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## PLEDGE \$15,500 TO COM. HOUSE

### Eighty Men "Dig Down" at Rally Dinner to Make Up Deficit for Addition

### HEAR LOCAL LEADERS

### Several Gifts of Money Also Announced

The new addition to Community House, which has been under construction since last March, was formally opened for the use of the village at a dinner held in the new Center room on Wednesday evening, January 9.

A representative gathering of 150 men listened to addresses by William C. Boyden, who presided; Henry F. Tenney, representing the Village council; William B. McIlvaine, who spoke on the topic, "What Community House Means to Winnetka;" Thomas J. Lynch, commander of the American Legion, who expressed the appreciation of the Winnetka post in being provided, in this new building, with permanent headquarters for the Post; William B. Moulton, who told of the work of the English classes for foreign men and women; Dr. J. W. F. Davies, director of Community House, and George D. Wolf, treasurer of the Board of Governors. They pledged \$15,500 to help clear up the remaining obligation of the addition.

Much enthusiasm was aroused by the announcement of various gifts to the new building and its equipment. These included one of approximately \$8,000 by Ayres Boal in memory of his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Ayres Boal, to build, finish, and equip the Boy Scout room; one of \$1,000 by Mrs. Phillip F. Post, in memory of her husband; one of \$1,000 by Mrs. Franklin Rudolph for the finishing and equipment of the Camp Fire Girls' room.

The White Elephant sale in November netted over \$3,700, which is being spent for the equipment of the new building.

The Community Drama club presented a play, "Green Stockings," in November, which provided \$325, with which a curtain has been purchased for the stage.

Mr. Wolf's financial statement revealed that the total cost of the building is \$96,000, of which \$74,100 had been met by subscriptions already made, leaving about \$22,500 still to be raised. On inquiry from the floor, Mr. Boyden stated that the board of governors intended to underwrite a mortgage for this amount. Mr. Rush C. Butler suggested the possibility of avoiding this obligation by additional pledges, and announced that he would double his own subscription. It was recalled that 12 years ago the original building was dedicated free of debt by raising \$8,000 at a similar dinner. Many pledges, both large and small, were thereupon made from the floor, and frequent testimonials to the good influence of Community House in the village.

When Mr. Boyden closed the meeting, a total of \$15,500 had been pledged by 80 different individuals, leaving only \$7,000 still to be raised.

The governors are confident that this sum can be secured from those who were not present at the meeting, at the time of the annual maintenance solicitation, a few weeks hence.

A more detailed report of the Opening Dinner program is to be found on page 5 of this issue of Winnetka Talk, including extracts from the talks of various community leaders.

## Injuries Are Fatal to Auto Collision Victim

A coroner's jury returned an open verdict in the death of Harold Homan, 23-year-old son of Fred P. Homan, of Glenview, who was fatally injured in Winnetka about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of January 3.

Homan was driving the car of his brother-in-law, P. W. Beda, of Glenview, when he collided with a car driven by Mrs. Charles M. Stillman, of 292 Roger Williams avenue, Highland Park, at Oak street and Maple avenue.

The injured man was taken to the Evanston hospital immediately following the accident, where he died a few days later.

Mr. Beda stated that he had given his brother-in-law permission to drive his car, while Mr. Homan's car was being repaired.

## OUR HATS OFF TO OUR TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Those of us who used the telephone early Sunday morning, forgot, no doubt, to wonder, that, while most people were fussing about the sub-zero weather, the phone operators were comparatively calm and quite matter-of-fact in their responses to frantic calls from exasperated householders.

Records at all north shore telephone exchanges show that, despite the extreme cold, complete forces of operators were on the job day and night.

This once we permit ourselves to editorialize in the news columns by expressing our highest esteem for the young women who braved the biting cold so that telephone service might be given in the usual way.

"There are heroes of peace no less than heroes of war."

## HOLD BIG RALLY AT INDIAN HILL

### Association to Celebrate Its Membership Drive

To celebrate the successful culmination of its membership campaign and to welcome its new members, the Indian Hill Improvement association will lay particular stress on the social side of its January meeting, which is to be held Monday evening, January 14, at the Greeley school.

Membership in the association now stands at over 300, the largest in its history.

Arrangements for the evening have been largely in the hands of the Entertainment committee consisting of Messrs. Wilcox, Root, Gibson and Orwig. With these versatile planners in charge, the meeting promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the year and a large crowd is expected.

While several matters of importance are scheduled for discussion at the business session, this phase of the meeting will be minimized.

During the past week, the Train Service committee of the association addressed a questionnaire to every household south of Willow street, inquiring regarding its use of the Chicago and Northwestern railway and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway. This material is to be assembled and presented to the railroads in an effort to improve train service and station facilities at Indian Hill. The committee is requesting a prompt response from all those who receive the questionnaire since, it is pointed out, the effort will not be of maximum value unless a unanimous response is received.

## Building Takes Boost; Permits Total \$115,000

Building permits issued by the Winnetka Village department of public works in the past ten days totaled \$115,000. With two exceptions, the permits were for new residences. One permit was for the alteration of a home and another for a private greenhouse and tool shed.

Permits issued included, \$25,000 residence for Millen C. Martin, at Pine street and Rosewood avenue; \$12,000 home for H. E. Robertson at 560 Sheridan road; \$8,000 greenhouse and tool shed for Landon Pierce on Golf Lane, Indian Hill; \$4,000 addition to residence of R. C. Bennett at 856 Sheridan road; \$10,000 home for Harry F. Cadenhead at 414 Provident avenue; \$20,000 residence for F. G. Murbach at Lincoln avenue and Summit street; \$18,000 residence for Christy Brown at 630 Garland avenue; \$18,000 residence for Howard Ehrlich at 45 Warwick road.

## Big Increase in Motor Licenses During 1923

A total of 1,501 motor vehicle licenses were issued by the Village of Winnetka during the year 1923, according to figures tabulated in the Village offices.

Of the total number of licenses, 1,252 were for motor vehicles under 35 horse power, 82 for motor vehicles over 35 horse power, 25 licenses for taxicabs and busses, 77 for one ton trucks or less, 25 for motor cycles and motor wheels.

Licenses issued for the year 1921-22 totaled 1,122, and those for 1922-23 numbered 922.

## CIRCLES PLAN BIG RECEPTION

### Neighborhood Groups Will Give Program of Unusual Merit Jan. 22

### DRAMA WILL FEATURE

### Various Committees Working on Arrangements

Announcement is made this week by Mrs. Ralph S. Childs, general chairman of the Winnetka Neighborhood circles, that the annual meeting this year will be in the nature of a reception and rally for all members and their friends.

The committee in charge is arranging a very attractive program which includes as its chief feature, the presentation by the Community Drama club of Zona Gales' most appropriate play, "Neighbors." This attraction alone, it is expected, will make the afternoon one long to be remembered. However, in full co-operation of the chairman of each of the seventeen circles represented will complete a program for the occasion which it is predicted will be an event that will be one of the outstanding features of the season.

**Set for January 7**  
The date has been set for Tuesday, January 22, at 2:30 o'clock, and residents are advised to make note of it on their social calendars.

For the newcomer in the village it might be well to explain that the circles consist of neighborhood groups of women who meet each month for social purposes with frequent programs of music, literature, etc., at which time singing and other work is conducted for worthy charities.

These meetings are a growing institution in the community life of Winnetka, and contribute in no small way toward the spirit which has made Winnetka the subject of discussion in other communities all over the country.

## Ice Rink Fine Until January Thaw Sets In

The skating rink at Winnetka Playfield was in excellent shape last week-end and early this week until the early January thaw set in and ruined the sport for the children and grown-ups.

Huge lights have been installed at the rink to permit of skating during the evening hours.

The rink was established under auspices of the Winnetka Playfield association.

## Local Woman Attends Big Student Volunteer Parley

Miss Dorothy Scharf, of Winnetka, returned early this week from the International convention of the Student Volunteer movement held at Indianapolis during the holidays. Miss Scharf was a delegate from Northwestern university.

She will give a report of the convention proceedings at the university next week.

## "OH MIN! want a job?"

### Here's that chance to be independent that some girl has been looking for.

WANTED—GIRL TO WORK IN National Tea Store, 623 Main St., Winnetka. Phone Winnetka 2221.

### When Big Business Wants Help It Uses Want Ads.

## FREE PICTURE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Little Theatre of Community House announces that on Tuesday, January 15, in addition to the two regular evening shows at 7 and 9, there will be a special matinee at 4:15 o'clock at which time all Winnetka grade school pupils are invited to attend free of charge. Tuesdays program features Walter Hiers in a peppy drama, "Mr. Billings Spends His Dime" and the first three reels of "The Oregon Trail." This was to have been shown last Tuesday but was not available because of an error in shipping from the film exchange.

On Friday, January 18, a special treat is in store for patrons of The Little theatre. Mr. Harve Clemens, solo violinist with the Evanston Symphony orchestra, has consented to appear in several numbers.

Constance Talmadge will be seen in the photoplay offering of the famous stage hit, "Dulcy." "Dulcy" was a 'dumb-bell,' one is informed. "She butted into everything, everywhere—even into her husband's business, where she gummed the game and nearly ruined him."

Children are requested to attend the matinee at 4:15 o'clock unless they are accompanied by and seated with adults at the evening performances.

## DUNCAN-CLARK AT MEN'S CLUB

### Speaks at Community House Dinner January 17

S. J. Duncan-Clark, chief editorial writer of the Chicago Evening Post, and noted war analyst, who is a resident of Winnetka, will be the speaker at the next meeting and dinner of the Winnetka Men's club to be held in the new auditorium of Community House Thursday evening, January 17. The subject will be, "Retrospect and Outlook."

Mr. Duncan-Clark is recognized as one of the leading editorial writers of the country. He was prominently before the public eye during the World war because of his very exceptional work as a war correspondent and critic. He is a public spirited man and very much in demand as a speaker, and leaders of the Men's club consider it especially fortunate to secure him for next Thursday night.

It is interesting to note that the meeting is to be held in the new Center room of the enlarged Community House. This room is especially adapted for public gatherings and has ample seating capacity for a large audience.

Every man in Winnetka is invited to this meeting and to become a member of the Men's club which, in its monthly meetings, provides an opportunity for the men of Winnetka to get together in a social way and hear messages of real merit.

The hour of the dinner is 7 o'clock. Reservations are to be made with John W. Lasier, 731 Lincoln avenue.

## Skokie School Graduates Enjoy a Holiday Reunion

During the Christmas vacation the graduates of June 1923, at the Skokie school, held a reunion party in the Hibbard gymnasium. More than 60 per cent of the class were present, and a very enthusiastic party resulted. The affair was so successful that the group decided to establish a custom of celebrating home-coming week twice a year. Therefore in June, during the last week of the school term, the alumni are planning to give a party for the graduating class, and then to meet with them again the Friday following Christmas in a home-coming party. From the indications a healthy alumni association should result.

## Want Fir Street to Be Called "Orchard Lane"

A petition was received by the Village council this week from a number of property owners on Fir street, asking that the name of that thoroughfare be changed to "Orchard lane." The petition is to be taken under consideration by the Streets, Drainage and Forestry committee of the council in connection with other petitions pertaining to changes in names of other streets, including North avenue, which property owners would have designated "Tower road."

## NEW STORE FOR ELM AND LINDEN

### George F. Gonsalves Submits Plans for Attractive Commercial Block

### CONFORMS WITH PLAN

### Will Occupy One-Half Block On Elm Street

Revamping the West Elm street business "row" appears to be the next step in improving the commercial area immediately surrounding the proposed Village mall to be located between Elm and Oak streets and facing on Chestnut street.

Preliminary plans for a new \$80,000 business block for the corner of Linden and Elm streets, submitted by George F. Gonsalves and Edward Middleton, prominent Winnetka builders, are now being considered by the Winnetka Zoning board.

This proposed structure will comprise the territory now occupied by the Adams pharmacy, J. H. Dethloff haberdashery, National Tea company, Siebert Dietz tailors, Stultz Realty company and the Vollmann Market on Elm street, and extending south to the Rapp Brothers Meat market on Linden street. It will contain attractive offices on the upper floors, it is said.

The new building will be constructed to conform to the new street line on Linden street, which will be 42 feet west of the present frontage, or uniform with the Rapp Brothers building. It is expected, village officials state, that the owners of the property will be in a position to have the old buildings on the property removed within a short time in order that the work will not interfere with the paving of the widened Linden street during the coming season.

**Follow Lake Forest Idea**  
Preliminary plans indicate that the new Gonsalves building will be similar in design to the attractive commercial structures fronting on the mall at Lake Forest, and will be in complete harmony with the Winnetka Plan idea. It is certain to be one of the most imposing structures on the north shore and the crowning achievement of the Gonsalves building enterprises in the community.

With the presentation of the Gonsalves plans, authorities are looking forward to reviewing plans for the improvement of other business structures in the block extending from the Adams pharmacy to the new Adams Barber shop at the Chestnut street corner. The rear extremities of these buildings will comprise the frontage on the proposed Village mall, a fact which indicates that there will be a general remodeling program for the various owners.

## W. S. Elliott Elected Harvester Co. Counsel

William S. Elliott, 650 Blackthorn road, who has been prominent in Community affairs for several years, was recently elected general counsel of the International Harvester company to succeed Judge William D. McHugh.

Mr. Elliott succeeded to the high post in the company by promotion and was paid a lofty tribute by Cyrus H. McCormick, chairman of the board of directors, who made public the result of the election of last Saturday. He has been in the service of the company for twelve years and, according to Mr. McCormick, "has earned the preference, and the honor of succeeding a lawyer of such ability and national reputation as Judge McHugh."

Mr. Elliott, who is 43 years old, was born in Jacksonville, Ill. He graduated from Princeton in 1900 and from Harvard Law school in 1903. He was engaged in general practice in Chicago from 1904 to 1912, when he was appointed to the Harvester company's legal staff.

## Local Banks Observe National Thrift Week

January 17-23 has been designated as national Thrift week and Winnetka banks are co-operating in the educational program to acquaint the public with the value of acquiring the thrift habit.

"Thrift means more than just saving money," said a local banker this week. "It means using to the best advantage whatever one has. It means working and saving for a purpose."