

EXHIBIT PLANS FOR NEW HALL

Officials to Present Designs at Village Hall Sunday Afternoon, February 8

CITIZENS ARE INVITED

Pierce Shows Need for New Structure

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When Winnetka was recently proclaimed to be the model suburban village, the investigation on which this statement was based fortunately overlooked our Village hall. Many of our citizens have also overlooked it and made excuses for it, for many years.

As far back as 1915 a citizens' committee of 30 was formed to consider plans for the new building. At intervals, during the following years, other efforts have been made; but these were unsuccessful, largely because of conditions brought about by the World war. It will be gratifying, therefore, to Winnetka taxpayers to know that the new building soon to be erected can be financed without the necessity for a bond issue or for an increase in taxation of any kind.

Commission Starts Work

The location and surroundings for the new Administration building had their inception in the recommendations of the Winnetka Plan Commission in 1921. This commission consisted of 50 of Winnetka's leading citizens, including prominent architects and city planners, and was headed by the late Philip Sidney Post. A description of Winnetka's ideal community center development is contained in the report of the Plan commission, published by the Village and distributed to all home owners in 1921.

Working under great difficulties, the Village council has already carried out several important steps toward the proposed village center as planned by the commission. Among these are:

1. The widening of Linden street between Elm and Oak streets.

2. The removal of the unsightly buildings on Linden street.

3. The removal of the Village service yard from the retail business center. (To be completed in the near future).

4. The removal of sheds, shacks and rubbish from the interior of the block bounded by Linden, Elm, Oak and Chestnut streets, and the construction of a paved mall and a beautiful center parkway, affording an open vista to the west, in place of the foregoing unsightly disorder.

5. The purchase of a site for the proposed Administration building on the west side of Linden street, in the center of the block between Elm and Oak streets, just south of the present Rapp's market.

Hall in Bad State

Winnetka is the only north shore suburb owning and operating its own water and light utilities. So economical has been the administration of these properties, that filtered water and electric light and power service of the highest quality are furnished to our residents at the same or lower rates than in other similar suburbs. Other Village departments are giving as high a standard of service as is possible with the very inadequate quarters and facilities now provided.

Under the control of the Village council is municipal property, valued at over \$1,000,000. Including the water and electric departments, the village organization has about 90 employees with an annual pay roll of nearly \$150,000. The business transacted by the Village annually amounts to over a half million dollars. When we consider these facts, the need for adequate administrative offices is apparent. It can be conclusively shown that the present lack of facilities is resulting in a waste of tax payers' money amounting to several thousand dollars a year.

Inspection Day Sunday

Those citizens who have not inspected the present Village hall throughout have a great surprise in store if they visit it on Sunday afternoon, February 8. This structure used for many years as a public school building, and discarded, is in a deplorable state of repair and so depreciated that money spent on remodeling would be largely wasted. A few years ago, a fire partially destroyed the lower hallway. The wooden construction causes one to wonder how this fire could ever have been extinguished. The building is such a fire trap that Village employees and others are endangered, as well as valuable Village records which must be stored in the building. Sanitary conditions are very bad and the offices are crowded and inadequate from every point of view. The new Administration building

with its central location, architectural beauty and convenient and efficient arrangement, will add another source of pride to our community.

All citizens are invited to inspect the present Village Hall and to see the designs for the new building on Sunday afternoon, February 8, between 2 and 5 o'clock.

LEGION NEWS

From Winnetka Post Headquarters

The next meeting of Winnetka Post will be held on Monday, February 9, at 8 o'clock. The next legion dance will be held some time next month in Community House. Our dance on last Saturday was a great success. There were 150 couples. Ted Morse and his orchestra furnished the music.

Did you notice an article in another column of this issue of WINNETKA TALK regarding the investigation of the National Disabled Soldiers' league? Winnetka Post, among others, was instrumental in bringing about this investigation and it is hoped that Winnetka people will appreciate this work. We may not stop the flow of pencils, but we have performed a real service to the public, thanks to our J. M. Jr.

Our Indoor team won from the Keller Colts of Waukegan this week by a score of 6 to 3. Dehmlow's pitching was the feature, that gentleman achieving 16 strikeouts. Eckart starred behind the bat. The line-up was as follows: Harold Voltz, captain; Carpenter, Dahl, Lucchesi, Kruger, Leopold and Knox. The next home game will be played Wednesday, February 11, against a fast aggregation from Evanston.

Latest reports from the bowling alleys—

We played the Doctors last night and came out on the short end. Richardson says the boys were not feeling so good. Wonder why.

Who Sent That Letter to Mrs. M. L. Millen?

Another letter has been received by Elmer E. Adams, Winnetka postmaster, from the dead letter office at Washington and awaits identification by the sender. It was mailed in Winnetka December 23, 1924, and was addressed to Mrs. M. L. Millen, Washington, D. C., General Delivery. From the contents it is thought that the sender is from the Indian Hill section of the village.

Name Supervisor for Afternoon Gym Work

Frank Reynolds, a New Trier high school graduate and at present a student at Northwestern university has been appointed as a supervisor of gymnasium work in Wilmette public school gymnasiums in the afternoon after school.

This appointment is in accordance with the plan of the Board of Education to keep the gymnasiums open both in the afternoons and the evenings for the use of villagers.

Reynolds will be at one of the schools every afternoon from 3:15 until 5 o'clock, during which time school children may use the gymnasium facilities. He will also assist L. F. Todd and Desmond Devitt, who have been in charge of school athletics.

Mrs. George P. Racine of 561 Winnetka avenue is improving after a recent illness.

Mrs. Thomas C. Anderson of 419 Maple avenue is convalescing from a recent operation at Grant hospital.

ATTEND LIBRARY SESSIONS

Miss Hughes, Miss Wittstein, and Miss Berg of the Winnetka Public library attended the all-day meeting of the North Shore Library association at Lake Forest on Thursday. This meeting takes place once a year for the purpose of discussing the management of the library and its administration. Luncheon and tea were served.

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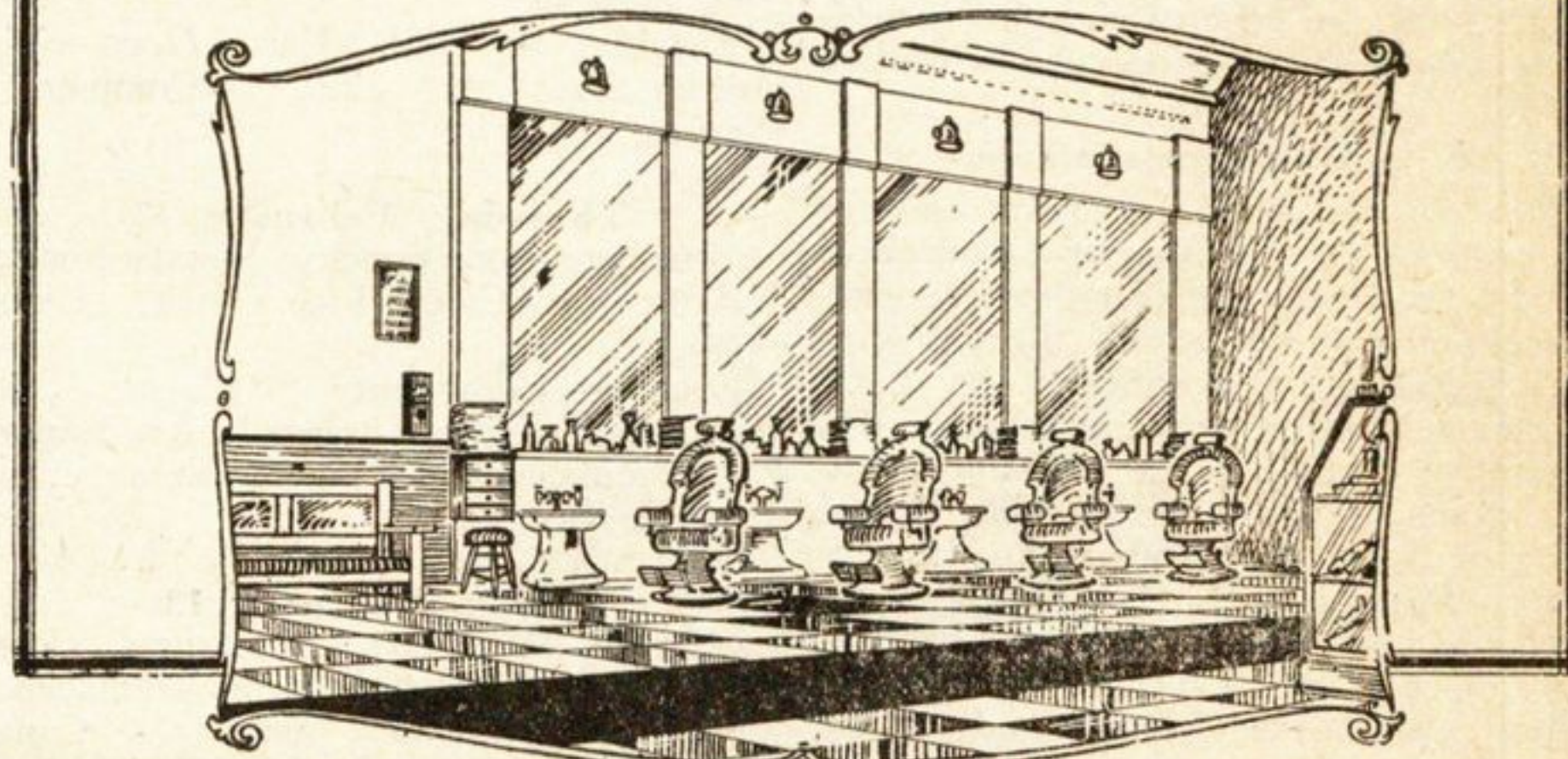
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