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FUND GRANT FOR SKOKIE SCHOOL

Second Commonwealth Fund Grant Given to Study Individual Instruction

EMPLOY TWO EXPERTS

Will Study Results of Winnetka System

For the second time in the history of the school, Skokie has been given a grant from the Commonwealth fund of New York. The sum of \$3,500 has been placed at the disposal of the school for the investigation of the results of individual instruction, according to an announcement by Superintendent Carleton W. Washburne this week.

In commenting on the grant, Mr. Washburne said, "It is significant that this is the second time that Skokie has had such a grant from the Commonwealth fund. As a rule this fund is reserved for use by universities and other schools of higher education."

Fund Use Divided
Of the \$3,500 secured by the grant, \$2,000 will be employed for the services of a special research worker, \$1,000 will provide for an extra clerk, and \$50 will be used to obtain an outside expert to advise with Mr. Washburne in planning the nature of the work. It is probable that Miss Mabel Vogel will be employed as the special research worker. Miss Vogel has studied at the San Francisco State Normal college and at Columbia university, and has taught in the schools of San Francisco, Hawaii and Winnetka. She had additional opportunity to study the results of individual instruction in European schools last winter, when she toured the continent with Mr. and Mrs. Washburne.

The outside expert, who will advise with Mr. Washburne in planning the course, will probably be William S. Gray, dean of the College of Education at the University of Chicago.

Make Statistical Check
Mr. Washburne asked for the grant some months ago in order that the advantages of special instruction which Winnetka children enjoy might be checked statistically and compared with the results obtained at other institutions in other cities.

"We hope to show," he said, "that without loss in efficiency in the common elements, individual instruction makes it possible for Winnetka children to get more specialized instruction than public schools can usually give."

Chicago Pastor Speaks At Scandinavian Church

Rev. William McCarrer, of Chicago, will be the preacher at special service to be held at the First Scandinavian Evangelical church, 886 Elm street, Sunday afternoon, May 27, at 4:30 o'clock.

Other services at the church as announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Paul T. Seashore, are as follows:

Sunday school at 10:45 A. M.
Sermon by pastor at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Monday evening, Bible study at 8:15 o'clock.

Wednesday evening, Swedish service at 8:15 o'clock.

Girls' Friendly Drama To Be Mission Benefit

The Girls' Friendly society of Christ Episcopal church will give a very entertaining program of Zona Gales' one-act play, "Neighbors," Tuesday evening, May 29, at Christ church Parish House. The play will be a benefit for Dr. Grenfell's mission at St. Anthony's, Labrador, and the proceeds used to purchase equipment for the school at the mission.

In the cast of "Neighbors" will be included Mrs. Albert Porter, Miss Helen Beales, Miss Helen Deily, Miss Lois Bailey, Miss Helen Blasius, Miss Hilda Anderson, Miss Caroline Bockow, and Miss Myrtle Bothner.

"Tending Toward Sodom," Richards' Sermon Topic

Rev. James Austin Richards' sermon topic at the morning service of the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow will be: "Tending toward Sodom."

The program of music for the services will be as follows:

Trio—"Thou, Lord of Hosts"....Thayer
Girls' choir—"The Sabbath Morn"....
..... Mendelssohn
Duet—"Ah! Remember Jesus Blessed"
..... Requiem, Verdi
Violin Offertory—Largo from the
New World Symphony, by Dvorak.

NEW PRINCIPALS AT TWO SCHOOLS

Laud Ostergaards Who Are Resigning This Year

Miss Hazel Hartwell will be next year's principal at the Horace Mann school and Miss Ruth Porter will occupy a similar position at the Greeley school, according to an announcement made by Superintendent Carleton W. Washburne this week. Miss Hartwell and Miss Porter take the places left vacant by the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Ostergaard.

Miss Porter is a graduate of the University of Chicago. For some time she has been acting principal of one of the Oak Park schools. She has had ten years experience as a teacher. Miss Hartwell is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has had nine years' teaching experience. For the past year she has been a teacher of general science and biology at the Skokie school.

Officials of the schools have expressed their regret that the Ostergaards are leaving Winnetka. In commenting on their departure Mr. Washburne said, "I regret losing two people who have given such complete devotion to their work as Mr. and Mrs. Ostergaard have given."

Dispite the departure of two of the Winnetka principals, reports from the school offices show that the number of teachers leaving the Winnetka system this year is the smallest on record. All the teachers in the Hubbard Woods school are remaining, and all in the Horace Mann Greeley schools except Mr. and Mrs. Ostergaard will return in the fall. A large majority of the teachers in the Skokie school are also remaining. Practically all of the places left open by resignation have already been filled.

John Hickey Is Dead; All Winnetka His Home

John Hickey, aged 79 years, who has lived in Winnetka for more than 35 years, died Wednesday evening, May 22, at 9:30 o'clock, at the Chicago State hospital, where he has been confined since last January. He had been failing for the last year and the mind, never too vigorous in his younger days, became so clouded that it was thought unsafe to have him alone and unprotected, so his sister, Mrs. Rowan and his nephews, had him sent to the Chicago hospital, where he had better care than could have been given him elsewhere. Those who knew him, his gentle ways, and kindly spirit, will miss him.

Mrs. Gertrude Thurston, Mrs. Lowell Copeland, and Mrs. Charles Gronlund, went to see him Wednesday morning. He recognized his friends, but was too weak to speak. When they mentioned others of his friends he smiled and they felt that he wished to leave a farewell to his beloved Winnetka and his companions of years standing.

Services were private on Friday morning, and burial at Lake Forest Catholic cemetery.

Pass Ordinance Extending Electric Franchise 1 Month

The Village council, at a special meeting Tuesday evening of this week, passed an ordinance extending the present franchise of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railway one month.

With the present franchise automatically expiring on May 31, 1923, the authorized extension makes it active until July 1, 1923.

Extension of the franchise was made by the council in order to give the railroad an opportunity to agree with the village authorities on terms of an acceptable permanent franchise providing for garde separation and other matters now under consideration.

REALTORS AT PICNIC

Persons affiliated with the Gilbert D. Johnson and Brother real estate company, together with members of their families, enjoyed an outing given by the firm Thursday of this week at the Glen Flora Country club, near Waukegan.

NAME PLAYFIELD PROS

Walter and John Stelzel, brothers, have been engaged as professionals at the Winnetka Playfield course in the Skokie. They are prepared to give lessons to Winnetka residents desiring to master the "ancient and honorable" pastime.

AT SHRINERS' CONVENTION

A. Lee Adams, proprietor of the Adams Pharmacy at Elm and Linden streets, will leave the village Monday night, May 28, to attend the Shriners' convention at Washington, D. C. Mr. Adams will be gone for one week.

There's So Much To Be Said Over The Telephones!

L. E. "Nebby" Nebergall, electrician with offices at 786 Elm street, stepped into Adams' pharmacy Sunday evening to pay a social call over the telephone. Moments, yea hours sped by and "Nebby" was still bowing his telephone farewells. Eventually, however, the conversation was at an end, and "our hero" vacated the booth and—stepped out into utter darkness.

"What now," thinks he, "has transpired with the illumination?" Follow anxious moments, and a test the front and rear portals of the place. They are securely locked. Loud calls for "Lee" are emitted, but to no avail. "Ah, the trusty telephone," one concludes brilliantly.

The Adams mansion is roused by the persistent ringing.

Finally, the well known R. Ph. and master of the "boom-baas" responds.

"Well," sezze, "do you think for a minute I'm going to sit around hours on end after closing time, waiting for you to say goodby to—whoever you were chinning with, not by a carload of—etc."

Nevertheless Lee came down and liberated the marathon conversationalist.

WINNETKA WILL HONOR WAR DEAD

Community Services at Common Next Wednesday

Following the custom of many years' standing, Winnetka's Community Memorial Day observances will be held on the Village Common at 3 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon.

William C. Boyden has been named by Village President John S. Miller as general chairman of the day. The program will include a band concert and ceremonies comprising community singing and an address by J. M. Dickinson, Jr. William C. Boyden, Sr., is chairman on program and ceremonies.

Members of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion will attend the ceremonies in a body.

Sindler's band, of Chicago, will provide the music.

The Memorial Day program will be as follows:

Band Concert 2 to 3 o'clock
America The Assembly
Invocation.....Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard
The Battle Hymn of the Republic
..... The Assembly
Winnetka Post of the American
Legion Frederic O. Mason
Address J. M. Dickinson, Jr.
Roll Call L. Sherman Aldrich
Taps.
Raising Colors and Star Spangled
Banner.

(If the weather is unfavorable, the exercises will be held in the Community House.)

PIRATES' SONG TO BE HEARD IN "PETER PAN"

"A vast, belay, yo ho! Heave to!
A pirating we go
And if we're parted by a shot
We'll meet again below!"

So sing the pirates, tramping around the Neverland, looking for Peter Pan. Behind that tree Peter is hiding, plotting to kill Captain Hook.

That is just one scene in the play "Peter Pan" that is being given in the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, Skokie school, tonight by the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Skokie school. The play, written by Sir James Barrie, was dramatized by the pupils, who also designed and made much of the stage setting and many of the costumes.

Scandinavian Club Plans Basket Party and Dance

The evening of Saturday, June 2, promises to provide a session of genuine fun for members of the Scandinavian Pleasure club. The affair is termed a good, old-fashioned basket party and dance. Community House will be the scene of the jollification. All members and friends of the club are urged to participate.

HEAR NATURE STORIES

True stories of wild life, songs of the mountains, music of the world's best song birds and pastel paintings greeted pupils of the Winnetka schools this Friday when Charles Bowman Hutchins, famous American bird artist, naturalist, poet and ornithic singer, gave a nature program at the Greeley and Skokie schools.

3 SCHOOLS GIVE BIG PLAY JUNE 1

Will Present Joint Play at Skokie School

On Friday, evening, June 1, at 7:30 o'clock, the children of the Hubbard Woods, Greeley and Horace Mann schools will present a joint program of their plays so that the pupils in each school may have the pleasure of seeing the work of the other schools, and also in order to give the fathers and mothers a chance to see the children's work.

This is to be the only evening program on the Elementary schools for the year and the children are keenly anticipating the event.

Give Original Play

An original play concerning the picturesque story of Pizarro and the Inca of Peru, a fairy fantasy, and a court play of the Middle Ages will be given.

The plays are under the direction of Miss Douglass Whitehead, supervisor of dramatics in the three schools, assisted by the faculty of each school including the principals of the schools, Loren Ostergaard of Horace Mann, Miss Marion Carswell of Hubbard Woods, and Mrs. Julia Ostergaard of Greeley school.

Will Have 150 in Cast

Between 125 and 150 children will take part in the plays, and they are expecting and hoping for a large audience in the beautiful Jane Kuppenheimer auditorium of the Skokie school.

The early hour of 7:30 o'clock is set on account of the children, and it is hoped that parents will co-operate in making an early curtain possible. A nominal fee will be charged to start a dramatic fund for play equipment.

Fathers Invited to This Parent-Teachers Meeting

Fathers of Skokie pupils are especially invited to the Skokie Parent-Teacher association meeting Thursday night, May 31, at the Skokie school. Superintendent of Schools Washburne is on the program with an illustrated lecture on his European tour and Principal Beatty of Skokie school will discuss some plans for next year.

In addition to the addresses, the seventh grade dramatic class will present the play, "Alladin" which they produced in the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall some time ago. A special exhibition of boats and cabinet work will be prepared by boys in the manual training class under the direction of Charles A. Kinney and Mr. Sipple.

Improvement of Streets in Hubbard Woods Halted

The Winnetka Village Board of Local Improvements, it was stated at the Village offices this week, is considering the necessity of abandoning proceedings for the repaving and widening of Linden and North avenues in Hubbard Woods, due to the filing of objections in the Superior court against the confirmation sought by the Village.

Objections to the amount of assessment has been filed by a majority of the property owners affected and it is considered unfair to the property owners who have co-operated in the proposed improvement to proceed with the resulting inequitable assessment roll.

The Board of Local Improvements is calling an informal public hearing for Tuesday evening, May 29, at 7:30 o'clock to consider this matter.

Pupils Are Tested for Athletic Proficiency

Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Skokie school have been divided into five classes according to their proficiency in athletics. Certain standards are required of the pupils in each class.

The girl students are graded on four events, the 50 yard dash, the standing broad jump, the baseball throw and knee raising. The first three events are also used in grading the boys. For the fourth event, however, "chinning" is substituted for knee raising.

Women Sell Poppies For Local Legion June 29-30

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week will be Poppy Days in Winnetka. On those days a group of local women will appear on the streets of the village offering for sale the red poppies which have become so familiar at this season of the year.

The poppies are to be sold under the auspices of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion.

'MINUTE MEN' UNIT LAUNCHED

Start Company at Meeting in Community House; Gen Dawes Speaks

H. N. HUDSON, CAPTAIN

Will Canvass Entire Village For Members

Speaking with characteristic punch and vigor, General Charles G. Dawes, famous as the father of the American budget and an apostle of good government, aroused seventy-five Winnetka business men to the urgent need of law enforcement and organized a nucleus company of The Minute Men of the Constitution at a meeting in the Winnetka Community house Wednesday night.

Earnestness and action were the corner stones upon which the organization was laid. Action was begun immediately when Gen. Dawes appointed H. N. Hudson, 58 Warwick avenue, captain of the Winnetka company and outlined the plans for an immediate, extensive campaign for new members. Eight lieutenants were picked by Gen. Dawes and Mr. Hudson to direct the divisions of the company. The men chosen are A. O. Wilcox, Robert S. Laird, M. Ferry, Emery Andrews, Robert Elmer, Arthur Cox, S. B. White and E. R. Lewis.

Set Goal at 1,000

The nucleus organization has already started its drive for membership. Taking its cue from Evanston, where there are 12,000 to 15,000 Minute Men enrolled, the seventy-five Winnetka residents set 1,000 as the goal of the membership campaign. According to plans formulated at the meeting, every block in the village will be canvassed and every individual will be given an opportunity to become a member of the Minute Men.

This work will be completed by June 4, and a complete report of the drive will be submitted to the nucleus organization when it meets again on that date in the Community House. A complete roll of the membership will be made public in the early part of next month. In speaking to the Winnetka men, Gen. Dawes said in part:

"The Minute Man movement is a movement for good government. It is not in the interest of any individual candidacy for office in either party.

"The action of political leaders and office seekers in evading issues involving the safety of our great, free and constitutional government, because they antagonize aggressive minority organizations, makes it necessary for patriotic American citizens themselves to define issues—or stand idly by and watch the undermining of the republic.

Non-Partisan Body

"Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, to join this movement does not mean that you abandon your political party. It means that you demand and propose to see that your party properly upholds in precept and action the Constitution of the United States and its principles, for which our fathers fought and died, and which has given to us as a people the blessings of liberty under law. We can't pick out this law and that law and say that it should be obeyed. The moment we leave the proposition that law is law we leave the proposition of civilized and constitutional government. We are for the enforcement of all law while it is law."

The Minute Men of the Constitution is a non-partisan organization having as its purpose the obtaining of Illinois delegates to the Republican and Democratic state and national conventions pledged to support the inclusion of the following planks in the platform of each party:

1. Advocating the renewal and building up of respect for law and the Constitution of the United States.

2. Condemning all influences and agencies which breed class or religious discriminations.

3. Recognizing the right of the individual to associate with others to defend within the law his rights and advance his economic social and political interests.

4. Endorsing the announced position of the Government of the United States, maintaining that the right of a citizen to work without unlawful interference is as sacred as the right of a citizen to cease work, irrespective of whether he is or is not a member of a labor or other organization.

5. Declaring that loyalty to the Government of the United States must be above and beyond that to any civil or industrial organization working for the interest of special groups or classes.