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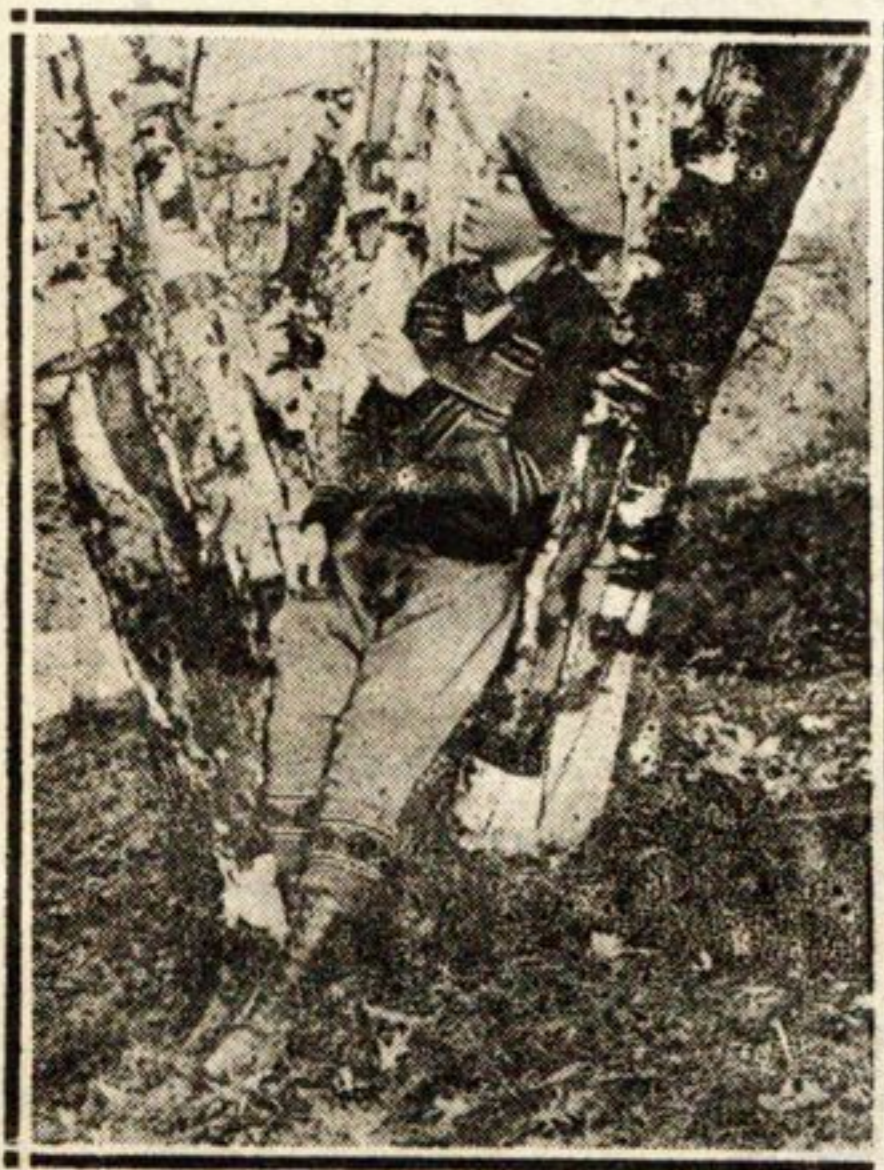
DR. CORA BEST TO SPEAK HERE

Famous Woman Explorer
Mountain Climber Comes
to Village Tuesday

SHOWS MANY SCENES

Brought to Winnetka by
School Teachers

Dr. Cora Johnstone Best, explorer and lecturer, will present a remarkably interesting travelogue picture and lecture at the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall of the Skokie school Tues-



Dr. Cora J. Best

day evening, January 13, at 8:15 o'clock. Her subject will be "Unblazed Trails and Shining Peaks."

Dr. Best climbed nine peaks on this continent which had never before been climbed. Both pictures and slides are to be shown and the latter have been colored by an artist companion who accompanied her on many of her expeditions.

Dr. Best is characterized a remarkable woman.

Ardent Animal Lover

She has always been an ardent lover of out-of-doors and all animal life. At the age of five she began to write on these subjects and her first story, "The Autobiography of a Cat," was published far and wide. She was the first exponent of visual instruction in the State of Minnesota. For this work she was accorded special privileges in the National Parks in this country and in Canada. Her lectures give a woman's experiences in out-of-the-way places, seven weeks under the Midnight Sun, sleeping on a glacier, and many unique adventures.

Dr. Best has hunted, has climbed and been on exploring expeditions from the Arctic Circle to the Tropics. She has mushed over hundreds of miles of Alaskan snow trails; driven dog teams; hunted whales with Eskimos; explored and brought out specimens of prehistoric animals from Alberta bad lands on Red Deer River; was the first person to explore Sapphire Mountain where she gathered handfuls of sapphires. Mrs. Best has been through all our National Parks, spending months in them. Nine seasons were spent in Yellowstone Park. For seven summers she has spent from four to seven months in the wilds of Canada, exploring, hunting grizzly bears and other big game, looking for and finding unusual places and things and bringing them back in pictures. She has climbed every considerable peak in the Canadian Rockies including Assiniboine, the Northwest Arête of Sir Donald and the second ascent of Sir Douglas Haig.

This lecture will be of equal interest to the children and their parents. A large attendance is anticipated, judging by the early sale of tickets. Reserved seat tickets may be secured at any of the schools. This lecture has been secured through the efforts of the teachers of the Winnetka Public schools.

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NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA (Recorded in the office of Community House)

Monday, January 12
Christ Church Guild weekly meeting. League of Women Voters' luncheon—Community House.

Tuesday, January 13
New Trier High School Parent-Teacher association—Junior Parents—8 P. M. Motion picture lecture by Dr. Cora Johnstone Best (under auspices of Bureau of Commercial Economics) at Skokie school at 8 o'clock.
Winnetka Choral society—Woman's club, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 14
Community Drama club plays—Community House at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, January 15
Music department, Winnetka Woman's club at 2:30 o'clock. Community Drama club plays—Community House at 8 o'clock.

Friday, January 16
Educational motion pictures at Skokie school. Rotary club luncheon at Community House. North Shore Congregation—Hubbard Woods school at 8 o'clock.

Saturday, January 17
Fireman's hall at Community House, 8 o'clock.

Editor's note: It is urged that all organizations planning events of general interest in the village, give advance notice to the office of Community House for record there. Consult this clearing house when planning events, and send in the proper records that there may be as little conflict in dates of things scheduled as possible. Mrs. Wortley, assistant to the director, will be glad to give any help possible. WINNETKA TALK publishes a schedule of advance events and meetings each week.

CHURCH GETS NEW ORGANIST

R. A. Smith New Congregational Music Director

With this Sunday's services Raymond Allyn Smith begins work as musical director and organist of the Winnetka Congregational church, succeeding F. William Fleer. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and his musical study was done there and at Oberlin Conservatory of Music; he is a member of the American Guild of Organists and of the National Association of Organists. He has been organist and director at Pilgrim Congregational church, Chicago, and for two years was director of music at Beloit college, in charge of the college Vesper Choir of 50 voices, and of the men's and women's glee clubs. He comes to Winnetka from the First Baptist church of Oak Park.

Mr. Smith's experience has been largely with groups of chorus singers, and he desires particularly to work along these lines in the church. Choirs in the church school and in the Junior church service, and the girls' church choir, with the quartet, will be his first interest. In addition he hopes to form an adult chorus of 20 voices; and by uniting these choirs at certain periods, special programs will become possible and will add richness to the services of the church year.

"The Value and Dignity of Belief" is the topic of the sermon by Rev. James Austin Richards tomorrow morning at the Winnetka Congregational church, at the 11 o'clock services. The musical numbers will be as follows:—

Violin and organ prelude—Andante from 2nd Concerto, by Wienawski; quartet—"Watchman, Tell us of the Night," by Shelley; "Still, Still With Thee," by Foote; Organ postlude—Finale from First Sonata, by Guilmant.

Pageant to Mark Formal Opening of Auditorium

Pupils of the Horace Mann school will give a pageant and special program celebrating the addition to the school of the new auditorium and gymnasium, which were completed shortly before Christmas.

Miss Douglass Whitehead, supervisor of dramatics in the elementary schools, will be in charge of the program. The exact date has not yet been decided upon, but it is expected to be about the last of the month.

BOY BANDITS LOOT STATION

Enter Hubbard Woods Railroad Station Sunday and Empty Till

ROB IN MANY TOWNS

Thought to Be Operating
Out of Waukegan

A gang of boy bandits, which has been operating along the north shore for the past several months, broke into the Hubbard Woods station of the Chicago and North Western railroad last Sunday afternoon, while George Mullen, the station agent, was home at dinner, and took \$75 from the cash drawer.

Mullen discovered the robbery when he returned to the station about 4 o'clock. He immediately notified the police department and Chief Petersen, after a short investigation, was virtually convinced that the boy bandits, who are known to have been operating in other communities farther north, were the perpetrators of the theft.

This gang has broken into stations at Lake Forest, Highwood, Ft. Sheridan, Glenview, Deerfield and other places. Their work indicates that they are amateurs. At the Hubbard Woods station they overlooked a \$20 bill and change totaling as much again. They have broken into the Glenview station three times, and at every appearance wantonly smashed things up, and even broke into the coin box of the public telephone by knocking the instrument to pieces with a hammer.

Their usual custom is to wait until late at night when the stations in the small towns are deserted, but it is the opinion of Chief Petersen that they feared to employ their customary tactics in this village and decided, after a study of the situation, that it would be much safer to attempt the robbery in the day time. They are thought to be operating from a point farther north on the shore, perhaps Waukegan.

WILL TELL WINNETKA MEN OF FAMOUS TRIP

Arthur Fisher, internationally known adventurer and explorer, will be the speaker at a dinner and meeting of the Winnetka Men's club, Thursday evening, January 15, at Community House. Mr. Fisher's talk will concern his "2200 mile canoe trip to Hudson Bay."

Mr. Fisher is the son of Walter L. Fisher, of Winnetka, former Secretary of the Interior. Among his notable journeys was an unescorted trip to James Bay, starting in northern Minnesota and terminating at Quebec. His story of the canoe trip to Hudson Bay promises accounts of many a thrilling incident in four months spent in traveling beyond the borders of civilization into the wilds of Canada.

Every man in Winnetka is invited to Thursday's dinner and to become affiliated with the Men's club, which is community-wide in its appeal and open to all Winnetka men.

WE BEG
of you—
please phone
Glencoe 1143!

LOST—LARGE SUM OF MONEY including Traveler's Check, between Glencoe and Chicago on steam road, or at Hubbard Woods station, Wednesday morning. Finder please phone Glencoe 1143.

Advertise Your Losses
in
OUR WANT ADS

WANT AD DEAD LINE
WEDNESDAY NOON

Got Your Car? Figures Insist You Possess One

Village reports for the year 1924 on vehicle licenses show that there are 2,106 motor vehicles in the village. Figuring that the average family for this community numbers about 3.2 persons, and that the government census gives Winnetka nearly 9,000 inhabitants, this gives us a little less than 3,000 families. It would seem, therefore, that there is one motor vehicle to nearly every family in the village. Have you got yours?

Of course there is a little joker to these figures. Some families own more than one car and there are a number of trucks, busses and motorcycles to which licenses have been issued. The classification of licenses issued follows: Class A (under 35 h. p.), 1,780 class B. (over 35 h. p.), 114; trucks under one ton, 130; trucks over one ton, 34; autobuses, 21; motorcycles, 27.

In addition to these there were 7 licenses for one-horse wagons, 29 for two-horse wagons, and 556 dog tags issued.

Now if you are very good at figures, get out your pencil and plenty of paper and figure out the amount of profit made by the butchers of the village if each dog eats a daily average of one quarter of a pound of meat retailing at 16 cents a pound, except on Sundays when he eats seven-sixteenths of a pound of meat which retails at an average of 19½ cents a pound, and the butchers buy their meat 41 per cent cheaper than they sell it.

GIVES BIBLE TALK SERIES

Community Invited to Lectures on Genesis

"Why has such a story survived? Has the story of the Garden any message for the city dwellers? Is there a conflict between science and religion in this first book of the Bible which is 'the world's best seller'? Many questions are in the minds of people to-day because they have not had the opportunity to gather together the results of honest study and make them their own."

These are questions likely to be asked in connection with the study of the Book of Genesis to be considered in a series of Sunday evening lectures by Rev. James Austin Richards at the Winnetka Congregational church, beginning January 11, at 8 o'clock.

The general theme of the series will be, "The Religious Value of the Book of Genesis."

These lectures were given on Tuesday mornings last fall. The 50 or more women who attended, it is said, experienced amazement at the ease with which tangles are straightened out when honestly tackled; wonder at the breadth of the conception of the ancient writers; thrill at the beauty of form; and a deeper consciousness of the fine background of their faith. The question of evolution and the Bible was of importance to those who had not thought out whether there is a conflict between science and religion in this book.

So great was the enthusiasm of the group who heard these lectures and so deep was their realization of their value that they requested Mr. Richards to give them again in the evening, that all the community might have an opportunity to participate in the discussions.

The lectures will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and close at 9 o'clock.

Various organizations, as well as this group of women are sponsoring the lectures and earnestly invite all the community to take advantage of this course.

Following is the list of the lectures to be given:

January 11—The Place of Genesis in Literature and History.

January 18—The Place of Genesis in Religion and Evolution.

January 25—Genesis and the Fall of Man.

February 1—No. lecture.

February 8—Abraham, Adventurer for God and Father of the Faithful.

February 15—Jacob, the Mystic.

February 22—The Joseph Stories.

The lecture this Sunday evening will be preceded by an organ recital to be given by Raymond Allyn Smith, newly appointed organist and director of music at the Congregational church, who takes up his new duties this Sunday.

WE'VE KNOWN IT FOR MANY YEARS

But Here's a Man Who Tells
us Winnetka Is America's
Model Suburb

BASED UPON SURVEY

The Community House and
Schools Given Boost

Winnetka is the "model American suburban community." Winnetkans have been aware of that fact for, lo, these many years, but now comes the assurance from an outsider, Prof. William L. Bailey of the Sociology department at Northwestern university.

In an article under Professor Bailey's signature, entitled, "A Suburb Sets the Pace," appearing in the January 8 issue of "The American City," one learns the following about our village:

"What Winnetka has done for the development of truly American institutions is to be measured, not merely by local success, but by the extent to which experiments like hers are known and imitated by similar communities.

The Winnetka Community House is already widely known, but it is only the central feature of a group of community institutions that together make this town a leader in community organization. This Community House, scarcely more than ten years old, has readily secured a \$100,000 addition, is utilized annually by more than 100 different and regular groups and organizations, including more than 83,000 people of all ages, nationalities and classes, and has served more than 1,000,000 people in the community since it opened its doors. This is the brief story of a community house in a suburban residential town, even now of only 8,000 people, yet these service data compare favorably with the record of the busiest sort of settlement or institutional church in densely populated areas of any great city. It indicates the grip which this institution has on the total life of the place.

Must Be Seen

But this Community House cannot be understood or appreciated at its true value until it is seen in its relations to a unique development of church life, very forward-looking experiments in schools, and the contribution of a number of citizens with a true community consciousness. All these have helped to make the better-known Community House a success, but they are in themselves of scarcely less significance; indeed, in some ways, since they display familiar American institutions with a new outlook and a new spirit, they are even more significant.

Of the more than 10,000,000 people now resident in the suburbs of the larger cities the great majority are living in residential communities of the town size and type. There are now perhaps a thousand of these suburbs that have conditions and problems of community life similar to those of Winnetka.

Influence Other Suburbs

Already the Winnetka ideas have had their effects in neighboring suburbs of Chicago. This is especially true of the north shore towns which are of the same type and grade of suburb as Winnetka, for these unique community institutions were developed by, in, and for a purely residential population of a high economic and social status. Such a community has no contributory country population. It does, however, by reason of its very well-to-do-ness soon experience a marked stratification, with the coming of laboring and servant classes. And a considerable portion of this is foreign. Religious differences are not wanting, and Roman Catholic, Jewish, and various Protestant bodies of foreign traditions enter to make the situation truly American in its eclecticism. The suburban community is the most rapidly growing of any class of place in the United States, and usually contains some persons who have leisure to interest themselves in community experiments. A suburban community may therefore well assume problems which are common to American communities of all classes.

Definitely Suburban

A bulletin of the Department of Agriculture gives publicity to the Winnetka Community House in a description of rural community houses. This is quite justified, for when it was issued Winnetka was barely over the 2,500 mark (Continued on page 6)