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NAME ROOMS FOR LEADERS

Community House
Governors Honor
and Philip Sidney Post

Winnetka Public Library

FITTING MEMORIALS

Both Were Active in Community Affairs

Rudolph Matz and Philip Sidney Post, two distinguished leaders in the village life of Winnetka in recent years, are to be commemorated in the new Community House building by the action of the Board of Governors at its meeting of January 30.

The so called center room in the new building will hereafter be known as Rudolph Matz hall, and the room occupied by the Triangle club will be distinguished by bearing the name of the Philip Sidney Post room.

Fortunate Selection

The action of the Governors of Community House has received the approval of both Mrs. Matz and Mrs. Post, and the Governors are happy in thus contributing some sort of memorial to the outstanding services of these two citizens of Winnetka to the community as a whole.

It is particularly fitting that the memory of Mr. Rudolph Matz should be honored in this manner. Mr. Matz not only took an active and interested part in every good enterprise initiated in Winnetka during his life here, but was one of the leaders, if not the main moving force in framing the idea of a Community House, and in carrying out the idea to completion. Without his enthusiasm, confidence, energy and inspiring courage, it is not too much to say that Community House would not have been built or at least not for many years. During all the early years of experiment, development, and trials, Mr. Matz was a most active and faithful member of the Board of Governors, always ready with not only suggestions, but time and personal effort, to carry out new ideas. The present governors feel very happy, therefore, in dedicating the new Community Center room in his memory.

True Civic Leader

While a younger man, and one whose residence in Winnetka was briefer than that of Mr. Matz, Mr. Philip Sidney Post left a very definite impression on the life of this village, representing the highest type of citizenship. As president of the Village Plan commission, he was very active in bringing that splendid piece of forethought for the future of Winnetka to fruition. As a past president of the Men's Club of Community House, as chairman of the committee for the first wartime memorial services on the Common, as chairman for several years of the Annual Village caucus for nomination of village officials, he justified his unceasing interest in the affairs of the town and his belief in high ideals. His advice and suggestions in initiating new enterprises and new groups in connection with Community House are gratefully remembered by those in active charge of the work. He was particularly enthusiastic about the activities of the boys and young men, and it is therefore particularly fitting that the room of the Triangle club should bear his name.

It is further to be recalled that Mr. Post took an active part in many of the enterprises of the Village and of Community House, and was the first teacher of the classes for instructing foreigners in English.

Plates carrying the new names of these two rooms will shortly be mounted in their respective places.

Third Richardson Talk at Parish House Tuesday

The third of a series of four addresses by Prof. Norman E. Richardson of Northwestern university on the general theme, "Practical Problems in the Training of Children," will be held Tuesday evening, February 12, in the Parish House of Christ church.

The series is given under the auspices of the Vestry of Christ church in cooperation with the council of the Winnetka Congregational church and is of vital interest to every person in any way associated with the task of training the child.

School teachers, Sunday school and church workers and parents are especially urged to attend these lectures which are given free of charge.

VETERAN OF BOER WAR NEXT LEGION SPEAKER

Owing to a number of important community meetings on Tuesday evening of next week, the next regular meeting of Winnetka Post of the American Legion will be held Monday evening, February 11. Henry J. Cary-Curr, a resident of the village and veteran of the Boer war and Allenby's campaign in the orient, will speak on the subject, "The Soldiers of Other Days."

At the business session Monday evening there will be a discussion of a possible change in the meeting night. There will also be a report on the current membership drive and several new members are expected to be formally ushered into the ranks of the post. The post adjutant announces that dues for 1924 are over-due and should be taken care of without delay in order that the roster can be closed by the end of February.

Marcus D. Richards, chairman of the House committee of the post, this week issued another appeal to residents of Winnetka for contributions of discarded furniture and other household furnishings for use in the new legion quarters in the Community House.

CLUB TO HEAR NEW ZEALANDER

Noted Woman Writer to
Address Men's Club

Mrs. Leila M. Blomfield, of New Zealand, a writer and well-known lecturer and student of her own country's affairs, will address the Winnetka Men's club on "New Zealand's Message to America," Thursday evening, February 21. It is a story of the building of the world's cleanest and most progressive democracy through the active interest and cooperation of a large majority of the voting population. New Zealand is recognized as the political laboratory of the world and many of its successful experiments are being closely watched by the other nations.

Mrs. Blomfield has also made a long study of the native life of her country and the first half of her lecture will be devoted to the illustration of its primitive life and picturing New Zealand's glorious scenery. She has lectured extensively in the United States and Canada. Everywhere her addresses have been received with peculiar interest and enthusiasm, it is said.

COUNTRY DAY SEEKS NAME FOR BUILDING

Enough to warrant a concentrated effort to find one, the Country Day school believes as indicated by the campaign now in progress to name its new building. The campaign is being promoted by "The Purple and White," school publication.

Three winning names will be elected and presented to the board of trustees who will take final action. Suggestions so far have been largely limited to the name of the head master and other school authorities, but these, for obvious reasons, have been barred from the contest.

Heretofore, the structure recently completed on the school ground has been known as "the new building" but "The Purple and White" aims to produce an appropriate name which will be permanent.

Invite Villagers to Hear Talk on India

At the midweek service of the Winnetka Congregational church on Wednesday evening, February 13, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Edmund D. Soper of Evanston is to speak on India.

This is also a meeting of the Woman's society under the direction of the World Friendship committee.

Dr. Soper is always heard with great interest in Winnetka, and this meeting will be open to everybody.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Horace Mann school Parent-Teacher association held its second meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon, February 5. A rug for Miss Peck's room is one of the urgent necessities uncovered by a discussion of the needs of the school. Mrs. George Frazier entertained the members with a group of songs after which all joined in a social hour.

PLOWS REMOVE SNOW QUICKLY

Street Department Force
Works Fast and
Efficiently

START BEFORE DAWN

Clean All Village Sidewalks
in Five Hours

Five hours after the heaviest storm of the winter had enveloped the north shore with ten inches of heavy, wet snow this week, snow plows had cleared every sidewalk within the village limits of Winnetka. Despite the thick white blanket, the earliest morning pedestrians walked on practically clean sidewalks.

This unusual achievement was made possible through the systematized work of the Winnetka department of public works which, in its street division, is considered one of the most efficient of the north shore.

System Does It

The method of spreading word of a snowfall is unique. It is the duty of the desk officer in charge of the police station to call Erwin Dames, superintendent of public works in the event that a heavy snow is falling at 4 A. M. or if snow to the thickness of one inch or more has fallen during the night, or the snow is badly drifted, although less than one inch has fallen.

If the superintendent cannot be reached by telephone and the officer is sure sidewalk ploughing is necessary, he calls the drivers directly, instructing them to start plowing immediately. In case snow falls during the day arrangements for plowing are made at once by the public works department.

The village is divided into eight districts; six of which are taken care of by contractors and two by village teamsters. Immediately upon hearing from the village hall, the teamsters begin plowing in their assigned districts, working as fast as possible while the snow is still light. By 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning every sidewalk in the village is cleared.

Grader Handles Snow

For heavy drifts the village uses a heavy truck carrying a wide grader bolted in front. Only the deepest drifts can stall this powerful machine which plows along the streets at a ten mile an hour rate, throwing the snow into the gutters. It was busy all day Tuesday and Wednesday, following the storm Monday night, and cleared miles of pavement on Sheridan road and other important drives.

The department also made provisions for hauling off snow from the business district where it could not well be piled up in the gutters.

Reports from last year show that 34 miles of pavement were cleared in Winnetka at an expense of \$140 per mile for the year. Forty-five miles of sidewalks were ploughed eight times at \$75 a plowing.

Compared to this year, however, the snowfall of last winter was light. In fact a total of only seventeen inches fell in the eight storms recorded while the three storms so far this year have already produced 21 inches. The deepest snow of last year was four inches on February 20; this year ten inches last Monday night.

Regarding Lower Taxes

The issue of WINNETKA TALK of Saturday, February 16, will contain a special supplement relating to the Mellon Tax Reduction Plan now under consideration for passage in United States Congress.

The Mellon plan is considered, pretty generally, the most feasible arrangement in a program of tax reduction and the supplement accompanying next week's issue will merit careful study by every taxpayer in the community.

CITIZENS RESPOND IN P. O. "BALLOT"

If you are a Winnetka voter and have not already done so, the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce urges that you express without delay your opinion on the proposition to establish a \$150,000 Federal building in the village.

Cards sent out with the Village water and light bills at the first of the month have been returned to the Chamber of Commerce in encouraging numbers, practically all of the expressions indicating approval of the plan. Those who have not replied are asked to do so at once so that Congressman Chindblom, who has presented the matter in Congress, can be advised without delay of that fact that Winnetka's citizenry feels the need for a separate Post Office building.

The movement to secure a Post Office building was launched by the Chamber of Commerce several weeks ago when Postmaster Elmer E. Adams announced that Winnetka was to have a first class post office beginning January 1, 1924 and that the rapid increase in the quantity of mails handled here made it imperative that more adequate space and facilities be provided.

CALL SESSION OF CIVIC BODY

Village Improvement Association
in Annual Ballot

Wednesday evening, February 20, is the date of the annual meeting of the Village Improvement association, according to announcements sent out to members this week by president John C. Cobb of the pioneer civic organization.

In addition to the election and installation of officers, there will be several highly interesting committee reports indicating the progress of civic enterprises fostered by the organization during 1923.

The letter sent out to members explains the purposes of the meeting in detail. It reads:

"You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the association that will be held Wednesday, February 20, in Community House at 8 o'clock in the evening.

"In addition to the election of officers for the coming year and their installation, reports of the association activities will be made. All those who can do so are urged to attend and they are at liberty to bring friends. Particularly those who might wish to join.

"At the moment of issuing this notice your president is trying to arrange a program for the meeting that will bring out the relation between the Village Plan, the Zoning ordinance, Track Depression and the desirability of Winnetka as a residential suburb.

"Come and make it a good meeting."

SOLDIER-LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE FEB. 27

Major Vivian Gilbert, noted soldier and lecturer, who was in Col. Allenby's army when it entered Jerusalem during the war, is to speak in Community House Wednesday evening, February 27.

Winnetka residents will do well, it is said, to keep this in mind and plan to take advantage of this opportunity to hear at first hand one of the greatest stories in history. It is told by a man who has experienced it and who has a fine art in the telling of it.

Further announcement will be made later, but notice of it is given this early that Winnetka may keep this event in mind.

Tickets will be on sale at Community House beginning Monday, February 11, and it is advised that these be secured early.

Magician to Appear in Winnetka Entertainment

The second of the four entertainments to be given by the Community Entertainment company will be given in the Parish hall of the Sacred Heart parish at Hubbard Woods, Tuesday evening, February 12, at 7:15 o'clock.

This entertainment will be given by Alladin, the magician. This is a splendid entertainment providing a program of mystery and mirth, popular and unique, and will certainly please all visitors.

DILLER STREET TO BE CLOSED

Council Passes Ordinance to
Vacate Diller Street
at Once

IN LIVELY DISCUSSION

Agree to Arbitrate Assessment
for Highway

An undivided playground, ample automobile parking facilities and greater safety for the children from motor traffic—these are the benefits the North Shore Country Day school hopes to receive from the closing of Diller street as provided in an ordinance passed by the Village council last Tuesday night. Under the provisions of the ordinance the street will be vacated and turned over to the school immediately.

For several months the school authorities, seeing the disadvantages of a thoroughfare cutting through the center of the school property, have promoted the movement to close it. Two weeks ago they placed before the council an ordinance providing for an exchange of Diller street to the school for a strip of property widening Church road for the proposed through truck highway. The ordinance was read at that time and held for final action at last Tuesday's meeting, when, after a lively discussion, it was adopted.

School Represented

The school was represented at the meeting by its attorney, Cornelius Lynde, and the president of the board of trustees, Ayres Boal. All of the members of the council were present.

Discussion of the proposal centered on the assessment to be levied for the building of the truck highway. Some of the councilmen believed that in case the exchange was made the school should assume an obligation to pay the full assessment for building the highway adjoining their property. The school objected to binding themselves to an agreement which might force them to pay an exorbitant assessment, but signified that it would be willing to meet the assessment if it were reasonable. It was then proposed that in case of question as to the assessment, a board of arbitration composed of one representative from the village, one from the school and a third disinterested judge whom the contracting parties should agree upon, should decide whether the assessment was just and fair. Upon arriving at this agreement, the council voted favorably on the proposal and the ordinance became a law.

One slight change was made from the ordinance as originally drawn up: the school agrees to convey the title to the Church road property within ten days rather than sixty days. This will hasten the operation of the ordinance.

No Parking on Forest

The school further agreed specifically to provide ample parking space on the old street site for automobiles of pupils, hereby excluding cars from Forest street. In addition, the school also will assume responsibility for any liability or claims for damages caused by the vacation of the street and pay all expenses for the work.

The ordinance provides for no remuneration to either the village or the school, the exchange being mutual, and neither party will be bound by any provisions save those agreed upon at the council meeting or provided for in the ordinance.

Citizens to Discuss Zoning Law Changes

Notices of public hearings to consider Petitions by certain property owners for changes in the Winnetka Zoning ordinance have been sent out by the Board of Appeals of the village for Monday, February 25.

The first petition provides that the property located at the southwest corner of Spruce and Chestnut streets, being 112 feet frontage on Spruce street and 150 feet on Chestnut street, shall be changed from "C" commercial district as described in the zoning ordinance to "D" industrial district. The second calls for a change in the classification of the property along the west side of Center street from the south line of lot fifty, lying west of the railroad, to the south line of Chatfield road shall be changed from "A" residence district to "D" industrial district.

Consideration of the first petition will take place at 8 o'clock and of the second at 8:30 o'clock. At these meetings any and all parties interested in the changes may be heard on the proposals.