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CLUB DEPLORES SHOP LIFTING

Young People Find Petty Thievery is General in Winnetka Stores

CHILDREN OFFENDERS

Ask Parents to Help Stamp Out Practice

Shop-lifting in the stores and shops in Winnetka is the subject of a public letter directed to the villagers this week by a committee of the Young People's club of the Congregational church.

Thefts in local stores, which, in most instances are not reported to the police because children are the most frequent offenders, have been so general as to cause considerable annoyance, not to mention loss to the shop keepers, the club committee reports.

Fear Serious Results

"There exists today in Winnetka a condition which is not only very regrettable, but also so serious that we, the members of the Winnetka Young People's club, are seeking the cooperation of the residents of the village in stamping it out," states the letter.

"The condition which we refer to is petty thievery. For a long time Winnetka merchants have been troubled by the repeated disappearance of small articles from their stores; pencils, candy, and the like have been picked up from counters and taken away.

"When we first heard of such happenings we were inclined to doubt their actual existence, but a committee which was formed to investigate substantiated the reports by calling on several representative store keepers. These men all agreed that articles were being carried from their stores by children, generally of grammar school age, but not infrequently older. The proprietor of a dry-goods establishment told of discovering six youngsters pocketing things about his store, while the manager of a pharmacy reported that articles ranging in value from one cent to \$15 had been taken. On one occasion some girls of high school age carried off three boxes of rouge.

Seek Parent's Aid

"That such a situation should be prevalent in Winnetka seems incredible, and it is certainly not worthy of the village. In addition to its being outright theft, this evil practice does further damage by destroying the friendly feeling which should exist between merchant and customer.

"We earnestly ask that the young people of Winnetka take this to heart, and also that the parents realize the seriousness of the matter and aid in impressing the same upon their children."

The letter is signed by Betsy Beard, president; David Rumsey, vice president; Elizabeth Richards, secretary, and Ben Crawford, treasurer of the Young People's club.

Hitching on Cars May Be Stopped by Council

An ordinance designed to end the practice of hitching on behind automobiles with sleds was introduced at the Village council meeting last week. This ordinance provides for a fine for any automobile driver who allows any one to hitch on his car.

This is a very dangerous form of sport, the trustees explained, as sleds are likely to skid and swing wide of the car they are following, especially at corners, and may easily be struck by other machines traveling in the opposite direction.

No serious accidents have occurred in Winnetka up to this time, but there have been a sufficient number in other places to warrant the officials in taking drastic steps to end the danger.

Parents and drivers are asked to co-operate with the village in putting a stop to it before some one is seriously injured or lives lost. The ordinance will probably be passed at the next meeting of the Village council.

Legion to Give Dance at Center January 31

The first of a series of three dances to be given by Winnetka Post No. 10 of the American Legion is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 31, to take place at Community House.

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce musicians, Ted Morse, director, will furnish the music for the frolic. Refreshments will be served and some special features of a surprising nature are promised by the committee in charge. Tom Brown is chairman.

NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA

For week of January 27, 1925 (As recorded at the office of Community House).

Sunday evening, January 25, at 8 o'clock.—Lecture by Rev. James Austin Richards in Congregational church. Third of Sunday evening talks on Genesis.

Monday, January 26.—North Shore Theatre Guild play at Skokie school in evening.

Tuesday, January 27.—Parent-Teacher association meeting.

Winnetka Choral society.

Wednesday, January 28.—Winnetka Woman's club meeting—afternoon.

Thursday, January 29.—Camp Fire Girls contest meeting.

Friday, January 30.—North Shore Congregation—Hubbard Woods.

Saturday, January 31.—Dedication of auditorium at Horace Mann school.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Above record of forthcoming events is published each week for the convenience of our readers. Events should be listed at Community House offices prior to Thursday noon of the current week.

CHURCH DINNER PACKS WALLOP

Ad Men Present a Unique Comedy Sketch

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Editor's note: The one and only Winnetka Squawk, the "North Shore's Greatest Newspaper," made its appearance Wednesday evening of this week at the annual dinner and meeting of the Winnetka Congregational church. It was a pink edition and presented in detail every phase of the annual session. Never in the history of creation were the records of a meeting so quickly transferred to the printed page. It seemed a marvel to the 400 church folk. But, they will tell you about it. For, verily, all Winnetka is talking about it. An exact reproduction of the Squawk will be found on Pages 20 and 21 of this issue of Winnetka Talk. Additional committee reports will be found on page 19.

One of the most entertaining diversions ever presented on the north shore featured the annual dinner and business meeting of the Winnetka Congregational church, held in Rudolph Matz hall at the Community House Wednesday evening. The program was in charge of the advertising men in the parish who staged an amusing one-act sketch following the dinner and afterwards presented the audience with a special pink edition of the "Winnetka Squawk," telling all about the dinner and the play and showing a picture of the gathering, along with an advertisement, the contract for which had just been let to the representative of the "Squawk" in the play.

The play, which was written by Howard H. Hoyt, was so constructed that the annual reports of the various church committees were read as part of it, thus serving a double purpose, as these reports must be read at the business meeting and it is seldom that they can be made as interesting as was the case upon this occasion.

More than 400 members of the church were present at the dinner and meeting.

It was stated at the meeting—and this in all seriousness—that the Congregational church would, beginning with this issue of WINNETKA TALK conduct a continuous advertising campaign which has as its purpose the setting forth of the mission of the church in the community, its relation to the civic and social activities of Winnetka and its general program of work. This weekly advertisement will be prepared by experts and promises to command the interest and attention of every reader of the TALK.

Laymen Again Conduct Discussion at Services

Four laymen members of the Winnetka Congregational church have agreed to lead four mid-week meetings on four successive Wednesday evenings. The first of this series comes Wednesday, January 28, at 8 o'clock, in the church auditorium. It will be led by William Ayer McKinney, whose subject is "Except a Man Be Born Again."

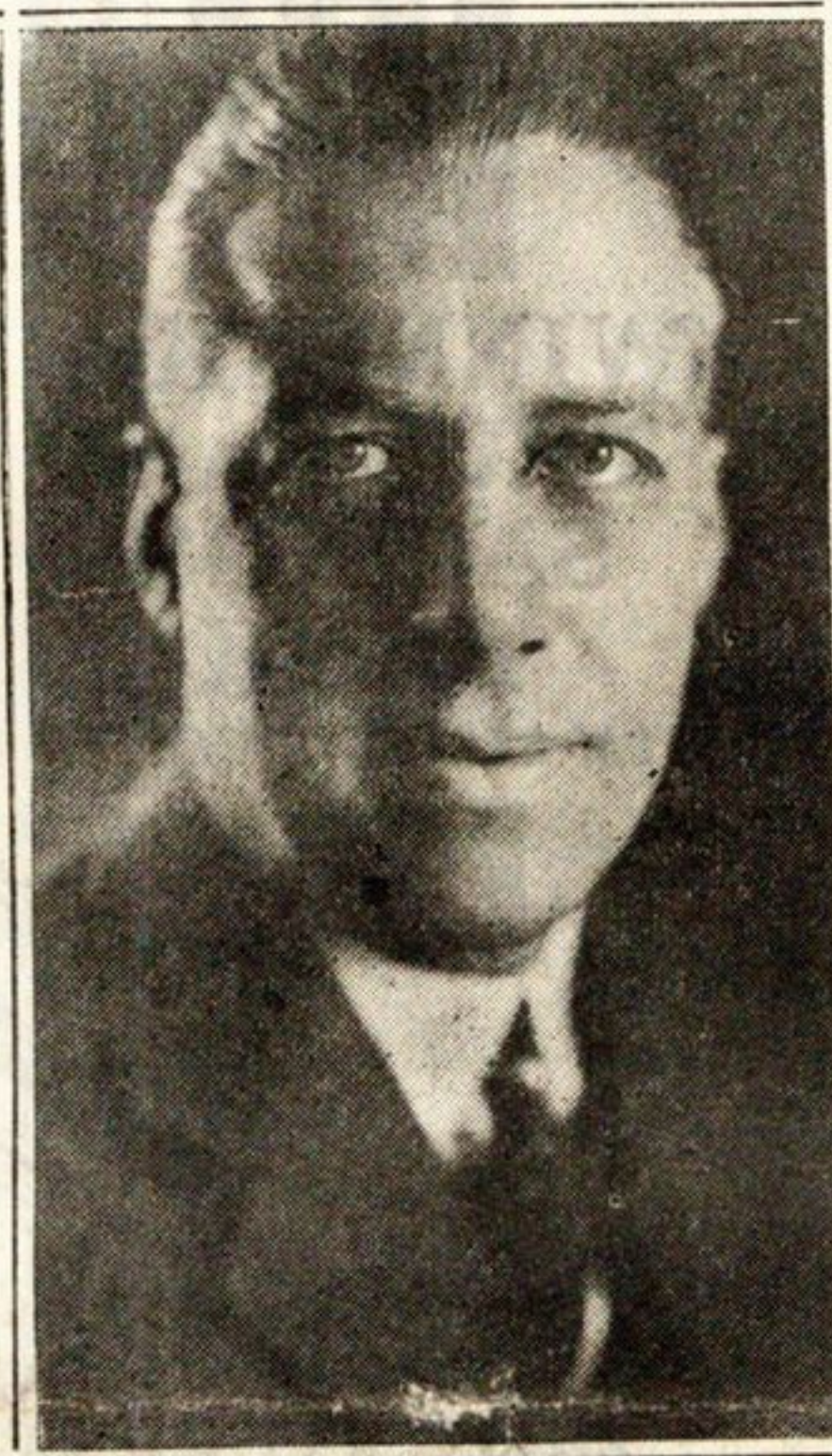
GIVE 'FASHION' DRAMA TONIGHT

Theatre Guild to Offer Repro- duction of Play in Vogue in 1845

SHOWSTAGE PROGRESS

Music Program to Accom- pany Production

All the old fashioned songs of great grandmother's day, sung by different members of the cast in appropriate costumes, will be one of the many features of "Fashion" when the North



J. Williams Macy

Shore Theatre Guild presents it tonight and Monday. Dr. Davies Lazear will sing "Believe me if All Those Endearing Young Charms," Mrs. Arthur Byfield will sing "Lily Dale," and J. Williams Macy will sing, "Don't Leave the Farm Boys." Besides these, there will be many duets, trios and quartets. A special orchestra under the direction of Mrs. William McAdams, also of Winnetka, who did the music for the Guild production of "The Enchanted Cottage," will accompany the songs.

Show Stage Growth

In speaking of "Fashion," in his column in the Chicago Evening Journal, O. L. Hall, dramatic critic of that paper said: "The Guild's restoration of 'Fashion' may well be regarded as service both to those merely in quest of entertainment or to those who take a studious interest in the development of the American stage... You could not write properly of the American stage without devoting a chapter of considerable length to Mrs. Mowatt and her play."

Elaborate scenery, typical of the period, has been designed by Aley (Continued on page 8)

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WEDNESDAY NOON

SKOKIE SCHOOL WILL HAVE ITS OWN BAND

Skokie school is soon to have a band. After much talking and planning something is actually going to happen. The plans are much more elaborate than any which have heretofore been attempted, which is due in large part to a very generous gift of money from Mrs. William Sherman Hay which has made it possible for the school to assist in financing the cost of instruments.

Frederick Neil Innes, who for many years was nationally known as director of one of the leading band organizations of this country, and who since his resignation from that organization has spent his time at the head of various schools of band instruction, has taken personal charge of the instrumentation and organization of the Skokie School band. One of his pupils, who is at present director of Northwestern University band has been chosen as the instructor and director for the children.

The enthusiasm among the children is intense and between 35 and 40 boys are candidates for the band. A full instrumentation has been arranged so that a well balanced band will be organized, which Mr. Innes guarantees will be in marching order on the streets by the first of June. With the splendid band at the high school, under Mr. Schumacher, for the boys to look forward to, the new adventure in music at Skokie offers an opportunity for a boy or girl to take up a permanent musical training.

FLAPPER FILM HERE TUESDAY

Dick Barthelmess is Star for Friday

Next week's film offerings at Community House will be Colleen Moore in "The Perfect Flapper" on Tuesday at the two evening performances only, and "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" at the special children's matinee scheduled for the same day. On Friday, Richard Barthelmess will appear in "Twenty-One" at both matinee and evening showings.

The glowing story of Aladdin and his lamp is like a page taken right out of the Arabian Nights stories. All the splendors and mystic charm, the towering minarets glistening in the sun, the star-sprinkled heavens twinkling in the midnight blue, all the wonders of the written word have been transposed to the silver sheet in a picture which children will love and which will appeal to the imagination of the most sophisticated adults.

"The Perfect Flapper," selected for presentation at the Tuesday evening performances, is described as "totally unusual but unusually entertaining." Colleen Moore, whose character delineations have elevated her to stardom, plays the leading role—that of the perfect flapper, assisted by Sydney Chaplin and Frank Mayo.

The response accorded the recent Community House showing of "Classmates" led to the booking of "Twenty-One" for the feature of Friday's program. In this production Barthelmess plays the part of a young man who has just passed the voting age. It is said to be a picture which will delight all lovers of unpretentious modern tales.

"Jollies" Show Now in First Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the "Jollies of 1925," the play to be given February 11 and 12 by the Indian Hill Improvement association, are going merrily forward. "Merrily" is used advisedly; you should hear the chorus singing some of the catchy songs which enliven this rollicking comedy. If the rest of the show is as good as the music—and they say it is—there is no doubt that it will be a great success.

There will be a rehearsal of the speaking parts Sunday afternoon and a general rehearsal at the Greeley school Monday evening. The cast has not been selected in its entirety, as yet, but it is hoped that it can be announced next week. This will be a real show, consisting of two acts and six scenes. The costumes and lighting effects are beautiful and rival any professional production.

PLEASURE CLUB IN DANCE

The Scandinavian Pleasure club of Winnetka will hold its monthly dance on Saturday, January 24, at 8 o'clock, at Community House. Music will be provided by Harold Anderson's orchestra.

TOWNS OPPOSE RATE INCREASE

New Trier Village Officials Hold Session to Discuss C. and N. W. Plea

SEEK BETTER SERVICE

Want Citizens to Write Commerce Commission

Widespread opposition of north shore communities to the proposed increase in rates by the Chicago and North Western railroad centered in a meeting of village officials from Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe and Highland Park at the Winnetka Village hall Monday evening of this week. The outcome of that meeting was a decision to appoint a committee consisting of the president, chairman of the public utilities committee and the village attorney of each town, this committee to investigate the entire question of increased suburban fares and service, to follow up the matter with the Illinois Commerce commission, and accordingly to determine the policy to be adopted by the north shore municipalities, when the matter comes to a hearing before the commission.

Want Improved Service

Although the opposition to the proposed increase in rate extends far beyond the confines of the north shore, the consensus of opinion at this meeting and among various north shore groups not represented at the meeting, seems to have been not so much an unalterable opposition to any rate increase as a determined stand against any rate increase without an accompanying improvement in service.

A communication from the Hubbard Woods Improvement association, Stanley P. Farwell, president, addressed to the Village council, voices what appeared to be the general sentiment of those present at the meeting as follows:

"We notice from the WINNETKA TALK that you, together with the officials of other north shore towns will meet this evening to consider the increase in suburban rates which the North Western railway is asking. In view of your interest in the matter, it may not be out of order to present the viewpoint of our association.

Want Definite Improvements

"The feeling of our association is that if it is necessary for the railway company to increase its rates 20 per cent in order to earn a fair return on its investment, this increase should be allowed only if the railway company will commit itself definitely to the improving of train service, including better equipment, more trains, and more reliable service. In connection with the improvement of equipment, adequate lighting should be provided. Even with the present equipment the lighting could be improved measurably, we believe, by the use of a white or cream paint on the ceilings of the cars rather than the green shade now used which is very bad from an illuminating engineering standpoint.

"The improvement of train service at Hubbard Woods has received the attention of our association for some time past. We attach a copy of our letter of August 26, 1924, asking for improved train service; also copy of the railway's reply of September 13. You will note that our request secured the addition of eight trains to the schedule. However, we got nowhere with a number of our requests, the most important being:

Site Specific Requests

"Stopping of No. 399 leaving Glencoe at 7:35 a. m. We wanted this train stopped in order to fill the existing gap between the 7:23 and 7:52 trains in Hubbard Woods in which we have no good trains.

"The provision of better evening train service from Chicago by perhaps having a train leave at around 8:30, which would make its first stop, say, at Central street, and stop at each of the towns from Wilmette to Glencoe inclusive.

"Restoration of after-theater train service to that which existed a few years ago when a train left Chicago at about 11:25 and took only 30 minutes to reach Hubbard Woods.

"Provision of an evening train between the 7:01 and 10:59, in which period of four hours we have no train service.

"We will appreciate any consideration you may give to our views in this matter."

From other towns which are served by the Chicago and North Western railroad. (Continued on page 4)