

GIVES COURTESY TALK AT CHURCH

Young Men and Women Given Sound Advice on Dance Floor Etiquette

"CHIEF" TALKS TO 'EM

Partiality Characterized as Insulting

Observance of the "common courtesies" was emphasized in a sermon last Sunday before the younger people of the Winnetka Congregational church by Dr. J. W. F. Davies, director of religious education in the parish.

Dr. Davies confined his remarks very largely to the subject of dancing, pointing an accusing finger at the young men of the village who are guilty of discourtesies to hostesses, and partiality in the matter of selecting partners in the dancing. The young women—those who monopolize dances—also came in for their share of the kindly but severe criticism of the "Chief," who is best known to the village as director of Community House.

The following brief resume of Dr. Davies' remarks should be interesting to young people of the village, and their elders:

Simon, an Example

"Simon had invited Jesus to dinner. As a host he had omitted the common courtesy of the time. As Simon criticizes the act of a woman who is gratefully bringing to Jesus the best gift she has, Jesus accepts it in the generous spirit. Then he says, 'Simon, I have somewhat to say to thee,' and tells him wherein he had failed as a host in the common courtesies of life, and that this woman had made up for it.

"If you had planned a dinner party and stood at the door welcoming your guests, and someone had pushed past you, refusing to say 'Good evening,' what would you think?"

"Or suppose you were the guest and the host refused to greet you as you entered, you can easily understand the feeling of Jesus.

Boys Given Jolt

"Now I have something to say to you boys. Most of you have been attending many parties. You have gone to a dance on the invitation of your hostess, who has been very gracious. Yet in some cases you have stood with other boys in a corner, and even after the music has begun, have refused to dance because the particular girl you desired to dance with was already on the floor, though many girls were sitting around the room.

"Did you ever stop to think that a girl at a dance is in the only helpless situation in which she can be in America? Constitutionally she can stand on her own feet along side of men, she can hold her own in factory and office. She can even protect herself on the street; but here at a dance she is absolutely helpless because of conventions which society has established.

"Now you have by your own act been discourteous to your hostess.

One woman, highly thot of and very courageous, said to a group of you, 'You were invited to dance; if you don't want to do that, you can go home.' You put yourself in a position of making people think you did your hostess a favor by accepting her invitation! You had no right to accept, unless you expected to play the game. One of you was heard to say, 'I guess I know whom I want to dance with.' That boy labeled himself a snob, discourteous and un-Christian. He belonged on the other side of the door with his rubbers.

"Again, you were cruel to the girls who were invited to the dance, whom you allowed to sit around the room the whole evening. There were some girls who never danced a single dance; and only those who have been compelled to sit out dance after dance know the pain you inflicted. And not only did you not dance with these girls, but you even refused, on the plea of not wanting to dance every dance, to go and visit with them and break the awful lonesomeness which comes to a girl in such a crowd.

Insulting the Hostess

"You fellows who pretend to be somebody, who come from families who know the nice courtesies of life,—you have been guilty of insulting your hostess and being cruel to the girls of this community, who perhaps are not gifted with a fine looks or graceful ways as some, but who have the faculty of interesting their friends in a very fundamental way.

"I am reminded of a sailor who came from Great Lakes during the war when dances were being held in Community House. He told a group of my girl friends that he would not dance with them, because, he said, 'I can't let those girls sit around the wall who have made a real effort to come here to show us a good time. I must dance with them, and I find many of them very interesting.' Here is a courtesy which some of you are failing to measure up to, and shame ought to cover your faces that you have been so discourteous and so cruel.

Doesn't Omit Girls

"Now I have something to say to you girls too,—you girls who have been dancing every dance and are sought by the boys who like to dance. You are willing to accept every dance, and never raise a word of protest, but let your sisters sit cruelly alone through dance after dance. If the girlhood of the North Shore is what I think it is, it can rise in all its loveliness and change this situation, so that all girls who are invited to a party will be able to dance.

"We claim that all of us are trying to learn the Christian way of life. Let us change in this one matter, that we may not come under Jesus' condemnation, that we have failed in these things that are so essential in the act of living."

Invites Radio Fans to Enter Stamp Contest

Radio fans will be interested in a contest now being conducted by the Radio Service shop, 18 Prouty Annex, which is awarding a \$25 loud speaker to the fan who collects the greatest

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The only rules for the contest are that the stamp albums be bought and registered at the Radio Service Shop

and that they be brought in or mailed to the store by 6 o'clock on the evening of March 31.

Lilac Tea Room Owner Is Ill at Chicago Hospital

Andrew Hope, owner of the Lilac Tea room, is in the John Marshall hospital where he underwent a serious operation late last week.

He will be unable to be about for nearly two months, but a rapid recovery from the immediate effects of the operation is hoped for in two weeks' time.

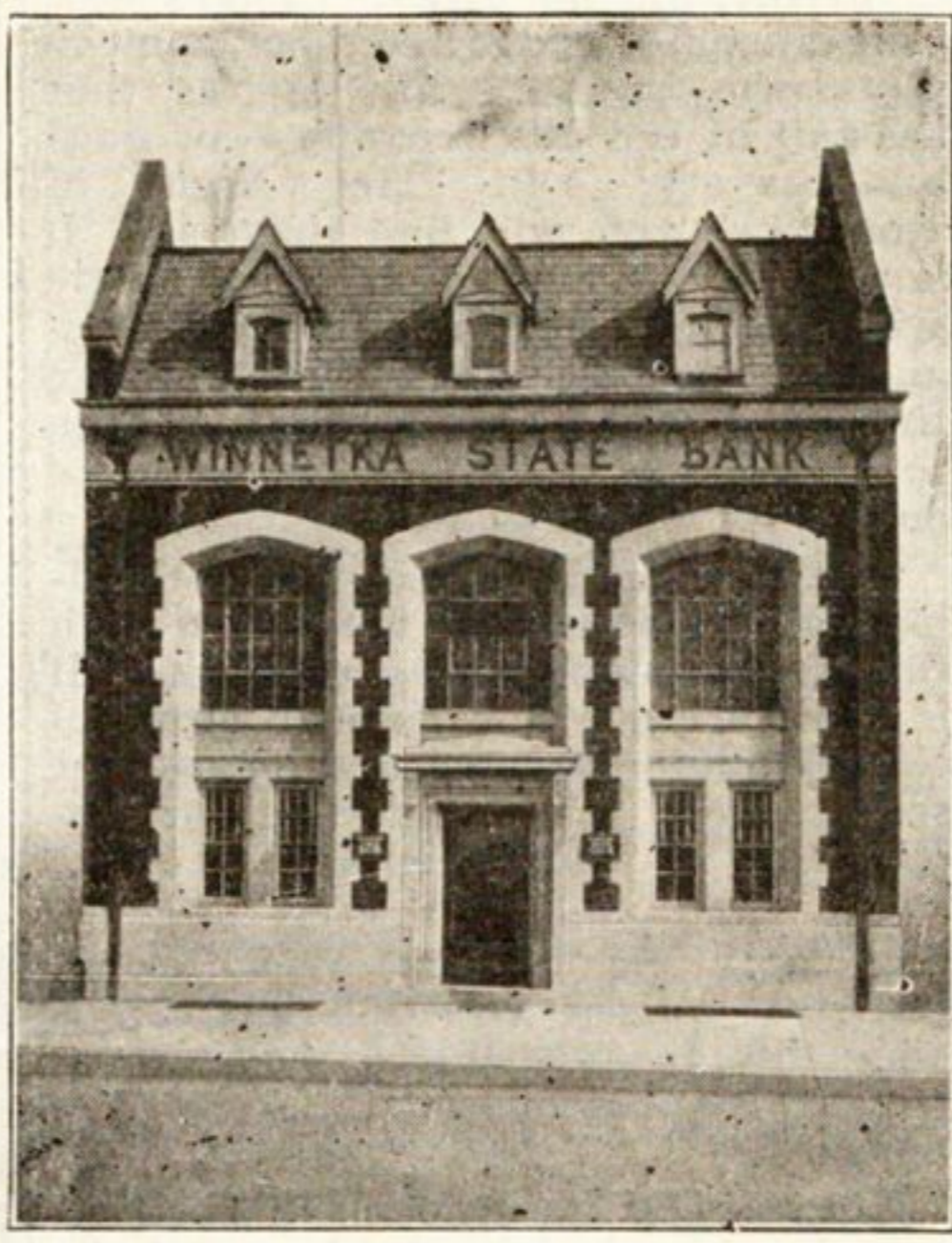
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