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PREDICT BIG VOTE IN VILLAGE ELECTION

BREAK SOD FOR NEW STRUCTURE

President Miller and Trustees Start Administration Building Project

PIERCE IN ADDRESS

Trench Spades Employed in "Digging"

Ground was formally broken Monday morning, March 30, for Winnetka's new Administration building, to be erected at Linden and Oak streets as the crowning structure of the new Village mall setting.

Quite a group of interested villagers assembled early in the morning to witness the simple but impressive ceremony as President Miller, village trustees and other municipal officials, formally launched the newest municipal project by "digging in" just before the huge excavating machine was set into operation.

Trustee J. D. Pierce, chairman of the Building committee, started the activities with a brief address in which he recounted some of the achievements of the present administration and emphasized as one of the outstanding works of the Board of Trustees, the projected Administration building.

All "Dig In"

Mr. Pierce called upon President Miller to turn over the first shovel-full of earth at the site of the new structure, but President Miller had other plans. The building chairman had provided a sizeable spade for the occasion, President Miller, it soon developed, had brought along a whole satchel-full of trench shovels which had seen arduous service in France, and forthwith doled out the useful implements to the members of the council with instructions that every trustee should "dig in" with a will.

To no one person should go the credit for this achievement, said President Miller. Every member of the council has had a share in the work. Everyone of them shall share in the glory of a task accomplished.

The digging proceeded without further ceremony to the great delight of the enthusiastic spectators.

Excavation in Progress

Chairman Pierce's introductory address was as follows:

"Our official family is about to separate. Some of us feel that the load of public affairs should now be shifted to other shoulders; others of us are awaiting the verdict of the coming election.

Calls Term Record-Breaker

"I believe that no one can deny that the last few years have been record-breakers for the accomplishment of good for Winnetka. Not all of these things have yet come before the public eye, but they have been accomplished, and their worth will in time be appreciated by the citizens.

"Reference is especially made to the accomplishment of Trustee Aldrich in the new through-traffic route. While the breaking of ground has not yet taken place for this great highway through Winnetka, I think we all feel that the real work has been done, and by Mr. Aldrich.

"Another thing: Finances have been the rock on which many of our predecessors have split. Who of us does not realize that Trustee Brown, of the finance committee, has steered us safely through the breakers?

Deplores Loss of Trustees

"And so we know, and every citizen should know, that the loss of these two men from the deliberations of the Board of Trustees is a serious one for Winnetka and a source of regret to us all.

"We have come here this morning to celebrate another accomplishment, for while no evidence of what is to be erected here can be seen today, we know that, one by one, the difficulties and obstructions have been removed until now the way stands clear for the visible result.

Honors President Miller

"And now I turn to the able leader in all our work, our esteemed president, the man who has given even more of his time and ability to Winnetka than any of us; and, on behalf of the building committee, I have the honor to ask that you, Mr. Miller, will lift the first shovel-full of earth that will start the erection of the Winnetka Administration building."

Tax Payers Group Predicts Victory

The Winnetka Tax Payers league has made a fight in this election for principles. It has tried in an honorable way to make and place before the voters a correct picture of village affairs and the conditions we want made better.

We have tried to indulge in no personalities but to make a fight for principles. If anything we may have said tended toward personalities or at times seemed harsh it was in the heat of battle and solely to demonstrate the point we were trying to make.

The issues of this campaign are reduction of taxation, and that special assessments should not be levied where a majority of those taxed are opposed to them, and that public officers should be responsive to the will of the majority.

Our adversaries have tried to avoid the issues by raising false ones and misstating our position, but we are thankful that we have an intelligent electorate—one that will not be misled by prejudice, misstatement or improper influence.

To them we submit our cause, confident that they will see the light and that their votes will be cast on principle. The Winnetka Tax Payers league ticket, in our opinion, will be returned a victor by a large majority.

The Winnetka Tax Payers League.

'EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT' SUNDAY CLUB DISCUSSION

At the Winnetka Sunday Evening club meeting on April 5, the general topic of discussion will be "The History of Evolutionary Thought." Graeme Canning will be in charge of the program and will present the problem in a short talk. Mr. Canning is peculiarly fitted to handle this subject because of a special type of graduate work which he has done at Columbia university. The meeting promises to be fruitful in discussion.

At last Sunday evening's meeting the general subject of "The Individual's Adapting Himself to His Environment" was presented by Miss Eleanor Beard, Graeme Canning, and Miss Elizabeth Kirshner. The complicated problem of adaptation was discussed in its physical, social, mental and moral phases. Those present were keenly interested in the subject and participated actively in the discussion.

The meeting this Sunday evening will be held at 6:30 o'clock in the Camp Fire room of the Community House. Supper will be served.

Announce Holy Week Services at Church

Holy Week in the Winnetka Congregational church will comprise meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings. These are special occasions for meditation and prayer. They are without special music or address, and are being increasingly welcomed year after year by those who feel the need of a quiet hour for soul-searching and refreshment.

On Thursday evening the central emphasis will be upon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, when the communion will be celebrated in the spirit of the "Upper Room." The evening of Good Friday presents a special time for quiet meditation upon the scripture words that bring to remembrance the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

The hour for these meetings is 8 o'clock. The invitation is universal.

Legion-Talk Tornado Fund Reaches \$375.50

The Winnetka American Legion-Winnetka Talk Tornado relief fund reached the grand total of \$375.50 this week when the children of the North Shore Congregation Sunday school contributed \$16.

Contributions in the amount of \$359.50 had previously been acknowledged in the columns of the TALK.

The fund is to be placed in the hands of the American Red Cross, the supervising relief organization at the scene of the recent disaster.

REAL ESTATE FIRM MOVES

Heinsen and Kroll, well known Winnetka real estate firm, has moved to 720 Elm street. The concern has occupied officers at 556 Center street for several years. The new location is expected to be more convenient to its many friends and clients.

HOLD TOWNSHIP BALLOT TUESDAY

Citizens League Candidates to be Voted Upon and Town Meeting Conducted

PICK PARK OFFICERS

Winnetka to Have Stormy Village Ballot

Tuesday, April 7, will be election day in New Trier township. In contrast to last year's rather stormy ballot campaign, the town election this year has resolved itself into the formality of extending a complimentary vote to the Citizens' league candidates, the only opposition being for the offices of town constable, with two brothers aligned on an independent ticket against the five nominees of the Citizens' league.

The day, however, promises to bring a bitter fight in Winnetka, where, in the instance of the village election, strong opposition to the regularly selected caucus ticket, has appeared with the result that a good old-fashioned campaign has been in progress for several weeks, with a group entitled "The Winnetka Tax Payers Party," waging an aggressive fight against the Winnetka Park district candidates nominated at the recent annual village caucus.

The only local election in Wilmette next Tuesday will be the ballot for Park district commissioners in which Henry J. Haack and Henry Fowler are the unopposed candidates.

Wilmette Ballot April 21

Wilmette and Kenilworth village elections will be held Tuesday, April 21, with unopposed tickets in the field.

Wilmette school district will hold its election Saturday, April 11.

Glencoe also has its village election next Tuesday, with a complimentary ticket in the field.

In the town election the New Trier Citizens' league ticket comprises five candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace, as follows: D. M. Mickey, John J. Peters, Samuel H. Vowell, George W. Tapper, Jr., and Ralph E. Sinsheimer. Citizens' league candidates for the office of Constable, five in all, are Jacob Rudolph, Walter P. Peter, Peter Schilder, Joseph A. Sherman, and Leo M. Dean.

Candidates for Township School Trustees endorsed by the Citizens' league are J. Edward Maass and Walter T. Fisher. Independent candidates in the town election are Ralph H. Fichtman and Raymond E. Fjellman, who seek the office of constable. They represent the only opposition to the Citizens' league candidates.

Hold Town Meeting Tuesday

Tuesday will also witness the annual town meeting to be held at Community House, Winnetka, at 2 o'clock. At this time the residents of the township will hear the reports of the various township officers concerning the administration of affairs in the past year.

Seek Endorsement of Administration

The real issue at the election on Tuesday is whether you like Winnetka as it is or whether you want to change it.

The 1925 Village ticket and the 1925 Park District ticket, endorsed by the Village Caucus, are pledged to retain Winnetka as it is—to preserve its advantages as a residential community.

Our candidates are backed by a record of accomplishment. They are endorsed by a committee of 100 representative citizens.

The facts as to all questions raised have been clearly stated in a letter mailed by this committee to every voter.

One misleading claim of the opposition deserves emphatic denial. They have attempted to win votes on the west side by stating that the park assessment on most voters will be from \$10 to \$20 per front foot. The most reliable estimates obtained by the Citizens' committee, which has made a careful investigation, indicate that the assessments (excluding the small area adjoining the parks and specially benefited) will run from 50 cents to \$6 per front foot spread over 10 years, or 5 to 60 cents per year.

Your village and park officials work for you 365 days in the year. Will you give the few minutes necessary to support them with your vote?

Citizens Committee.

CALL WINNETKANS TO GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Many villagers will be attracted to Christ church on the afternoon of Good Friday, April 10 where a three-hour service is to be held in commemoration of the crucifixion of Christ.

For this service Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of the church, has secured as speaker the Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, of Chicago, one of the best known clergymen in the country.

Mr. Tucker will be remembered by Winnetkans as the minister who assumed charge of Christ church parish last summer while Mr. Gerhard was having his vacation period.

The service on Good Friday will begin promptly at 12 o'clock and continue until 3 o'clock.

Those who cannot attend the afternoon services will find opportunity for worship at the evening services in Christ church at which the choir, under the direction of Ellis E. Chase, will present Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary."

Both of these services are designed to be of interest to the entire community and every resident is cordially invited to participate in the observances.

U. C. Abel Purchases Black and White Cabs

Sale of the Black and White Cab company to Ulysses C. Abel, proprietor of the Winnetka Exide Battery service, was announced this week. Mr. Abel has already taken over the cab business and expects to move his battery service station from its present location in the Carlton building to the cab company's garage on Lincoln avenue by April 20.

Mr. Abel said that it would be his aim to give as good service in the cab business as his customers have been receiving at the battery service station.

In the new location those wanting attention for their batteries will be able to drive in, which will be convenient when the weather is bad.

William Merrill, former owner of the Black and White Cab company said that he had formed no definite plans yet but that he might go west for a while.

W. N. Cooke Injured in Fall from a Tree

W. N. Cooke of 549 Provident avenue is in the Evanston hospital convalescing after an accident in which he was severely injured last Tuesday.

Mr. Cooke was attempting to saw off a heavy limb of a tree when the wind caused it to break prematurely, throwing him to the ground from a height of 20 feet. He suffered a broken collarbone and fractured shoulder blade, besides painful cuts and bruises. His condition is not serious.

PUPILS REHEARSE PLAYS

Two weeks after spring vacation, or on April 24, pupils of the Greeley school will present two one-act plays in the school auditorium. These plays are being staged under the direction of Miss Douglass Whitehead.

TWO FACTIONS WAR TO FINISH

Village Party to Terminate Campaign with a Mass Meeting Monday Night

TAXPAYERS ARE BUSY

President Makes Statement on Candidacy

Winnetka's hottest political contest in 10 years will draw to a close Monday evening, on the eve of election day, in a final burst of oratorical fireworks which will be exploded at a meeting of the pro-caucus party at the Community House.

This meeting will be the last of a series of three held by the adherents to the Village Tickets, the first of which was held last Monday evening at the Greeley school and the second Wednesday evening at the Hubbard Woods school. The gravity with which this faction views the coming contest was indicated by the admission of John S. Miller, Jr., present village president, who is a candidate for re-election, that the contest will be one of the hottest ever seen in the village.

Corrects False Impression

The recently voiced impression that John S. Miller is a candidate for Village President on both the Village Ticket and the Tax Payers ticket, in the coming election this week prompted the candidate to make a statement effectively clarifying the situation. While it is obvious that a candidate cannot appear on opposing tickets, the fact that the Tax Payers group has expressed itself as satisfied with Mr. Miller, caused many citizens to believe his name would appear on both tickets next Tuesday. The Tax Payers ticket is without a candidate for Village President.

Mr. Miller, in a straight-forward statement of his position in the present campaign, writes as follows to

WINNETKA TALK:

"To the People of Winnetka:

"I have been informed of a current impression that I am a candidate for the office of Village President at the coming election upon two opposing tickets. This is not true and it would be unfair to the candidates and supporters of both tickets should I leave this error uncorrected. From it so many false inferences have been drawn that I make this frank statement of my position.

"I am a candidate only upon the '1925 Village Ticket' nominated by the regular Village Caucus. The supporters of the other ticket in their nominating meeting merely endorsed my candidacy. While I appreciate the confidence in me expressed by this endorsement all my allegiance is given to the regular Village Caucus—not only because I was nominated by it but also because I believe in the principles for which it stands, and have the utmost confidence in the persons chosen as its candidates. With many of them I have served intimately in community affairs with ample opportunity to know their qualifications and to appreciate their disinterested public service.

"The candidates nominated by this Caucus for Village offices will carry on the present policy of Village Government which I am convinced is entitled to the people's confidence and support. Its candidates for the Park Board stand for a policy of immediate park extension, which I believe to be vital to the welfare of this community. The future throws down the glove of challenge to us. The development of Winnetka for years to come will be to a large degree determined by the Park Board's action. I have long felt that the present program of the Park Board is the wisest.

"Indeed it was partly at my suggestion and request that the Park Board originally instituted this program, and I am happy to assume my full share of responsibility for the Park Board's policy, confident (Continued on page 7)

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