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BIG PROJECTS NOW COMPLETED

Linden Street Widening and Chestnut Court Improve- ment Carried Through

VILLAGE KEEPS WORD

Old Linden Street Now a Broad Thoroughfare

About a year ago WINNETKA TALK announced a civic improvement the municipal authorities purposed to carry through within a period of twelve months.

Unmistakable evidence of the good faith of the officials is found in the Chestnut court and Linden street widening improvement, recently completed.

It was a big job, accomplished in the allotted time principally because of the smoothly efficient operation of the various contracts under the strict and constant supervision of the municipal engineers and inspectors.

Remarkable Change

Where unsightly buildings, rubbish and disorder appeared in the heart of the Elm street business area a year ago, there is today a broad thoroughfare skirted by modern buildings and an expensive park; as well as an attractive mall—known as Chestnut court—extending from Chestnut street on the west to Linden street on the east.

Linden street has been widened 42 feet between Oak and Elm streets, and a first-class pavement laid. On the east side of this section of the thoroughfare is the Station park; on the west side most of the ground has been cleared of debris and the balance soon will be removed, leaving a clean surface from Rapp's Market to Oak street. This property all belongs to the village.

Plan Becomes Reality

Back to the west of Linden street and facing on the east side of Chestnut street, an equally important improvement has been made. This is also a part of the "Winnetka Beautiful" plan, as described in the Winnetka Plan Book. This open court or mall, which has been named Chestnut court, consists of a wide central parkway or lawn with an 18 foot street leading from Chestnut street on one side and passing out again to Chestnut street on the other side of the parkway. Narrow driveways also enter Chestnut court from Elm street on the north and from Oak street on the south. Later there will also be built a passageway for pedestrians directly from Linden street to Chestnut street through Chestnut court. Nine-foot sidewalks will be laid early in the spring.

Chestnut court will provide new business frontage on both sides for several shops. The appearance and design of these shops will be controlled under an agreement between the village property owners, every effort being made to make the court attractive and in accordance with the Winnetka Plan. European Chestnut trees have already been planted along each side. These trees have a spreading growth which will soon produce excellent shade.

Land Deeded to Village

Chestnut court cost the village nothing for the land, although it is very valuable. The land was deeded to the village by the property owners who also pay for sanitary sewers and water mains.

By the carrying through of this Chestnut court project, an important part of the Winnetka Plan has been realized at a very small cost to the village and many years ahead of the anticipated time. It will be remembered that a former plan of the council was to acquire the Chestnut court area by condemnation at a considerable cost, holding it as a village storage yard until such time as finances would warrant a more aesthetic use. The improvement has been made at so low a cost, however, that funds were available for a village service yard elsewhere.

According to the Winnetka Plan, the proposed municipal building is to be located on the west side of Linden street between Oak and Elm streets in the vacant space now provided. This building will house the offices of all the municipal departments.

STILL THEY SPEED

Among the violators of the automobile regulations fined by Justice B. A. Nelson and Magistrate C. T. Northrop this week were Martin Maki, Waukegan, parking without lights, \$5 and costs; Lester Armour, speeding, \$20 and costs; F. G. Alexander, speeding, \$10 and costs; Michael Seviemna, speeding, \$10 and costs.

NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA

Calendar of events in Winnetka for week of November 24, as recorded at the office of Community House

Monday, November 24—Weekly meeting of Christ Church Guild in afternoon.

Tuesday, November 25—The fourth of Rev. James Austin Richards' morning lectures, in the Neighborhood room of Community House.

Wednesday, November 26—Food sale of Thanksgiving things at Christ Church Parish House.

Thanksgiving observance by special exercises in all schools.

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day. Union Thanksgiving Day service in Congregational church at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard will preach.

Friday, November 28—Rotary club luncheon in Community House at noon.

Hubbard Woods school in evening. North Shore Congregation.

Events may be reported to the Community House office to have them included in this weekly calendar. Reports must be in not later than Thursday morning for publication in the current issue of WINNETKA TALK.

DEADLINE ADVANCED

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next week, all news and advertising copy for the issue of WINNETKA TALK of Saturday, November 29, must be in the TALK offices not later than Wednesday noon, November 26.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE FELLOWS!

Legion Warns Against Un- formed Solicitors

Don't encourage solicitors who appear at your doorstep representing themselves as ex-service men.

That is the word sent out by the Winnetka Post of the American Legion, this week, to every householder in the village.

"Every disabled ex-service man is entitled to compensation as high as \$80 per month if his claim is legitimate," the Legion explains, "and there is no necessity for preying upon the sympathies of the householder.

Send Him to the Legion

"If a man appears at your rear door with a tale of woe and presents his discharge," continues the statement, "refer him to the Commander of Winnetka Post of the American Legion—Thomas J. Lynch, No. 2 Prouty Annex—and if he is really in need of assistance the legion will see that he is properly cared for. Winnetka Post has always stood as a firm friend of the disabled veterans and has taken care of several claims of men who have showed themselves to be worthy of aid, but the Legion wants to bring before the people of Winnetka the fact that there is no need for worthy ex-service men to go begging or playing upon the sympathies of the public.

In this connection the Legion also calls attention to the fact that packages of pencils are being distributed through the mails by an enterprise, designated as the National Disabled Soldiers League, Inc., with the request that the recipient retain the pencils and mail one dollar to the league.

Upon investigation of this matter the Post finds that the National Disabled Soldiers league is not recognized and, further, that the United States District Attorney is interested in getting at the source of this very apparent fraud.

Beware "Sob Stuff"

Persons who receive the pencils and accompanying "sob literature" will help the Legion by communicating at once with Commander Thomas J. Lynch, No. 2, Prouty Annex, and at the same time designate him as their agent to notify the United States District Attorney of the action taken.

Also, with the holiday season near at hand, the Legion calls attention to the prevalence of Christmas card solicitors, many of whom will doubtless appear on the streets in soldier garb with the plea for patriotic sympathy. While the Legion is obviously not objecting to the sale of Christmas cards, it does object to having the solicitors employ the uniform of the United States army in working upon the sympathies of the public. The Legion wishes to discourage this practice.

Help

a young woman
to get a
College Education!

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A Want Ad will get you
whatever you want

Dead Line for Classified
Ads Next Week
TUESDAY NOON

UNION SERVICES HERE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated by Winnetka citizens, in response to the proclamation of President Coolidge, at a Community service of worship. Observations will be held this year in the Congregational church, at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church, will be the preacher, and the music will be given by a quartet choir and the girls' chorus, under the direction of F. William Fleer.

The Thanksgiving offering at this service will be given to the United Charities of Chicago.

"This is one of the great events of the year in the life of every American citizen," reads an announcement of the services. "It will become truly great in the hearts of those who recognize God in the world. This Community service is the public opportunity for all people to join in praise and thanksgiving. Plan your day to include attendance at this morning service."

CARRY GIFTS TO CHURCH TODAY

Paul Hutchinson Speaks at Evening Service

A Harvest Home Festival will be the special feature of the Church School service tomorrow morning at the Winnetka Congregational church. Gifts for this occasion are to be brought to the church this afternoon before 3 o'clock, in order that they may be properly arranged for the festival service Sunday morning, which begins at 9:30 o'clock.

All members of the school and the parish are asked to share in this offering of "all the fruits of the earth,"—apples, pears, pumpkins, potatoes, squash and the like, and canned fruits and vegetables of all kinds, which are to be sent to a worthy Chicago institution. Any who find it impossible to bring gifts today may add them Sunday morning, it is announced.

Thanksgiving Sermon

The Thanksgiving spirit will be the inspiration also of the church service of worship at 11 o'clock. Rev. James Austin Richards will preach on the topic, "The Bonds of Gratitude."

The Young Peoples' club, meeting at 7 o'clock in the Neighborhood room, will continue the discussion of two weeks ago about "The Church and the school." Helen Brown will be the leader.

The evening services planned for November are having valuable addresses by local men who are experts in their special lines. At 8 o'clock, Paul Hutchinson, managing editor of the Christian Century, will speak on the subject, "An American Policy in China."

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"Heart" Tag Day Brings \$155 in Winnetka Drive

"Heart Day" receipts when checked up by Miss Harriet A. Childs who took charge of the Volunteers of America tag day held in Winnetka last Saturday, totaled the sum of \$155.45.

The children worked faithfully from early in the morning until the close of day and those interested in the drive were deeply grateful to all who helped in any way to make the enterprise successful.

At the close of the "contest" it was found that Betty Barroll was entitled to the first prize having secured for her tags \$16.59. The second was won by Anna Blow who had \$13.65. The third winner was Betty Sunderlin with \$12.25. Thirteen other children were made happy with movie passes.

Henry R. Hale Visits Son at Washington, D. C.

Henry R. Hale, president of the Winnetka State Bank, is spending a few days in Washington, D. C., with his son, Capt. Fraser Hale who has been an officer with the U. S. Air forces.

Captain Hale has recently been appointed a military aide at the White House.

RUBBISH FIRE

The fire department was called to put out a rubbish fire at "Crow Island" in the Skokie Wednesday afternoon.

BOARD VOTES TO PURCHASE LAND

Park District Will Proceed to Acquire 60-Acre Tract In the Skokie

NUMEROUS OBJECTORS

M. K. Meyer Speaks Against Assessment

The Board of Local Improvements of the Winnetka Park district, James A. White, president, voted on Monday evening of this week, to proceed with the acquisition of 60 acres of land in the Skokie to be added to the Village park system.

Action of the board came at the conclusion of an adjourned public hearing in Rudolph Matz hall of Community House, at which the proposed purchase of additional park properties by special assessment proceedings was discussed.

Enlarges Playfield

The land in question comprises 20 acres situated west of Crow Island, and 40 acres west of Hibbard road and north of Willow street. This land adjoins the Skokie Playfield Golf course and is contemplated to add to the facilities of that municipal recreation center.

Objection to the proposed acquisition of the Skokie property was directed principally at the announced method to be employed in defraying the cost of the purchase, namely, that of special assessment proceedings.

This was brought out forcefully by M. K. Meyer, president of the Winnetka Trust and Savings bank and one of Winnetka's pioneer residents.

Remained Within Income

In the past, Mr. Meyer emphasized, park properties have customarily been acquired through the floating of bond issues. It was the understanding of the Park district at the time of its inception, he said, never to exceed its income and to remain within the limits of its bonding power, so that it should never become a burdensome taxing body.

Mr. Meyer called attention to the valuable services rendered by men and women on Winnetka public bodies and expressed the desire to cooperate in every way in civic advancement projects.

He reviewed the history of the Winnetka Park district, citing the acquisitions of various park properties. The triangular tract just west of the Elm street station was purchased about 25 years ago from Mrs. Matchett, before the Park district had been established, he said. In fact, a group of citizens made possible this acquisition, since the Park district could not be created within the 90-day option period, and it was necessary to appoint a trustee—Mrs. Bertha De Windt—to whom loans were made in amounts of \$50 and \$100. After the district was formed these loans were repaid from the income. The property was purchased at a cost of \$5,100.

Feared Tax Burden

There was determined opposition to the forming of a Park district, Mr. Meyer recalled, because the property owners felt that it would only create another taxing body.

To date, he emphasized, the board has lived within its income.

Another instance cited to show how park properties were acquired was that of the block north of the Skokie school site, purchased in the name of H. A. De Windt and Father Haarth, and paid for from the Park district's income. The bonds issue procedure was employed in the purchase of the Lake Front, Skokie Playfield and Elder lane park properties, it was explained, the only exceptions to this method being in the instance of the Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill station parks, which were acquired by special assessment because of the fact that they represented localized benefits, in the districts in which they are located.

Enough Assessments Now

"The Village is capable of giving us all the special assessments we can financially digest," was Mr. Meyer's concluding remark. "Let the Park district continue to live within its income and not add to the tax burden of the community."

It was stated at the meeting that those opposing the acquisition of the 60 acres in the Skokie by the special assessment procedure, were in possession of a huge petition of protest bearing some 700 names. This petition was not presented at the hearing, it was stated, since it was feared the Park district members were determined, in any event, to push the Skokie purchase project.