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PLAN HUGE FLOOD-PROOF PLAYGROUNDS

HUBBARD WOODS WANTS NEW PARK

Citizens Ask Park Board to Purchase 80 Acre Skokie Tract

WAR ON SPEEDERS

Farwell Named Improvement Association Head

The adjourned annual meeting of the Hubbard Woods Improvement association was held at the Hubbard Woods school on Friday evening, August 1. The attendance was good and much interest shown. Besides the election of officers, the matters of the proposed Skokie park, train service, and automobile speeding were taken up.

The retiring president, Eli B. Fensholt received the thanks of the meeting for the conscientious and able service which he has rendered for several years as president of the association. The following officers were elected:

Stanley P. Farwell, president; Louis M. Beal, first vice president; Myron E. Adams, second vice president; Harold W. Snell, secretary; George H. Miller, treasurer.

The following were elected directors for the coming year to fill the places of those retiring:

Edward P. Farwell, Harry M. Beck, George H. Miller, Fred J. Hagen, Louis M. Beal.

The creation of a park in the Skokie region west of Hubbard Woods was considered at length. James A. White, president of the Park board, Frederick Dickinson, its attorney, and George B. Massey, a member, were on hand and gave the meeting an excellent idea of the project, which is being promoted by the residents of Hubbard Woods.

Comprises 80 Acres

The proposed park would cover a tract of 80 acres immediately west of Hubbard Woods, extending from Scott avenue to the south line of Anderson subdivision, which lies immediately west of Boal park. The project is being pushed at this time because a subdivision is contemplated in the northern part of this tract which would be split into small lots on which would be erected an undesirable class of residences, it was emphasized. That the proposition is of vital interest to residents of Hubbard Woods was attested by the petitions which were delivered at the meeting to the Park board officials and by a resolution which was unanimously passed in favor of this project.

Better train service was another matter discussed. A chart was displayed which showed that the North Western train service at Hubbard Woods is not as good as the community deserves in comparison with other towns along the north shore. Following a discussion on specific opportunities for improvement in the train service the following committee was appointed to take up the matter: Claude D. Stephens, chairman; Stanley P. Farwell, Miss Helen Norris.

Would Fight Speeders

Reckless automobile speeding on the streets of Hubbard Woods was condemned by the meeting, especially that common on Tower road, Vernon avenue, Greenwood avenue, Asbury avenue, and Scott avenue. It was brought out that the streets are narrow and that the vision at cross streets is considerably obstructed by shrubbery and trees, thus adding to the hazards at corners. Complaint was made that pleasure vehicles drive through the community at very high speed, and that delivery wagons seem to find this district a convenient place for racing. A resolution was passed directing that representations be made to the president and trustees of the village in the matter of automobile speeding.

"Life For Every Man," Sermon Subject Sunday

Rev. Von Ouden Vogt will preach at the morning service of the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow. His subject is "Life For Every Man, in Him and From Him." The service begins at 11 o'clock and is open to everybody.

GIRL CAMPERS AWARDED HONORS BY THE 'CHIEF'

Did you hear the familiar call of the Camp Fire Girls last Saturday morning—"Rig - Jig - a - Boom, Rig - Jig - a - Boom, Camp Winnetka, Rah!"

They arrived from Ludington by way of Milwaukee, looking brown and happy, though they were sorry the wonderful 18 days in camp at Lake Hamlin had come to a close. It goes without saying that they are already making plans for going back next year.

Thursday evening, July 31, around the campfire, "Chief" Davies awarded the camp honor emblems as follows:—"I. H. C." to Betsey Beard, Helen Brown, Ruth Copeland, Mary Hill, Jean Markley, Julia Spiegel and Margaret Sterrett.

Honorable "W" to Mabel Anderson, Florence Burnham, Joy Fairman, Ethel Hale, Elizabeth McKinley, Frances Ranney and Margaret Stults.

"W" to Jane Babcock, Mary Forrest, Virginia Honnold, Isabel Laing, Virginia Lansing, Catherine Moore, Alice Odhner, Jeanne Street, Katherine Street and Edwina Cadmus.

FLIES HOME TO VISIT FAMILY

Captain Hale Dashes up From Alabama

A trip from Maxwell field at Montgomery, Ala., to Winnetka, a distance of a trifle more than 800 miles, in nine hours—that's the record made by Captain Frazer Hale on Friday, August 1.

No, Captain Hale is not a motor car salesman; he's an officer in Uncle Sam's air service and he made the journey in a de Haveland plane. Enroute the captain flew over Nashville, Tenn.; Dayton, Ohio; Fort Sheridan, and then to his native haunts in Winnetka. He averaged close to 89 miles per hour on the jaunt and negotiated the mileage from Dayton to Fort Sheridan in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Before departing on the return trip, Tuesday, August 5, Captain Hale flew over the business area of Winnetka but low enough to bid adieu to many of his friends on the streets. Then he shot down to Wilmette and flew over the home of a friend who was stationed at his door to greet the aviator, thence to Evanston and off for Montgomery, where he expected to eat dinner at Maxwell field, that evening.

Captain Hale is 31 years old, a native of Winnetka and the son of Henry R. Hale of the Winnetka State Bank. He originally entered the artillery service and after being graduated from the officers' training college at Fort Sheridan he went over seas and saw actual war service.

While abroad Captain Hale was transferred to the government air service and at the armistice returned to the states and was assigned as instructor in the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta. From Atlanta Captain Hale was transferred to Maxwell field, just outside of Montgomery.

The captain said he made his trip from the Alabama capital without incident and predicted that air travel will soon be made safer than motoring on a country roadway.

Variety of Activity in June for our Policemen

During the month of June the police recovered stolen property to the value of \$1,300, according to Chief Peterson's report for that period, which has just been filed with the village manager.

In the same month 39 traffic law violators were apprehended and of these 32 were convicted and fined.

Of the persons locked up on intoxication and disorderly charges, nine were fined and one dismissed.

Two burglaries were reported during the month and the culprits captured, but the prisoners were released when the victims refused to prosecute.

Chief Peterson's report also shows that in June there were eight automobile accidents in the village; that three stolen cars had been recovered; that 24 disturbances had been suppressed by the police; that eight dogs had been dispatched to the happy hunting grounds; that three "lost" children had been restored to their parents, and that one woman was held on a charge of bootlegging.

Mr. Munchhausen Would Do Well to Look to His Laurels

It has been stated with some degree of authority that of all classes of humans, those to be least relied upon when engaged in story-telling are the golfers and amateur fishermen.

However that may be, we submit the accompanying fish story as told by a golfer, be the consequences of such wanton publication what they may.

So here goes:

"Dear Editor: On the afternoon of Saturday, August 2nd, about 5 P. M. after topping my ball of the 16th tee at the Skokie Play Field, I drove a long brassie into the bunker to the left of the 16th hole. The bunker was about half full of water. To my amazement the ball ricocheted from the water into the bunker and even at a considerable distance, I could see a terrific commotion going on in the water. When I reached the bunker with my playing partner and caddy, we found a large bull-head about 8 inches long floundering around in a death struggle. The caddy walked in and brought the fish out.

"This seems to be a very remarkable combination of fish and golf story but, nevertheless, can be vouched for by my partner Dr. Herman Schlessinger, Professor of Chemistry, University of Chicago. Yours very truly

Taliaferro Milton,
530 Willow street,
Winnetka, Illinois.

Fish Collection Attracts Anglers to Field Museum

An interesting collection of pike, pickerel, muskalonge and Pacific game and market fish, has just been placed on exhibition at Field museum. The taxidermy of this exhibit is so satisfactory that it has been placed in Stanley Field hall where it can be easily examined by visitors as soon as they enter the museum.

The screen on which the collection is installed, is divided into two sections; one side shows the difference between pike, pickerel and muskalonge and settles the great question that has always bothered anglers. "Most resort owners," says Dr. Osgood, call any pickerel that weighs over ten pounds a muskie, but it takes a real Waltonite to land a fighting muskie."

On the opposite side of the screen are life-like replicas of Pacific game and a few market fish, presented the museum by Keith Spaulding. According to Dr. Osgood, the Albacore, Yellow-tail and Skipjack are all excellent sporting fish and may be worn out and gaffed but never conquered. What will interest many people is a small yellow porcupine fish, as round as a ball and full of quills.

In the Want Ads (This Issue)

It's never too late to join the Girl Scouts. If your a wee girl, here's a chance to buy some nice Scout togs.

Pin money is the thing most of us talk about but seldom acquire. Kenneth Hackley suggests a little extra use of the home sewing machine and explains his plan.

Enjoying country life within easy reach of the city holds forth its attractive features to every home-seeker. It can be realized without moving away from the north shore.

Wet weather is bad for the piano notes. Mr. Foster just dotes on sweetening the sour ones.

And if it's a trip you're contemplating, it's possible the four-cylinder Henderson motorcycle bargain will suit you to a "T."

A soprano soloist would like to add her talents to the music program in some north shore church. She's a Glencoe resident, too.

And those are just bits gleaned from the stories in the Classified Ad section. Read it!

CALL TAXPAYERS TO HEARING AUGUST 11

Proposed Purchase of Large Tract by Park District Paves Way For Enlarged Recreational Facilities In Skokie Region

Monday evening, August 11, at 8 o'clock there will be held in the Village hall a public hearing in connection with the new Skokie park improvement which has been initiated by the Winnetka Park district.

The Park board has commenced special assessment and condemnation proceedings to acquire for park purposes the 40 acres immediately west of the inside or east nine holes of the golf course and the 40 acres immediately south of the inside nine holes and approximately 20 acres lying west of Crow Island and between it and Hibbard road.

This improvement which, the board indicates, portends great things for the future of Winnetka and Winnetka Park district was begun pursuant to the request by petition of more than 300 citizens who will be affected by the improvement in that they will have to share the special assessment tax to be levied to pay for it. The acquisition of this land for park purposes has also been urged by the village authorities by reason of the very complicated situation obtaining along the outskirts of the village. The situation is a rather unique one and, it is pointed out, speaks well for the public spirit and farsightedness of the citizens of Winnetka in that they have directly requested the acquisition of this land to be paid for by special assessment proceedings. The approximate territory affected by the special assessment will be from the west edge of

the village on the west to the North Western railroad on the east and from Pine street or a little north of Pine street on the north to the south limits of the village on the south.

Outgrow Park Lands

With the ever increasing population in the village and the Park district, the population of the village having practically doubled at each of the last two censuses, the amount of ground available for play and for outdoor sports is being constantly reduced. Park board officials emphasize. Along with this there has been the increasing value and price of such land, so that the citizens of the village and of the Park district are now in a sense at the crossing of the ways. where they must acquire them now before the land is built upon and before its price becomes so high as to be entirely beyond the reach of the tax payers. It is such considerations as these that have actuated the petitioners for this improvement and the members of the Park board.

Another element that has been taken into consideration is the possibility of avoiding by such an improvement a heavy assessment for a storm sewer, the result of which would be merely to take away possible play ground and park land and crowd that same land with additional dwellings. It must not be taken for granted that the putting through of this improvement will guarantee or insure against the possibility of a storm sewer, it is pointed out, but it stands to reason that the probability of there being need for such a sewer is very materially decreased by reason of the fact that a large area of the very land which would require such a sewer is being set aside in such a way that it will not require drainage in that form.

Would Construct Dyke

A very careful plan has been worked out for the improvement of the new land thus to be acquired, the board explains, and one which it is hoped will add materially to the opportunities for play and sports and outdoor enjoyment for the residents of the village and the Park district. This plan of improvement contemplates a dirt dyke to be erected around the new land so as to shut out the spring and fall floods. These dykes will be constructed out of material taken from a system of inside ditches, which will serve to concentrate the water which accumulates within the area surrounded by the dyke. A pumping system will be employed to remove the water from the inner side of the dyke. The engineering aspects of the plan have been very thoroughly worked out by George Massey, a member of the Park board, who is an expert in such matters, in cooperation with Frank Windes, village engineer, who has studied this problem for years. By reason of the fact that the special assessment proceedings will not have advanced far enough to go ahead with the ultimate plan for the dyke this fall, it is the intention of the Park board to start work

at the earliest possible moment upon a line of dykes commencing at Tower road (North avenue) on the north and tying up with the high ground in the southwest quarter of the present holdings, that is, the southwest corner of the old nine, so as to insure against a recurrence next spring and summer of the flooding of the golf course which has caused so much difficulty this year. The system of dykes thus installed will be supplemented by additional dykes around the new land which is mentioned above as part of the plan for the improvement of the land to be acquired. One plan for the entire system of dykes has been worked out and it is the intention to construct at once that portion immediately necessary and to construct later out of the funds raised in the special assessment proceeding the balance of the system necessary to protect all of the park lands affected by water.

Add Recreational Facilities

The plan for the improvement of the property contemplates the installation of five clay tennis courts. These courts will be placed on the high ground in the northwest corner of the 40 acres lying south of the old nine. They will, of course, run north and south and will lie between a grove of trees on the north and a grove of trees on the south. This is an ideal situation for them.

Another improvement which is contemplated is an increase in the facilities for skating. It is planned to enclose a considerable area in the northeast corner of the 40 acres south of the old nine where there is a natural depression and where the top surface has already been taken off. This, it is pointed out, will provide a splendid big skating pond and the present skating rink which was installed last year can be used for ice hockey and games.

Of late years there has been a great deal of enthusiasm especially among the girls and young women of the village for hockey and their requirements have not been forgotten. A permanent hockey field is included in the improvement called for in the special assessment proceedings and if the need develops there will be land enough for a second field.

The baseball fans will be taken care of by a new ball field with adequate bleachers on the land between Crow Island and Hibbard road where there is room enough for even Babe Ruth to operate. This land, of course, will be all cleaned up and put in good shape.

Wading Pool for Kiddies

The kiddies have not been forgotten, as the proposed improvement includes a shallow wading pool for the younger ones. There will also be separate places set aside for the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls to have their gatherings.

For the hikers, it is intended to have a cinder path on the top of the

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