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CHURCH AWAITS GOLDEN JUBILEE

Pilgrimage on October 19 to Inaugurate Congregational Anniversary Week

GROUPS FINISH WORK

Reception, Dinner and Ceremonies Feature

Did you take your boy or girl to Boston this summer? Or to Washington? Too far? Well, perhaps you motored down to Starved Rock or Oregon to see the statue of Blackhawk.

You went because it is good for all of us to think of our predecessors and of the places where some brave souls faced danger or achieved a victory, physical or spiritual, by which we now profit.

Just so, the members, young and old, of the Winnetka Congregational church school will make a loyal pilgrimage Sunday, October 19, the first Sunday of Anniversary Week in the parish, to the spots where earnest unselfish men and women, fifty years ago, gathered to worship, to plan for the development of their home village and to share in all great plans for world welfare.

Meeting at the Lincoln avenue church entrance at 9 o'clock in the morning, or, if stormy, on October 26, the entire school will march to Cherry street and Maple avenue where a brief but appropriate ceremony will be observed; thence to proceed to the site of the second church, on Elm street, where another stop will be made and so on to their present church at Lincoln avenue and Pine street.

Solemn Occasion

If a spirit of reverence, appreciation of their inheritance, is instilled or heightened in these young folk, by their simple ceremonies, the pilgrimage will not have been without value, leaders in the parish declare.

As the initial feature of Anniversary Week, the exercises will have significance to the village as a whole. Throughout the week the spirit of progress and that of gratitude for what has been achieved will find expression in many forms in the varied program, mingled and fused by the renewal of old friendships, and in an atmosphere of fellowship.

A feature that has not been stressed thus far is the At-Home night of the pastors, on Saturday, October 25, when Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Dr. and Mrs. Davies expect that all friends will drop in at the Richards residence on Lincoln avenue. The occasion will be entirely informal.

Woman's Society Active

The members of the Woman's society are doing their share to insure the success of Anniversary and Homecoming Week. They have been working all summer to make their "Hostess Room," commonly known as Neighborhood room, an attractive place in which to receive their friends. Out of town guests are requested on arrival to register in this room and be assigned to the homes where they will be entertained. Mrs. Charles Thomson and her committee expect to find housing accommodation for all former members who can come.

The Hostess room will be open all (Continued on page 8)

LEADING CANDIDATES TO SPEAK IN VILLAGE SOON

The plans for the pre-election rally to be held October 27 at the Winnetka Woman's club under the auspices of the League of Women Voters are rapidly approaching completion. Several leading organizations of Winnetka are co-operating with the league to bring out a representative gathering of voting citizens to this meeting, which is regarded as of great importance because of the vital questions which the voters will have to study and decide between now and November 4.

Candidates for various state and national offices and others who have been asked by the league to speak at the rally are Col. A. A. Sprague, former Gov. Charles S. Deneen, Hope Thompson, Allen D. Albert, Mrs. Robert M. LaFollette, and Congressman Rathbone.

There will be speeches by three important citizens of Winnetka, whose names have not yet been disclosed, endorsing the candidacies and platforms of President Coolidge, Hon. John W. Davis, and Senator LaFollette.

MUSIC PATRONS KEENLY AWAIT HOMER RECITAL

On Wednesday evening, October 15, one of the foremost opera and concert singers in the world, Madame Louise Homer, will give a recital in the New Trier auditorium. This will



Mme. Louise Homer

be an occasion of outstanding significance to north shore music patrons, inasmuch as never before has so important a recital been given in this vicinity outside of Chicago. Mme. Homer is known by almost everyone as a contralto of preeminent vocal and interpretative ability.

This recital, first of the MacDowell club series, is certain to be well attended because it will be an evening of rare enjoyment. Mme. Homer is not only a great artist but also very popular. Her audiences always feel that she is getting real joy out of her singing and that feeling adds always to one's own appreciation. At her very first appearance a bond is established between her and her hearers and for the remainder of the evening one feels that she is singing to friends.

INDIAN HILL IN FIRST SESSION

Improvement Body to Convene Monday Night

Personal calls will be made by a committee of 35, headed by H. L. Raclin, Sunday, upon residents in the Indian Hill section summoning them to attend the first meeting of the season of the Indian Hill Improvement association to be held Monday night, October 13, at 8:15 o'clock, at the mess hall of the New Trier Township high school.

A balanced program has been arranged for the first meeting to give new members an idea of the character of work the association is to undertake. The musical part of the program will include selections by Mrs. William A. Thrall, Miss Frances Anderson and Sherman Orwig. Mrs. Lloyd A. Faxon will give several readings.

A special orchestra has been engaged to play for those who like to dance, and refreshments will be served. It is planned that all those present shall meet one another and discuss affairs of interest to the Indian Hill community.

The Indian Hill Improvement association is recognized as one of the most active civic organizations on the north shore. Last year the membership reached 360 and this year the plan is to have 500 or more become active in its affairs.

The main purpose of the association is to encourage good fellowship and to develop a "family feeling" in the community. The organization has sponsored the establishment and improvement of the Indian Hill station park, the North Shore and Milwaukee railroad station and the extension of the Chicago and North Western station platform.

The officers of the association for the coming year are Frank M. Root, president; C. T. Davis, vice president; C. E. Carlstand, secretary-treasurer; A. E. Bryson, A. W. Converse and W. E. Shoemaker are also members of the executive board.

The committee chairmen are H. L. Raclin, membership; Percy Sawyer, social; Mrs. H. V. Kennington, refreshments; Maurice G. Pryor, streets, parks and vacant property; Lee Walker, main and station; C. A. G. Kuipers, publicity.

VILLAGE YARD LOCATION SET

Center Street Property Is Selected

The Winnetka Village service yard is to be located on Center street, about midway between Pine and Elm streets. It was decided at the meeting of the village council held Tuesday night, October 7.

The decision came as a result of investigations, hearings and proceedings carried on for many months, and at the meeting Tuesday night, residents living in the Walden road district backed up their previous fight against having the service yard on Center street. The hearings and investigations indicated that the most feasible place for the yard was Center street, and Village Attorney Frederick Dickinson was instructed to institute proceedings to acquire property, which is in the vicinity of the railroad tracks, the E. C. Weissenberg coal yard and the B. W. Blow yards. The acquisition of the property will be made by private purchase or public condemnation, as circumstances dictate.

At the public hearing on the service yard location question held July 22, there was a heated verbal battle between the residents in the Walden road neighborhood, certain members of the Winnetka Improvement association and the Skokie district residents. The Walden road residents opposed the plan of having the service yard on Center street on the grounds that the home life in that vicinity would be disturbed and the value of property in that vicinity jeopardized. They proposed the Skokie land owned by the village as the logical site for the yards.

Residents in the Skokie district, various business men and some of the village trustees expressed the opinion that the logical location would be on Center street because of its close proximity to transportation facilities, its central location between the two principal business districts of Winnetka, and keeping the commercial aspect of the property.

The new service yard will be enclosed by a high wall so that the nearby homes will not be subjected to the unsightly conditions, it was explained. The yard will be immediately adjacent to two private material yards.

The Linden street widening has taken away a large plot of land that was formerly used for village purposes. The service yard in the new location will replace that loss. It is also planned to move the fire department to the service yard location when the village starts construction of the proposed new village hall at Linden and Oak streets.

HEAR PLAY READING

Members of the Winnetka Community Players enjoyed a reading, Wednesday evening of this week, of A. A. Milne's three-act play "Mr. Pim Passes By."

BETTER HOME EDITION

Next week's issue of Winnetka Talk will contain an attractive and instructive section devoted to the Better Home movement. Do not fail to see this unusual feature!

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Notice

Editor's note: Accompanying is a vitally important notice communicated to WINNETKA TALK by the Winnetka Park district officials. It is of the nature of an official notice of postponement of the adjourned hearing set for Monday evening, October 13. Read it and advise your friends of the postponement.

"The public hearing called by the Board of Local Improvements of the Winnetka Park district for 8 o'clock p.m. Monday, October 13, 1924, in Matz hall, Community House, to consider the matter of acquiring certain land for park purposes, will be postponed until Monday, October 27, 1924, at 8 o'clock p. m. in Matz hall, Community House, on account of the necessary absence from the Village of Winnetka on October 13, next, of two members of the said Board of Local Improvements, making it impossible to have the necessary number of members present to transact business.

Signed—

James A. White,
President of the Board of Local Improvements of the Winnetka Park District.

CENTER SECURES WONDER PICTURE

"Birth of a Nation" Shows Here Next Week

Next Friday and Saturday, "The Birth Of A Nation," generally conceded to be America's greatest motion picture, will be shown at Community House.

"The Birth Of A Nation" is ten years old. Yet today it stands as a monument of the power of the screen to depict history with painstaking detail.

The first half of the spectacle, which was suggested by Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman" exhibits the salient events of the war between the States. The formation of the Confederacy, Lincoln's call for troops, Sherman's march to the sea, the Battle of Petersburg, Lee's surrender to Grant, and the awful tragedy of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre, April 14, 1865, live before the spectator of the Griffith drama.

In the second half of the South's "second uprising"—this time against the carpetbagger regime—is shown in a thrilling story of Reconstruction days. The romance of the "little Confederate Colonel," Ben Cameron, with the Northerner, Elsie Stoneman, and that of the Unionist Captain, Phil Stoneman, with Margaret Cameron, the South Carolina lassie, maintains two threads of continuous love-interest throughout the story.

But the great out-of-doors is Mr. Griffith's special field. Tremendous battle scenes and the wild rides of the Ku Klux Klan are staged with thousands of participants. Eighteen thousand human actors and 3,000 horses were employed in the making of the picture, which cost half a million dollars and took eight months to produce. Some idea of its immensity is gained from the fact that there are no less than 5,000 distinct and individual scenes.

Of equal importance to the scenes is the music that interprets them. It consists of an elaborate symphonic score arranged after Griffith's suggestions of the musical motifs for the leading characters. Now grave, now gay; now sounding the loud dissonance of War, again sweetly harmonizing love's sighs and rhapsodies; anon bringing back the old plantation melodies, or the crash of riot and rapine, or the welcome Ku Klux Klan call that fell so gratefully on the ear of Southern whites sorely oppressed by the "servants in the Master's hall"—There will be no matinee Friday, but one on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock, and evening performances at 7:15 and 9 o'clock.

BANKS CLOSE MONDAY

The Winnetka State Bank and the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank will be closed all day Monday, October 13, in observance of Columbus Day. Columbus Day falls on Sunday, October 12, and, consequently, will be observed on Monday.

DON'T FORGET REGISTRATION!

Tuesday, October 14, Is Final Date for Registration for November Ballot

PROTECTS YOUR VOTE

Inconvenience and Delay Are Avoided

While a considerable number of voters heeded the advice to register last Saturday for the approaching presidential election, there are many who have not as yet given their names to the election officials in the various north shore precincts, it was stated this week by local precinct officers.

Those who failed—for whatever the reason—to register on Saturday will have the opportunity to perform this function on Tuesday, October 14, which is designated as second registration and revision day. At that time the polling places will be open throughout the day and election officials prepared to enroll the names of the registrants on the poll books. October 14, will be the final day of registration.

Many citizens who have been unaccustomed to the business of registration are questioning the necessity of performing this task. They argue that, inasmuch as they were never before requested to register in the north shore precincts, there is little reason for doing so at this time. They have voted in their precinct for many years, one is informed, and are therefore well known to the election officials.

The answer of County Clerk Robert M. Sweitzer to this argument is brief and to the point.

"While it is a well known fact that voters in Cook county outside the jurisdiction of the election commissioners of Chicago are not compelled to register in person, the judges at the various election precincts sitting as a board of registry and entering the names of all known eligible voters from the previous poll books and registers, it is equally well established that many of these officials have not been able to maintain a careful check in their precincts because of frequent changes of residence and the steady influx of new residents.

Precautionary Measure
"Consequently, to make sure that his name is registered correctly, a voter should proceed to his polling place on Registration Day and have his name placed on the register books. One voting member of a family is qualified to register for all the voters in his family."

The presidential election this year promises to be one of the most closely contested ballots in the history of the country, County Clerk Sweitzer predicts, and it is strictly to the interest of the individual voter that his identity as a qualified elector be definitely established. His status is absolutely assured if he takes the time to register. Failure to register, particularly in the instance of the newer residents, will mean serious loss of time at the polling places on election day since, under those circumstances, it will be necessary for the voter to make out an "affidavit of non-registered voter" and to secure a supporting affidavit from a householder.

"Avoid inconvenience and the possible loss of your vote," Mr. Sweitzer concludes, "by presenting yourself for registration at your polling place on Tuesday, October 14 (second registration and revision day) and make certain that you are entered on the register as required by law."

Winnetka Merchants to Be Guests at Wilmette Dinner

Members of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce are regarding with pleasurable anticipation the prospects of a "large evening" on Monday, October 13, when the entire organization is to join with the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce at a dinner and social evening at the Lake Shore Terrace, Sheridan road and Shesnut avenue, Wilmette.

The local business men are to be the guests of the Wilmette merchants. William Wersted, secretary of the local chamber, has been busy this week reminding the members of the forthcoming event. "Wilmette will be there in force," he warns, "and we want to show them that we have a real live bunch."

The hour of the dinner is 6:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for members of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce.