven different doors in this room. To the west is a corridor running the length of this part of the building, and leading to the other main rooms. These are the American Legion room, 43 by 26 feet; the Triangle club room, 32 by 25 feet; the Camp Fire Girls' room, 39 by 22 feet; the Scout room, 35 by 21 feet; and the International room. The first four have large fire places, and the Legion room will have a small office and a separate toilet and coat room. A separate, outside entrance will also be provided for this room.

The building will be of substantial brick and masonry construction, and will be essentially fireproof. The basement is to contain a central heating plant, from which all Community House and the church, as well, will be heated.

The new addition will do away with badly overcrowded conditions in the present building. It will provide permanent homes and congenial environment the American Legion, the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls, where the proper atmosphere may be established and kept up for the best development of these groups. It will free the gymnasium two nights in the week for strictly gymnasium work, and it will give all the growing groups and clubs an opportunity for greater comfort and expansion.

#### To Have Foreign Exhibits

In the International room director Davies has plans for a permanent display of exhibits from different countries, giving an idea of the life and handiwork of each people. The educational value of this with children should be great.

The director, the governors and staff are much elated in knowing that the new building is actually under way. The demands upon the House during the present season have been larger and more continuous than ever before. It is with relief and pleasure that they look forward to next fall, when the new structure will enable them to serve the community more adequately and to foster more surely the Community House spirit.