

Lest We Forget —

Village Election Tuesday, April 7, 1925
Polls open from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Issues of this Campaign

Reduction of taxation.

Special assessments should not be levied where a majority of those taxed are opposed to them.

Public officers should be responsive to the will of the majority.

THE QUESTION OF THIS CAMPAIGN IS NOT WHETHER YOU DO OR DO NOT FAVOR THE ACQUIREMENT OF FURTHER PARKS BY THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA, BUT WHETHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS ELECTED TO MANAGE THE PARK OR OTHER AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE, WILL ACT IN CONFORMITY TO THE WILL OF THE TAX PAYERS WHOM THEY EXPECT TO PAY THE BILLS.

Platform of the Winnetka Tax Payers' League

RESOLVED, that we insist upon economy in the conduct of local affairs to the end that the burden of taxation may be reduced.

RESOLVED, that we approve of the statement of principles adopted by the caucus held in the Village of Winnetka on March 11, 1925, except the 8th paragraph thereof, which endorses the present Park Board and approves its program.

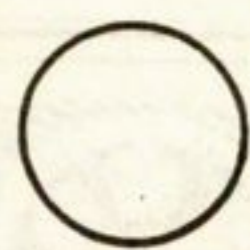
RESOLVED, that we disapprove of the conduct of the Park Board, in its present action with respect to the proposed acquirement of further parks on or near the western edge of the Village at the expense of a few property owners and we condemn the Park Board for not permitting, in its public hearing, called as required by law, for the consideration of such matter, an open vote of those property owners in attendance at such meeting, as to whether or not said park should be acquired and paid for by special assessment against a portion only of the property owners of the Village.

RESOLVED, that no special assessment proceeding entailing an expenditure of \$50,000, or more, to be paid for by special assessments or special taxes, shall be instituted, except after a referendum vote shall be taken thereon of the resident property owners who may be assessed for said improvements, and not then, if it shall appear that a majority of such resident property owners are opposed to such improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the nominees of the Winnetka Tax Payers' League are pledged to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

To vote for the candidates who are standing on this platform, mark your ballot thus:

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA



1925 Village Ticket

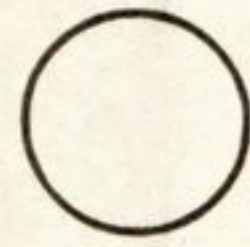
- For President
JOHN S. MILLER
- For Trustee
JOHN D. PIERCE
- For Trustee
H. L. RACLIN
- For Treasurer
WALTER STRONG
- For Marshal and Collector
WILLIAM E. DAVIS
- For Library Trustee
THEODORE FLYNN
- For Library Trustee
MRS. CARRIE B. PROUTY
- For Police Magistrate
WALTER T. FISHER
- CLARK T. NORTHROP



Winnetka Tax Payers Ticket

- For President
- For Trustee
JUSTUS CHANCELLOR, JR.
- For Trustee
PETER JOHANSEN
- For Treasurer
J. E. REPLOGLE
- For Marshal and Collector
ARTHUR M. KLOEPFER
- For Library Trustee
GEORGE F. BATTEN
- For Library Trustee
- For Police Magistrate

WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT



1925 Park District Ticket

- For Park Commissioner
(Six Year Term)
ARLAN W. CONVERSE
- SIDNEY WELLBELOVED



Winnetka Tax Payers Ticket

- For Park Commissioner
(Six Year Term)
CARL NIEMANN
- BERNARD E. HOBART

Cut this out and take it with you to the polls

This is an election to establish these principles: Let no influence other than the public good be your guide in this election. Be not deceived by false issues. You are either for or against the principles for which we stand. For the honor of Winnetka vote that you do unto your neighbor as you would have him do unto you. If you would have him vote taxes upon you without your consent vote them so on him.

Vote the Winnetka Taxpayers ticket.

WINNETKA TAX PAYERS' LEAGUE
T. N. Thompson, President,
A. M. Kloefer, Secretary.

A Statement by T. N. Thompson, President of the Winnetka Tax Payers' League:

Answering Mr. Rummmler's Interview, March 31, 1925.

The Tax Payers' League was not originated by non-residents of Winnetka. It is purely a Winnetka organization, embracing in its membership many persons who resided in Winnetka long before any of the committee supporting the "1925 Village" ticket knew there was such a place as Winnetka. The only deception practiced on members of the League has been by those public officials of whom complaint is made in this election. Mr. Rummmler is at variance with his committee when he says there is no such issue as reduction of taxation. His committee, in its circulars advertising its meetings, says: The current issues of this campaign are more important than any that have ever come before the people of Winnetka for many years and then lists as one of those issues "taxes." I suggest Mr. Rummmler and his committee get together.

If those now in office (and now seeking a return to office) are as anxious for lower taxes as any new man that could come in, it would seem that anxiety is a sudden one. They have been in office many years, and in the last five years of that time we have seen our taxes mount fourfold.

Mr. Rummmler, as a lawyer, should know that it is not true to say that, if a majority is against it, no court would sanction a special assessment. He evidently has not read the law, and he evidently did not read the pamphlet gotten out by the Winnetka Tax Payers' League, for if he had, he would have known that the court does not concern itself in a special assessment proceeding with the wishes of the taxpayers, but only with the recommendation of the Park Board or the Village Board, because, when that matter has been urged before, the court has said: "The only remedy of the people where public officials do not obey them in that respect, is to elect new ones."

But Mr. Rummmler says, statements in our circular imply those in authority did not sound out the taxpayers in regard to the proposition. We surely did not mean to say they did "sound out" the taxpayers. That has an ominous sound and we implied no such thing. We merely said the law says they should have a public hearing, at which somebody should hear. They had the public hearing, but no one seemed to listen.

Mr. Rummmler says no one ever comes to the public hearing unless he objects to the proposal under consideration. The law does not prescribe who shall come and who shall stay at home. It calls for a public hearing to enable the property owners to determine whether they will consent to or oppose the contemplated improvement. That some came who favored the improvement is manifest by the fact several spoke in favor of the park. Mr. Rummmler wants to count the absent ones. He won't be able to do that on election day.

Again I say this is not a question of whether you do or do not favor the acquirement of the parks. The history of that transaction and its merits do not enter into this election. Many who support the Winnetka Tax Payers' ticket favor parks, but they do not favor them acquired by special assessment or at the expense of a few.

Mr. Rummmler does not seem to be able to see that there is a difference between not favoring parks and not desiring them at the expense of a few. Those who foot the bills should be permitted to say whether or not the bills should be incurred.

Mr. Rummmler's statement that it is all bosh about building tennis courts and baseball diamonds and bridle paths in the proposed park, like many of his others, is outside the issue, but it shows how poorly posted he is upon the question he is discussing.

I have before me a copy of the official notice of the Park Board for the time and place of the public hearing on the park question. It recites that the land is to be acquired and improved by clearing, seeding, constructing ditches, parking space, baseball fields, tennis courts, hockey field, golf course, and many other things. It would seem, Mr. Rummmler to the contrary notwithstanding, that such things were to be done. Does he think the Park Board was trying to fool the taxpayers, or is he only trying to fool them for campaign purposes?

The residents of Winnetka are public spirited and take an interest in public affairs when they are correctly informed about them. Either Mr. Rummmler or the Park Board was trying to fool the people in the above respect. We cannot think it was the Park Board. We prefer, rather than believe it to be our chosen public officials, to think it Mr. Rummmler, the chairman of the Village caucus, speaking for campaign purposes.

If it is not Mr. Rummmler so speaking; if he were not unintentionally in error, then the Park Board is further to be blamed for not making the matter clear. If Mr. Rummmler, with his legal acumen cannot understand, how is the average taxpayer to understand? Remember, Mr. Rummmler says, they like to understand what is going on. I think the taxpayers understand what the Park Board say is going on. If they do not mean what they say, we had better get a new board.

The Winnetka tax payers have no reason to change in any respect from the platform heretofore announced by them. They think they are in the right and that the tax payers of the Village are for them in this fight. This is a fight for the principles announced in the Winnetka Tax Payers' platform and pamphlet.