

# In Support of the Village Caucus Tickets

## Men and Women of Winnetka 3 PUBLIC MEETINGS

In support of Candidates endorsed by 1925 Village Caucus

Monday, March 30 — Greeley School

Wednesday, April 1 — Hubbard Woods School

Monday, April 6 — Community House

All at 8 o'clock

### Candidates Endorsed by Village Caucus

#### 1925 VILLAGE TICKET

President

John S. Miller

Village Trustees

John D. Pierce

H. L. Raclin

Walter Strong

Village Treasurer

William E. Davis

Police Magistrate

Clark T. Northrop

Village Marshal and Collector

Theodore Flynn

Library Trustees

Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty

Walter T. Fisher

#### 1925 PARK DISTRICT TICKET

Park Commissioners

Arlan W. Converse

Sidney Wellbeloved

The current issues of this campaign are more important than any that have come before the people of Winnetka for many years. They strike at the fundamental conditions that have controlled the character of the Village and the effectiveness of the administration of its affairs.

### THIS IS IMPORTANT

- Taxes
- Parks System
- Management
- Finance

Control of Conditions affecting the size and residential character of the Village

Come to one of these meetings and learn the truth about all of these questions.

Form your own judgment of the facts and take a part in the Village affairs in which you have a very vital interest.

### Citizens' Committee

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| Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Alschuler | Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Cushman    | Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Greeley    | Mr. and Mrs. William A. Otis     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Ascheim  | Mr. and Mrs. Coran T. Davis       | Mr. and Mrs. Carter Harrison, Jr. | Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Pryor    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Beck      | Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dickinson, Jr. | Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hibbard   | Mr. and Mrs. Marcus D. Richards  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Laird Bell          | Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easterberg      | Mr. and Mrs. Richard Y. Hoffman   | Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Scribner    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Benson    | Mr. and Mrs. William S. Elliott   | Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Hopkins   | Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Shoemaker |
| Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Carlstrand | Mr. and Mrs. W. R. English        | Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Laird      | Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Smart     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Melville Chatten    | Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Farwell    | Mr. John R. Leonard               | Mr. and Mrs. Heber H. Smith      |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Coffin   | Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Flesham       | Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lovgren        | Mr. and Mrs. William J. Smith    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Barret Conway       | Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Freeman       | Mr. and Mrs. William D. McKenzie  | Mr. and Mrs. Horace K. Tenney    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. W. Copeland  | Miss Martha Gemmill               | Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. MacCracken    | Judge and Mrs. Chas. M. Thomson  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craig         | Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gordon     | Mr. and Mrs. Roswell B. Mason     | Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Trumbull |
| Mrs. Frank T. Crawford           | Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gottlieb    | Mr. and Mrs. William B. Moulton   | Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winterbotham  |

## The Caucus Platform

Ideals, Purposes and Policies for which the Caucus stands, subscribed to by all Candidates of the Caucus

- Qualifications of Candidates.** To insure able, efficient and honest administration of the village affairs by securing candidates not only of unquestioned honesty, but of proved ability—men whose success and good judgment in their own business affairs and other matters justify placing the village problems in their hands. In carrying out this policy the caucus has avoided office-seekers and let the office seek the man. With few, if any, exceptions the candidates put forward by the caucus have consented to act and given their time at considerable personal sacrifice from a sense of civic duty and in response to the persuasions of the nominating committee.
- Discouragement of Unnecessary Parties.** To discourage artificial and unnecessary divisions into more than one party where there are no fundamental differences in policy. Permanent party alignments along national or state party lines or otherwise are not needed in the village affairs. They only tend to confuse the local issues, divide and weaken the forces of good government and build up self-interested organizations of office-seekers.
- Municipal Water and Light Properties.** The caucus has stood, and stands, unequivocally for the municipal ownership and operation and retention of the village water and light properties, and points to these operations with justifiable pride as indicating what may be done with an efficient and non-political administration.
- Track Depression.** The caucus has stood, and stands, and pledges its candidates to work for grade separation and track depression of our railroads. The frequent killing of our citizens and increasing number of high-speed trains make this one of our most important and pressing problems. Much work has been done on this matter by our present officials and we congratulate them on the progress made. Within the last year both railroads have been committed to track depression in principle, and negotiations are now in progress regarding the terms and conditions of the necessary ordinances.
- Referendums on Franchises.** Our candidates are pledged to grant no franchises to railroads or other public utilities without first submitting the matter to a referendum vote of the citizens.
- Preservation of Residential and Community Ideal.** Last but not least (for it is a matter of vital and growing importance) this caucus stands unequivocally for the preservation of the Residential and Community Ideal for our village. By this we mean the preservation, so far as controllable, of all those desirable features of our community life which have brought most of our citizens here and have caused some who have surveyed the suburban life of America to call it the ideal suburb. The great majority of our citizens, perhaps ninety per cent, are commuters with business interests in the city, who have come here to escape the bigness of the city and give their families the benefit of a more open and healthy country life and the more healthy interests which can only exist in comparatively small and homogeneous communities. Bigger and busier is no motto for a residential suburb, and all principles of democracy and majority rule demand that the residential ideal prevail over the commercial. It will not prevail, however, unless constantly watched and guarded. This question touches our lives and the problems of our village officials in many ways. The very fact that it is an ideal residential community increases the danger of exploitation for profit. This caucus stands for the carefully studied Village Plan, for enforcement of the Zoning Law, for discouragement of commercial and industrial developments beyond the needs of a residential community and for exclusion, so far as possible, of apartments and hotels. In particular, it opposes the exploitation of the low lands to the west of the village. Undue and forced expansion into naturally undesirable lands, bringing large increases of population of a different character and perhaps new commercial and industrial centers and activities means direct and rapid progress backward toward the confused city life, and will be even more destructive of our present homogeneous community life than apartment development. Such development, aside from all other considerations, can only result in expense to our present citizens for unnecessary drainage assessments and increased tax burdens. The expensive reclamation of these lands is not justified by any lack of available or better suburban lands, and the needs of Greater Chicago will be better served by the establishment of many suburbs of Winnetka's size and type, rather than by exploitation of the attractions of our village to the point where these very attractions are lost. Our far-sighted merchants and business men have recognized their community of interest with the other residents in the past and we are confident will continue to do so in the future and co-operate in maintaining the residential ideals of the great majority, and in return this caucus pledges its candidates to give their needs and interests fair consideration.
- Endorsement of Village Administration.** This caucus endorses the present village administration and congratulates it upon the successful progress towards improvement of the Village Center and erection of a new Village Hall.
- Endorsement of Park Board Administration.** This caucus endorses the present Park Board and approves its program for extension of the Park System along the western boundaries of the village.

### What the Caucus Is

This caucus is the successor of similar meetings held each year for the last ten years. The candidates selected in every instance have proved acceptable to the voters and were elected at the polls without opposition.

All citizens in sympathy with the ideals and policies of the caucus are invited to participate and their co-operation is welcomed. To insure attendance of a considerable number, special notices have been mailed to those who have attended previous meetings or have indicated some active interest in community affairs. Any citizen notifying the Secretary will be placed on this list for future years. The caucus is not, however, intended as a universal town meeting or open forum to

settle all issues and could not so function or serve its purpose. Radical differences in policy should not be finally determined by majority vote at any meeting attended by only a portion of the voters, but by the presentation of alternative tickets for the consideration of all the voters at the polls. The aim of this caucus is to bring together a representative body of citizens fairly harmonious with respect to policies in order that a ticket of fit candidates, standing for those policies, may be presented to the voters. Any other group out of sympathy with these policies will always be at liberty to put its own candidates in the field.

### Nominating Committee

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| Mrs. Alfred S. Alschuler | William J. Carey     | Miss Ruth Matz      |
| Ralph T. Brackett        | John R. Cochran      | Eugene Rummel       |
| Mrs. Edwin E. Brown      | Mrs. F. A. dePeyster | William Jones Smith |
| Arthur E. Bryson         | Stanley Farwell      | Ralph M. Snyder     |
| George Campbell          | George E. Frazer     | George D. Wolf      |
|                          | Morris K. Levinson   |                     |

Annual Village and Park District Elections Tuesday, April 7