

CHURCH SECURES NEW PARSONAGE

Congregationalists Purchase
\$36,000 Residence for the
Minister's Family

MANY SUBSCRIPTIONS

First Step in Great Enlarge-
ment Program

Friends of the Winnetka Congregational church will be interested in the action of a meeting of the church body on Monday evening of this week, which approved unanimously the recommendation of the Church council that a parsonage be purchased. For some years the church has recognized this deficiency in its equipment, made all the more acute by the growing difficulty of renting. But a voluntary committee has been at work, under the leadership of Frank J. Bersbach, and, while only partially as yet has covered the parish, has met with very hearty response to its suggestion of contributions to a special parsonage fund. The money pledged to date, turned over to the trustees of the church, has enabled the trustees to enter into a contract for the growing house at 739 Lincoln avenue, which Mr. Richards and his family will occupy.

Action Approved

At the meeting on Monday, many expressions of approval were recorded as to the fitness of the new parsonage for a minister's particular requirements, both as to location and interior arrangement. The church expressed its deep gratitude to the committee, which has labored for so long to find a suitable house, and has asked the committee to continue its presentation to individuals of the parish of the opportunity of contributing toward the completion of the fund.

Cost Is \$36,000

The purchase price of the house is \$36,000, and while the church has authorized the trustees to place a mortgage on the property for the amount not covered by subscriptions, it is hoped that through the wide-spread response in contributions, the mortgage may be limited in size and quickly eliminated altogether. Already a wide range of contributions are recorded, and the committee has set its goal as to the number of final contributors, of either large or small amounts, at no less than 100 per cent of the parish.

The present project, it is felt, is a very essential step toward an enlarged church plant to include a new church edifice, which must eventually come if the church is to meet its responsibilities in this growing community.

"Exceeding Gladness" Is Richards' Sermon Topic

At the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow morning Rev. James A. Richards will preach on the topic, "Exceeding Gladness," the text being Matthew 5:12.

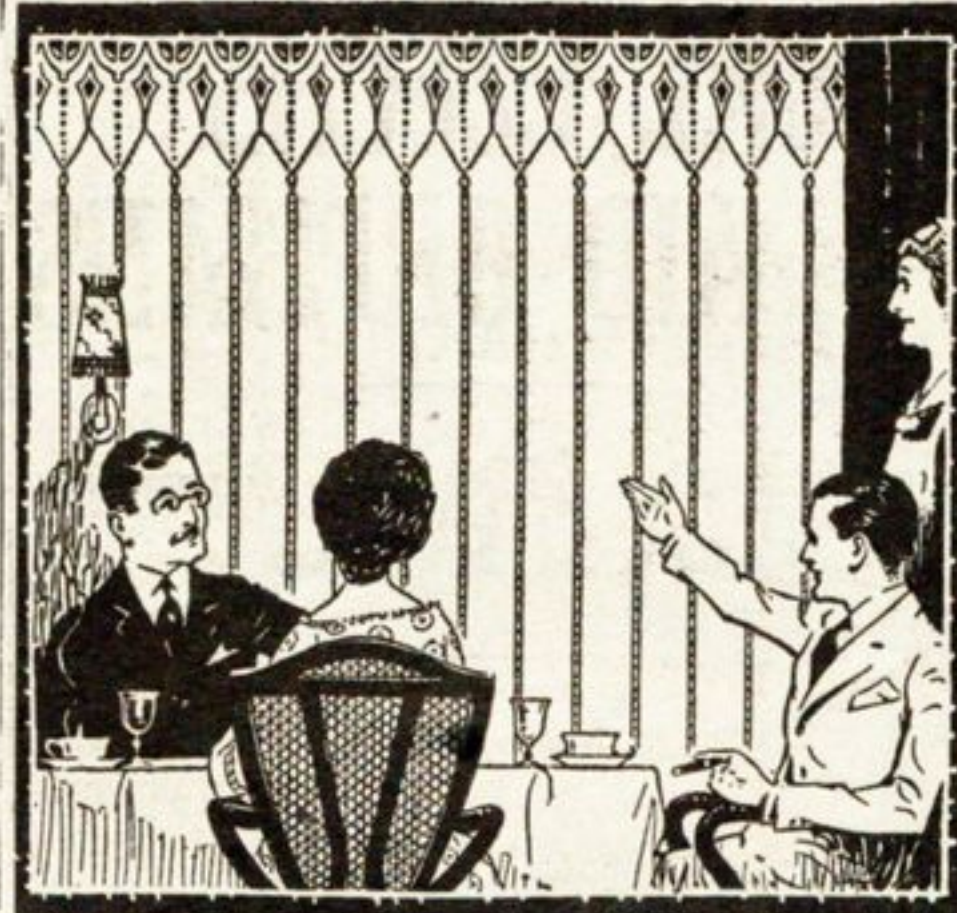
The following Sunday morning the order of service will be changed, with the sermon in the early part of the program, to permit Mr. Richards taking a train to Springfield, Mass., for some committee business preliminary to the opening sessions of the National Council of Congregational churches.

Story of Bible, Topic For Class Discussions

"The Story of the Bible—how we came to have the Bible in the form in which it is today, and a birds-eye view of its contents," will be given in three periods of six weeks each, at the Winnetka Congregational church.

These classes are open to any who desire to undertake this fascinating and informing study.

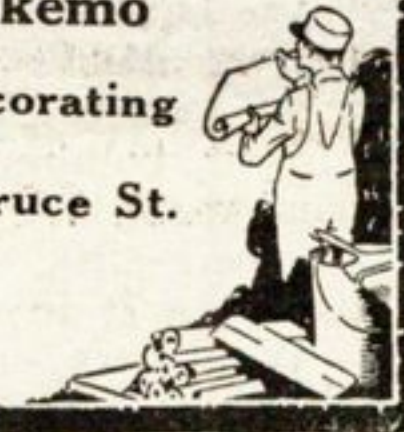
The first period begins Tuesday evening, October 16, at 8 o'clock. Registration should be made in advance if possible. This course will be under the direction of Edward P. Farwell.



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