

## Reynolds and Party Complete Interesting Trip Through China

Relates Unique Happenings on Last Leg of Journey; Says  
Missionary There Should Be Interpreter Between  
the East and the West

*Editor's Note: This is the sixth and last of the series of letters written from China by Paul R. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds needs no introduction to readers of WINNETKA TALK. He is a product of Chicago university and is now foreign missionary for the Winnetka Congregational church in the land of Confucius. Mr. Reynolds is master of a facile pen and his epistles are both interesting and instructive.*

Home, April 11.

Dear Folks:

Home at last and maybe you can guess how glad we were to roll in hot and dusty and tired and get a chance once more at a real bath and regular food. These few days at home before we start off on the next swing into our northern territory are very decidedly complicated. The Fenchow Hospital is being formally opened these days with much speech making and visitors from far and near both Chinese and foreign. We have a regular "Congress" of doctors here and since there are no hotels, of course they live around with us. Then this is the time for our Provincial Church meeting and delegates are here for that both Chinese and foreign and they have to be welcomed and taken care of. Besides the Taiku (Oberlin College in China) delegation are here for a series of basket ball games with our Middle School and Bible School. They have to be, receptioned and so on. Speaking of variety of occupation. Today I have to referee two basket ball games. Tomorrow I have to rush off to Yutaoh to see how the building is going on. Sunday I have to preach the Annual Sermon for the District Meeting. And in between a few dozen other light occupations. If one wants excitement and variety, try the life of a missionary. But I am supposed to be giving you the last lap on our Shensi trip. Must get this done for we start off again next Tuesday.

### Visits Blessed Valley

The day before my last notes we were up before dawn, packed, breakfasted and away for "The Valley of Double Blessings." These Chinese certainly are strong on good names. In the old days if the Emperor found a district particularly given to insurrection and trouble he would probably rename it "Peace Plain" or "The

Valley of Eternal Peace." We got in about the middle of the afternoon, had service at once, talked to a group of young chaps about going to school and got two of them interested in continuing their education and also arranged with the local young chap in charge of the little church that he is to go on and finish his university work and then take up theological training. After a hurried meal we moved on to the next place for the evening. Got to bed as early as possible for we wanted an early start next day. Next day we went on to Swei Te Chou, one of our main centers. We have a good big church, there, a Bible school which gives preliminary training to Bible women, and a school for girls as well as a school for boys. It is interesting to note that back in the ages somewhere this city was once for a few weeks proclaimed capital of China. This was during one of the numerous civil wars which mark China's long history. Two men from the District Magistrates Yamen were baptized among the others at this place. City and church are both prospering. In the evening they held a welcome meeting for us with much tea and cakes and above all tons of speeches (Hardships of missionary life).

### Goes 7) Li to Service

Oh yes, it was also at this place that the captain found us, the chap who had been despatched to tell us that the officer in charge back in another district was so grateful to us for calling his attention to the irregularities in a city of his area. Quite a session, so it was after midnight before we got to bed. We celebrated the Sabbath next day by going 70 li over the mountains to hold late afternoon service in a little place. Its importance lies in the large number of villages around it, the people all coming to this center to trade. Our church is small as yet and church, parsonage, and guest room are all one room. So late that night while we were trying to get to sleep, a multitude of other guests, in the other end of our room beyond a curtain were discussing all the problems of the universe. When I left them along about midnight and drifted into dreamland, they still had a few matters unsettled. (Continued on page 14)

## DISCUSS SERVICE YARD LOCATION PROPOSALS

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on Center street near Walden road, because that location is near railroad transportation, in the center of the village, and near the business district.

### Suggests West Location

The summary brought out the suggestion that in case the industrial district be moved west it would be advisable to move the service yard to the Skokie neighborhood on the property now used as a park. Also, that the village would not build a permanent service yard at present, but would establish a temporary location for about a year and later occupy a permanent location. By that time should the industrial area be moved west, the Center street location would be disposed of.

The petition of the Winnetka Improvement association was then presented as prepared by Frederick Thomas. The statement was made to the effect that the Center street site was unsuited for a service yard and fire station because of the proximity to Pine street. There would be traffic congestion, and as a result possible accidents, it was emphasized. The recommendation made by the petition was to follow the suggestion of the expert to use the plot on the Skokie site, as that property would not be condemned, it was explained, and value of the residential property in the Walden road neighborhood would not be jeopardized.

### Objects to West Site

"The fight is to move the industrial section to Skokie," said Robert H. Wallace, president of the West Side Improvement association, in objecting to the idea of moving the service yard to the west. "If you move the industries to Skokie, Willow street will become a truck route," he continued. "The industries have been in their present location for a long time." H. H. Barnum declared that Winnetka is mainly a residential village and that he was not in favor of increasing the industries. "Residents will not want the yards near them. Why not use what you're going to use permanently," he suggested.

### Favors Central Location

Earl Weinstock said that the general opinion of the Chamber of Commerce was that the best location for the service yard was on the Center

street plot because it was situated near transportation and between the two Winnetka business districts, and furthermore, the zoning commission had zoned that property for commercial uses.

"If the industries are moved to Skokie, you might as well say goodbye to Winnetka as a desirable residential community," was the opinion of John Vennema, who was asked to give his views. He also made the point that in order to provide the facilities for the village, it would be necessary to have the yard located near transportation, and that it would be wrong to acquire property for park purposes and then convert it into industrial uses.

The open discussion was ended when Trustee Aldrich moved that the council go into executive session. At the executive meeting of the council a decision on the service yard was deferred, it was later announced.

## Mrs. Luther Derwent Is Taken by Death Monday

Mrs. Luther Derwent, mother of Mrs. Edwin R. Keeler, 631 Walden road, and prominent in the work of the national D. A. R. organization, passed away Monday, July 21, at Provincetown, Mass., where she had been spending the summer months. Death came after an illness of less than one day.

Mrs. Derwent had resided in Washington, D. C., during the past two years.

Private services were held at the Keeler residence on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and burial was at Rosehill.

Mrs. Derwent is survived by her husband and daughter.

## Bori Wins Plaudits in "Manon"



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Miss Bori is a native of Valencia. She

comes from a well known old Spanish military family. Her father was colonel of artillery. Her mother was a woman of high literary and musical attainments. Miss Bori studied singing in Milan, making her debut as Micaela, in "Carmen," at the Constanzi, Rome. After a tour of Italy, singing in the leading opera houses, she went to Buenos Aires, where she made one of the greatest successes ever known in the Teatro Colon. She came to the Metropolitan in 1923 and since that time she has been one of the leading singers in that institution. And, as a recitalist, she is one of the great drawing cards of our day.

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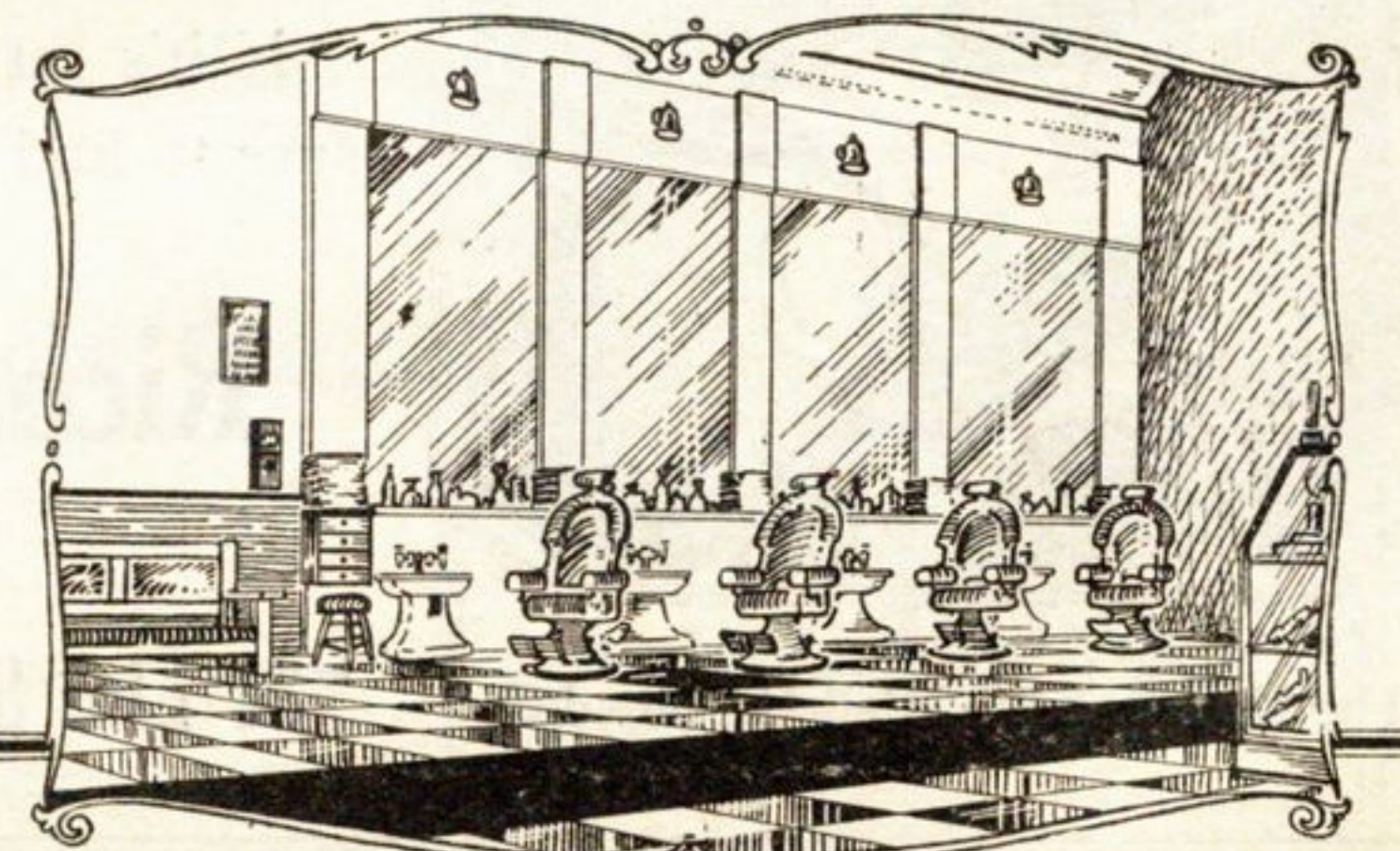


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