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DISCUSS YARDS LOCATION PLAN

Large Group of Citizens Attends Meeting on Service Yard Question

ARGUMENTS ARE MANY

Civic Groups Present Varied Opinions

A petition was presented at the meeting of the village council Tuesday evening by the executives of the Winnetka Improvement association objecting to the plans of the expert who recently suggested following a survey that the Winnetka service yard would have the most beneficial location on Center street near Walden road. The petitioners suggested approval of the alternate proposal of the expert that a site in the Skokie district be used should the industrial section be moved to the west of the village.

Representatives from the Skokie district raised serious objections to the latter proposal as did a number of the business men present. At first the petition presented by the improvement association was objected to on the grounds that it was not fully authorized by the members of the organization, but merely by the executive committee. The petition was then changed to state that the executive committee presented it.

At times the arguments became heated and several of the people reprimanded the Improvement association for the manner of its procedure. The argument pro and con was at length quieted when Trustee L. Sherman Aldrich moved that the village council go into an executive session.

Large Group Present

A large group of citizens interested in property or owning homes in the districts involved in the expert's report, and a number of business men assembled in the council chamber. J. D. Pierce, in the absence of Village President John S. Miller, Jr., took the chair and suggested that the discussion take place without the formality of calling the council meeting to order.

Mr. Pierce gave an outline of the proposal. He stated that for a number of years the village had been looking forward to securing an enlarged service yard. "Practically everyone has admitted that the present yard is inadequate and will become more so when Linden street is widened," he pointed out.

He then gave a summary of the report of the expert engaged by the village council to make a survey of possible locations for the enlarged service yard. The report coincided with the decision of the council that the yard and new fire station be located (Continued on page 8)

Expert Finds Winnetka

Water Above Suspicion

Again, we are presented with the fact that Winnetka's drinking water is pure and undefiled, as witness the following letter received last week by Village Manager Woolhiser from F. W. Wohlman, chief chemist of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

"I am enclosing herewith analyses of water samples we have been collecting from your filtration plant for the past six months.

"The analyses indicate that you are turning out an excellent water, one which seems to be above suspicion. We have only one positive test for B. Coli in 10 c. c. portions in the past two months out of 245 tubes tested. I congratulate you on the excellent water you are furnishing the citizens of Winnetka."

Through Highway Hearing

Announced for August 5

The Winnetka board of local improvements will hold a postponed public hearing Thursday evening, August 5, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing further the proposed through traffic highway which, it is planned, will extend from the south limits parallel with and immediately west of the Chicago and North Western railroad right-of-way.

The hearing on August 5 will bear special reference to the contemplated closing of the Willow street subway and the connection of the through highway with Willow street at that intersection.

All interested property owners are urged to attend this hearing, which will be held in the council chambers at the Village hall.

MYSTERY SOLVED

The great mystery which shrouded the identity of Who's Who has been solved. It was unraveled by one of the Chicago detectives brought to the village by The Talk.

Since the discovery was made, early this week, powerful friends of Who's Who, who, by the way, is a man of real importance in this town, have pleaded with The Talk management to withhold the story, temporarily at least. To these appeals the management has consented, having it understood, however, that the full revelation will be made in next week's issue of The Talk. Don't fail to read it as it will prove one of the most interesting pieces of news published in this newspaper in many months. It is certain to create a sensation.

With this preface, all friends of Who's Who are warned that appeals for further delay in the exposure will be of no avail. Who's Who will be fully exposed in The Talk issue of August 2. Watch for it.

GOLDEN YEARS COUNT TO 87

William M. Hoyt Celebrates Anniversary Today

One of Winnetka's oldest residents, William M. Hoyt of 550 Sheridan road, celebrates his 87th birthday at his home today.

It is supposed that Mr. Hoyt is the oldest living wholesale grocer in Chicago. His reputation for honesty and integrity extends throughout the middle west. Mr. Hoyt entered business in 1857 with a capital of \$87, and set up his store in the Dearborn street block where now there are almost twenty times as many people as there were in the whole city at that time.

"I built up my business by sheer hard work," says Mr. Hoyt, "and by working for and securing the confidence of the people."

When questioned as to his opinions of modern conditions, Mr. Hoyt stated: "These are most precarious times, by reason of money inflation and general unrest. The business conditions, the farmer question and the perpetual strife between capital and labor are all very serious problems."

Mr. Hoyt feels very strongly on the Japanese question. He thinks the United States has made a grave mistake in barring Japanese immigration. "It is a discrimination against a small country by a larger one," declared Mr. Hoyt, "and it is sure to enhance Japan's growth and strength. She is sure to retaliate in some way," he added with a smile, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, you know."

Views were expressed regarding prohibition: "I think we were working against our best interest when we abolished light wines and beer," he said, "There are many people who feel the same way, and we should look out for the welfare of our country by satisfying everyone and by establishing a sane viewpoint on the liquor question."

"I do not wish to seem to be an alarmist," he concluded with another characteristic smile, "I believe the future has much of good in store for us, and I look forward to the time when selfishness, the root of all evil, will be eliminated from the heart of man."

Mr. Hoyt enjoys very good health and is a great admirer of nature. His winter home in Green Cove Springs, Florida, is a beautiful place, with magnificent scenic attractions. It is there, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt expect to return in the fall.

Hudson-Essex Sales Place Opens at Hubbard Woods

J. F. Davis has opened a Hudson-Essex display and sales office in the new building at 911 Linden avenue, Hubbard Woods.

Mr. Davis is a man of broad experience in the automobile business, having served as manager of the Winton company for 16 years.

ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR PLAYFIELD

Park Board Works with Engineers to Perfect Means of Avoiding Floods

SUGGEST USE OF DIKE

Predict Good Play Conditions for Season

Thanks to the good weather which has prevailed recently the Skokie Playfield Golf course is rapidly rounding into condition. If no heavy rains set in, play upon the inside nine will surely be possible this week-end and very probably on the outer nine holes as well, according to Carl Zeiss of the Winnetka Park district.

"The situation on the golf course this year has been a most unusual one," Mr. Zeiss continues. "There are three factors which have contributed to the condition that has obtained. Probably the most important of these is the fact that about a year ago there was opened up in Lake county a large drainage ditch through the center of the Skokie which comes down to about the county line. The result of this is that the water which formerly required some weeks to flow down the Skokie to that portion of it west of Winnetka now is precipitated in a very short time, and there being no ditch west of Winnetka, of any consequence, the water cannot flow away fast enough and spreads out on either side of the valley. While this ditch was known of last fall, it was impossible to tell what the effect of it would be until after one season, and this is the season.

"The second factor is the very heavy rains that we have had this spring. At one time, about the early part of June the course was rapidly clearing up and there was play on the inside nine, but then there came a series of heavy rains which put it back into the condition it had been in before.

"The third factor is that the ditches west and south of Winnetka have gradually become clogged.

Job for the County

"The ditch in Lake county is probably by far the most important of these three causes. The only way that the Skokie west of Winnetka will ever be adequately relieved from the results of the periodical flooding of the area is by a large ditch running through the center of the Skokie. This project, however, is one for the county authorities, the county commissioners, as such, and acting also in their capacity as Forest Preserve commissioners, to undertake. In fact, no other municipal body would have authority to handle the matter in the comprehensive manner in which it should be done. In that connection it seems probable that until the Forest Preserve commissioners have acquired the land in the Skokie valley which they have included in their plans, and which amount to approximately 2,000 acres, there will be little or nothing done toward the construction of such a drainage ditch.

Propose Low Dike

"A very great deal of consideration has been given by the commissioners of the Winnetka Park district to the problem of the flooding of the Skokie Playfield Golf course. Mr. Windes, the vil-

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Meet An Artisan Whose Pride Is In a Work Well Done

Those who have been familiar with the interior appointments of the Horace Mann school will scarcely recognize the place when they visit it again after the autumn term opens. The building's interior is undergoing general alterations and is being remodeled throughout. Undoubtedly, though, the most noteworthy change will be that made by the decorators.

This is really a work of art and is being executed by A. Franco, Winnetka decorator, whose reputation for attractive work spreads over the north shore of Lake Michigan and even into Chicago. The color scheme is elaborate and was designed by Miss Lockwell of Chicago, an expert in that line. The baseboards, panels and doors in some instances are a deep red, with cream colored walls and a lighter shade for the ceilings; in others, the base and panels are a bright blue; the scheme in its entirety blending admirably and lending a most cheerful aspect to the interior of the building.

The decorating work is still in progress, Mr. Franco having a staff of ten experts on the job, and it will cost, when completed, in the neighborhood of \$3,500.

Mr. Franco was the lowest bidder for the job, and in obtaining the contract was in competition with leading concerns from the city. And he is more than proud of the manner in which it is being executed. He said in regard to the work:

"I've lived here 15 years and have five children, the two oldest having graduated at Horace Mann school and are now in the high school. The other three are still attending the Horace Mann school. I have done my best to make this job one of real excellence. I want my children who are attending classes here to be proud of it, too, and to tell their classmates that their father did the work. Nothing's too fine for Winnetka's school children, and I feel that I'm contributing to their happiness.

AUTOMAT GAS FILLING STATION VERY LATEST

An automatic gasoline filling pump has been installed by Braun Brothers at their filling station at Wilmette and Ridge avenues. The pump has been in operation since last Saturday and after additional adjustments made Tuesday, July 22, the automatic filler is in perfect shape to be used by the motorists. This is the first of its kind to be installed in this section of the country.

With this device, motorists who desire to secure gasoline when the station attendants are away or at night when the station is closed, simply drop a coin in the slot provided for that purpose, and, by following directions printed in a casing of the pump, proceed to replenish the gas tanks. The automatic will release gasoline in the proportion of 5½ gallons for \$1 or 2¼ gallons for fifty cents.

There are six specific directions to be followed in using this automatic gasoline pump, the proprietors explain.

1. Place hose in car tank.
2. Deposit coin in proper slot.
3. Pull lever "A" down slowly as far as it will go, then release.
4. When machine fills and ceases to operate, admit gasoline to car tank by pushing handle "B" towards arrow.
5. If for any reason you fail to get your gas, turn handle "A" so that sharp point at bottom points toward arrow, and hold, at the same time pushing the plunger "P."
6. Be sure that gasoline is out of glass cylinder before inserting another coin.

Annual Water Carnival to Be Staged August 10

Plans are underway for the third annual water carnival to be held at the Winnetka public bathing beach, Sunday, August 10, according to a statement made by George B. Massey, chairman of the east division of the park board.

Races, stunts and fun for all is being arranged and the event will be in the nature of the water carnival held last year. Tom Robinson, Northwestern University swimming coach, will be in charge of the races.

Overheated Iron Starts Fire in Kudner Residence

An overheated electric iron at the home of Arthur Kudner, 16 Warwick road, started a small blaze that caused about \$50 damage, early Wednesday morning. The fire department was called and prevented extensive damage.

LAUNCH BATTLE ON SKEETERS

Entire Village to Be Surveilled by Experts in Mosquito Eradication War

VILLAGE BEHIND MOVE

Appropriates \$500 and Offers Assistance

The first shot in the war on the mosquito—and one that was heard 'round Winnetka—was fired by the village council on Tuesday evening, June 22. On that occasion \$500 was appropriated to launch hostilities and tacticians named to supervise the campaign.

The plan of battle is most complete and if the rank and file—the village householders—respond to their duty, the war counselors say victory will be assured.

It is the plan of the campaign to divide the village into districts. Each block will comprise a district. In each of these areas a lieutenant will be placed in command to map out the belligerent action of his forces. Over every five lieutenants, a captain will hold sway, and the captain will have the support of the presidents of the various improvement associations and the special committee of experts named by the trustees as a sort of first firing squad.

The scheme is for the one-block area workers to make a survey of the premises of every home in the village. They will seek out the pests' breeding places and make suggestions as to where shrubbery should be removed, or as to the elimination of any and all other mosquito breeding facilities around the homestead. The success of the campaign, it is claimed, will largely depend upon the householders' action in carrying out these suggestions.

Implements of War Here

Implements of war including the oil, the repellent, the spray are to be furnished the resident at cost by the village. They may acquire this equipment by applying for it at the village offices.

The committee named by the village council to control the campaign follows: Dr. Harry W. Moore, chairman; Charles L. Byron, vice chairman; Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, John C. Cobb, Jr., Eli B. Felsenthal, Robert Wallace and A. E. Bryson.

The spray, oil and repellent arrived on Thursday and the anti-mosquito campaign, launched Thursday, is now in vigorous progress.

E'en at Play Andy Brags About Cad Wagon of His

Bay state motor cops please notice! Andy, our own Andy Hostnick, is bragging about what he's doing to your broad highways on his tour through the east with Mrs. Andy in their old 1919 Cadillac or something.

He's post-carding us most to death with boasts of his prowess at the wheel. Claims he made 400 miles on the first day enroute to your state, averaging from 40 to 50 miles per hour. Says the scenery up in New England is fine, but how can he tell, with all that fast traveling, is more than we can figure, but—second thought—maybe Mrs. Andy told him so.

At any rate, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hostnick of Winnetka are having a great time. Only one puncture, according to number twenty-five of the post card serial.

Yours for speed, Andy.

Hikes Bring Joy to Our Campers at Lake Hamlin

(Letter from Camp.)

The girls at Indian Hill camp this last week went on several interesting excursions. One was a five mile hike on the Ridge road to Lake Michigan. The girls ate their luncheon on the beach and afterwards went swimming.

Two trips were made to the famous sand dunes at the east end of Lake Hamlin, a favorite known to all old campers. The second trip to the dunes was made after supper so that the girls arrived on the other side of the lake just in time to see the sunset. It was a most impressive sight to see the huge ball of fire disappear in the distance, leaving a ruddy glow across the vast stretches of sand.

On the way back the two war canoes drew up side by side and all joined in singing the favorite camp songs.

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