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PARENTS WILL GO TO SCHOOL

Friday, May 9, Is Date of the Second Parents Night at New Trier

PUPILS STAY AT HOME

Session for Parents to Be in Evening

Friday, May 9, will be a big day in many north shore family circles for it will present the unique situation wherein the pupils of New Trier High school will have a vacation and the parents attend classes in their stead. The occasion is Parents' Night, the second event of its character in the current school year and a feature worked out by Superintendent Frederick Edson Clerk and his staff of instructors.

On the previous Parents' Day, the children attended their classes while their fathers and mothers looked on. This time the pupils will stay away from the school altogether and the parents will go to the classes customarily attended by their children, a procedure which is expected to afford a means of bringing the parent into close touch with the teachers and acquainting them with the actual classroom work done by the children.

There will be no school at all during the day," reads a notice from Wesley L. Brown, director of Reference and Research at the school, "and none for children at night. Parents, however, will come at 7:15 P. M. and attend their children's classes, running through their children's programs just as if they were attending school. The regular school program will be operated on a twenty-minute period basis. Instead of the regular lessons, however, the following things will be discussed in class: an outline of the course covering the semester; the value and purpose of the course; its aims and objectives, and the requirements of the course as regards outside preparation and study. "We hope to give the parents a clear idea of what the work of their children are taking in preparing them for and of what we require of the children in their regular work. The lunch period will be omitted and the school day will be over at 9:55 P. M. at which time Mr. Clerk will briefly address all the parents in the auditorium."

Band Members Rewarded for Perfect Attendance

Members of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce band who have enjoyed records of good attendance at rehearsals were given a surprise party Monday evening of this week when they learned that several merchants had contributed awards in the form of wearing apparel, grocery lists, and other valuables to the "faithful." A check-up of the members disclosed the fact that practically every musician had a good attendance record, with the result that they all came away with prizes tucked under their arms.

The band is to appear in the National Music Week Program at Community House tomorrow evening.

Appeals Board Opposes Change in "Set Back"

Prevailing building lines in residential sections of Winnetka are to be carefully protected by the Board of Appeals on Zoning, if an informal opinion given by that body this week may be considered a precedent.

The Board of Appeals, in its opinion with reference to property on the west side of Ridge avenue between Ash and Willow streets, expressed itself as unfavorable to changing the "set back" of residences to permit additional buildings on the property.

The "set back" is unusually deep on the property in question but the board voted that it be not changed.

SHOW ARDEN SHORE FILMS

Pictures of the Arden Shore Rest camp situated at Lake Bluff and supported by the north shore communities will be shown at Community House Tuesday evening, May 6, in conjunction with the regular program of Tuesday motion pictures. The annual Arden Shore Fund campaign is to be unched in the near future.

WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Winnetka League of Women Voters will take place Thursday morning, May 15, at the Winnetka Woman's club. The morning session will begin promptly at 11:30 o'clock. There will be reports of the year's work and the annual election of officers and chairmen of precincts.

At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Walter Benson will report some of the interesting features of the fifth annual convention of the National League of Women Voters, which was held in Buffalo, April 24 to 29. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock.

Immediately following the luncheon Mrs. Leila M. Blomfield of New Zealand will speak on "The Political and Economic Progress of New Zealand." This first lecture will be a message to America from New Zealand.

Members of the Winnetka League are requested to make reservations with check for the luncheon to Mrs. Dudley K. French, chairman of the Luncheon committee, 503 Hawthorne lane, not later than Tuesday, May 13. All members of the league are urged to attend this meeting.

SOME JOB, THAT GIGANTIC SHOW

"Gay Adventuress" Now in Final Rehearsals

By OBSERVER
"The Gay Adventuress" is coming on May 9 and 10 to the Skokie school, Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall. By now we all know that this is a fact, and that the American Legion, Winnetka Post No. 10, is putting on a big show. We were over to one of the many rehearsals the other night, and, frankly, it is going to be just what they said it was going to be—the most stupendous musical comedy ever before attempted on the north shore. The cast has its lines "down cold" and the choruses are running through their several musical numbers without a hitch.

George McKinney, chairman of the Ticket committee, told us that three-fourths of the seats for the first night have been sold out. He wishes to make clear the status of these tickets: They advertised that there were no reserved seats, but there have been rumors that this was not so. In view of the fact that the cast and choruses have worked very diligently for the American Legion, the Executive committee thought that it was only right that the actors and actresses should be allowed to offer their friends priority seats. The first five rows (or 200 seats), therefore, have been set aside for that purpose, and those tickets were marked "Reserved."

To give you some idea of how much work there is in this show, the choruses worked three nights this week and are getting together every night next week. On next Thursday afternoon "The Symphony Syncoptators," the eighteen-piece orchestra from Chicago, with their director, Mr. William C. Moebius, will rehearse all of the music and on that evening there will be a dress rehearsal.

We were very much impressed with the whole lay out—the business as well as the production end. The 75 people who are interested in this performance have been working constantly, and we know that our support is 100 per cent with them.

We are all going to see the performance! Aren't you?

Building Boom Going Strong in Winnetka

Building activities continue brisk this week in Winnetka. The following permits were granted:

To Robert F. Linn, to erect a \$1,300 garage at 310 Garlands; Mason M. Warner, Church road, to erect a \$12,000 frame and brick veneer residence with garage attached; C. C. Adams, 199 Linden avenue, to build a frame garage, value \$500; Asa B. Cooley, 995 Hibbard road, to erect a \$1,000 log garage and to make \$1,000 worth of alterations to a log cabin; H. S. Thompson, to build an addition to his residence at 1173 Asbury avenue; W. B. Luske, to construct a frame and brick veneer residence at 424 Elder lane, value \$10,000; Harry Fisher, to build a two-story frame residence at 1482 Asbury avenue, value \$8,000; and to Carlton Prouty, to build a \$500 frame and brick porch at 693 Willow street.

CHURCH NEARS 50TH BIRTHDAY

Congregationalists Will Observe Golden Anniversary During October

A WEEK OF FESTIVITY

Will Include Many Reunion Features

With all the accomplishments claimed for Winnetka by its residents—and usually admitted by other suburban towns, far and wide—seldom does one hear put forth the claim of age. Yet Winnetka is not by any means a young and immature place, as western towns go. Who knows its history? Do many of the great majority of residents, who can number their years of Winnetka acquaintance by the fingers of two hands, or perhaps a single one?

It is this fact which, perhaps, gives primary interest to a week of celebration now being planned for the Winnetka Congregational church, in observance of its fiftieth anniversary. The week is that of October 19 and already numerous committees are at work on a program which will surpass anything of its kind ever attempted in the village.

Plan Great Pageant
For the week are planned anniversary services with appropriate sermons and addresses, a home-coming dinner at which there will be a large attendance of former residents, an impressive pageant of great symbolic interest, as well as other events befitting an anniversary celebration.

Letters of invitation will go out to all former church members and church friends now in distant places and for them, with the aid of former pastors, will be planned a faithful recalling of past events and scenes.

Older residents have been asked to bring together relics of past days, to reconstruct the stories of early achievement, to reenact, perhaps, those efforts of pioneer spirit which laid the foundation of the many superior qualities which give present-day Winnetka its unusual charm.

A permanent record is being planned for a publication which will picture and describe the history of the church and Winnetka.

Emphasize Spiritual Values
Above all, in the celebration is to be emphasized the spiritual values of the church, what it has meant and means today in the lives of those who have contact with it.

On the Historical committee are serving as a nucleus, Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Mrs. Christian Fenger, William A. Hadley, M. K. Meyer, Frank Windes and others to be added.

For the pageant, which will need to be repeated on one or possibly two evenings, the committee as so far organized, comprises Lawrence Janney, Mrs. Sherman Goble, Mrs. Benjamin F. Langworthy and Mrs. John C. Marshall. Announcement of the plans will be forthcoming soon.

The invitation to former residents is in the hands of Merritt Starr, William C. Boyden, Frederick Burlingham, Sher-

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"Five fancy roosters
And hens thirty-four,
A bargain like this stirs
My heart to the core!"

A fine chance
to stock
your poultry yard!

FOR SALE—34 HENS AND 5 roosters. Fancy stock. Hens hardly one year old and fine layers. Will sell in lot or divide into small lots of 7 hens and one rooster. Hens \$2 each; roosters, \$3 each. Worth more than double. Reason for selling, leaving town. H. W. Foote, 247 Beach Road, Glencoe. Phone Glencoe 201.

WANT ADS
WILL SELL or BUY
ANYTHING

COL. A. A. SPRAGUE IS MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Col. A. A. Sprague, Chicago's Commissioner of Public Works and a distinguished veteran of the World War, will be the speaker of the day at Winnetka's community Memorial Day observances, according to word sent to WINNETKA TALK this week by the committee in charge of the day's ceremonies.

Col. Sprague comes from a family of fighters, his father and five uncles having served in the Civil war. He had a very distinguished record in the World war and since that time has been active in Chicago civic affairs. He is at present the Democratic nominee for United States Senator from Illinois.

Alfred McCordic, father of Fletcher McCordic, aviator in the World war who sacrificed his life in the service and is counted among Winnetka's Gold Star heroes, has been secured as chairman at the Memorial Day services.

Arrangements for the Memorial Day observances have not been completed, but will be announced in an early issue of WINNETKA TALK.

The committee that was instrumental in securing Col. Sprague, in spite of the fact of many other speaking engagements proffered him for Memorial Day, includes Frederick M. Dickinson, Jr., John S. Miller, Jr., and Gilbert Scribner.

Observances will as usual be held on the Village Common. An impressive program is in process of arrangement.

ROTARY CLUB FOR WINNETKA

Frederick E. Clerk Is Named President

Winnetka Club of Rotary, a unit of Rotary International, was formally organized Monday evening of this week at a dinner in Community House, when representatives of the District Governor of the organization officially sanctioned the establishment of a club in this village.

Frederick Edson Clerk, superintendent of New Trier Township High school, was elected president of the Winnetka club which starts with a charter membership of 20 business and professional men. Dr. James E. Fonda was elected vice-president; H. D. Hill, secretary and treasurer, and James A. Richards, A. D. Herrmann, A. Lee Adams and Edward G. Brochu, directors.

The charter membership list comprises:

Frederick Edson Clerk, Dr. James E. Fonda, Frederick J. Eckart, Raymond N. Kloepfer, George W. Slocum, William T. Wersted, M. L. Adams, Earl L. Weinstock, E. C. Weissenberg, Victor J. Killian, R. H. Schell, Elmer E. Adams, James A. Richards, William L. Wente, Harold D. Hill, Edward G. Brochu, Alva Lee Adams, A. D. Herrmann, E. A. Anderson and B. W. Blow.

Monday's organization meeting was directed by F. G. Bateman, representing the District Governor, who is a resident of Wilmette and a member of the Chicago Rotary club. The principal speaker of the evening was Chesley R. Perry, general secretary of Rotary International whose home is in Glencoe.

The club selected Friday noon as its regular meeting time.

Charter night of the new club will be held at Community House on Thursday evening, May 22. A big attendance of visiting Rotarians is expected at this meeting.

Winnetka Science Church Begins Services Sunday

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Winnetka, Illinois, announces its opening services which will be held in the Masonic Temple, Elm street, Winnetka, on Sunday morning, May 4, at 11 o'clock.

This church is organized in accordance with the Manual of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Hereafter, regular services will be held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Wednesday evening meeting includes testimonies of Christian Science healing. Sunday school for pupils up to the age of twenty, convenes at 9:55 A. M.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services of this church.

EXPECT TRIUMPH FOR 'ICEBOUND'

To Be Produced by Theatre Guild at Skokie School May 3 and 5

NEVER SHOWN HERE

Won Pulitzer Prize in American Drama

"Icebound," a Pulitzer Prize play which Alexander Dean is directing for the North Shore Theatre Guild's last performance this year, is written by Owen Davis, who has had two plays this season in Chicago, "The Nervous Wreck" and "Peacocks." He is one of the best-known of American playwrights.

The play will be given at Skokie school on Saturday, May 3 and Monday, May 5. The cast contains many Winnetka people, most of them are acting with the Guild for the first time but their performances are such in this comedy drama that they will be seen again another year. Mrs. Henry Tenny is playing the leading comedy role. Mrs. Louis Sherman and William Van Horn are playing very important parts. Milton Higgins is making a character part stand out as a most important figure. Kenneth Hunter, a Skokie school boy, is playing a comedy part with such distinction that, although he is a youngster, he acts like an old timer on the stage.

Other Pulitzer prize plays have been "Anna Christie," "Miss Lulu Bett," "Beyond the Horizon" and "Why Marry." "Icebound" opened in New York, February 10, and ran for 145 performances until the end of June. It has never been produced in Chicago.

The scenery has been designed by Mrs. Louis Sherman, of Winnetka, who has reproduced faithfully two sets of a New England homestead. Mrs. Sherman is a New England woman and she, with Gregory Foley, executive director of the theater guild, has succeeded with their properties and their lighting in getting a remarkable atmosphere. The guild is extending its performances with this production to include North Evanston and Highland Park, making a total of seven consecutive performances.

Author Prolific Writer

Owen Davis comes of Yankee stock and was born and reared in New England. His biographers credit him with having first seen the light in Portland, Maine, in 1874. He graduated from Harvard in 1893 and immediately took to writing melodramas for the then popular producing firm of Harris, Sullivan and Woods. Within the next eight years he contributed fifty or more melodramas to the Wood's popular-price circuit, ranging from "The Confessions of a Wife," through the "Bertha, the Beautiful Sewing Machine Girl" series to those of a little better grade. In 1910, the moving picture craze having closed most of the popular-priced theaters to melodrama, both Mr. Davis and Mr. Woods determined to do their future producing on Broadway.

"Icebound" Prize Winner

Mr. Davis began with a play called "The Wedding Ring" for Marguerite Clark and followed with one called "Lola," in which Laurette Taylor was starred by Daniel Frohman. "The Family Cupboard," "Sinners," "Forever After," "Opportunity" and others followed, most of them produced by William A. Brady. "The Detour," in 1921, was accepted as much the best of Mr. Davis' output up to that time and he followed this, in 1922, with "Icebound," which not only scored a popular success, but won him the Pulitzer prize of one thousand dollars as the American play "which best represents the educational value and power of the stage in raising the standard of good morals, good taste and good manners" produced during the year.

The play will be presented in Winnetka, May 3 and 5; in Highland Park, May 6; and Lake Forest, May 7. It was given in North Evanston and Kenilworth earlier this week.

SEVENTEEN DANCE TONIGHT

The Seventeen club, comprising Glencoe and Hubbard Woods young people, is giving a dance at the Winnetka Masonic temple this evening. The Vasa band orchestra will furnish the music.