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## AUDITORS KILL MOSQUITO PLAN

### Refuse Sanction of Township Plan to Spend \$7,500 in Eradication

### FEAR MOVE ILLEGAL

### Tax Levy Plan also Regarded as Illegal

Legal technicalities loomed large and apparently blocked all chance of a mosquito eradication campaign by the township this year when the New Trier township Board of Auditors reiterated their refusal to sanction expenditures for this purpose, at a meeting held in the Wilmette Village hall Tuesday evening. A sharp fight over the amount to be spent was expected by most of those who attended the meeting. What developed was a maze of technicalities in which everything was lost sight of but the fact that the Board of Auditors refused to O. K. any expenditures, whether it was \$7,500 or \$7.50, on the grounds that they questioned its legality and might be held individually responsible for any such expenditure.

#### Zipf Inserts Query

The meeting got down to the business of mosquitos soon after it opened, when the board was asked to approve the expenditure of \$7,500 for fighting the pests this year. Instantly Edward Zipf, president of the Wilmette Village board, was on his feet asking why it was necessary to spend \$7,500 and by what methods this sum had been fixed. He said that Wilmette, which carries on its own mosquito campaign, had been doing the work thoroughly for about \$200 a year. Before Mr. Zipf's question could be explained J. M. Dickinson, Jr., member of the Board of Auditors, who acted as moderator of the meeting, stated the view of the board concerning the matter and the discussion veered to the legal aspect.

Austin L. Wyman, proponent of the eradication campaign suggested that it might be possible to use the township funds for this purpose by instituting a mandamus proceedings to compel the Board of Auditors to sanction the expenditure. It was his belief that the opposition of the board was from the standpoint of legality only, and that if a mandamus was issued, it need not be fought by them.

#### Auditors Are Adamant

The board, however, felt that to insure its freedom from responsibility, even under these conditions, it would have to take the case to the Supreme court. That would cause delay which would prevent any eradication work this year, as such work must be started by May 15 at the very latest, to be effective.

Merle B. Waltz, president of the Glencoe Village board then put forward his suggestion. He conceded the impossibility of doing anything this year, but suggested that Mrs. Gertrude M. Thurston, township supervisor, levy a tax of one per cent for that purpose. Then, he said they could induce some friendly taxpayer to carry the case to court and protest the tax and get a decision on its legality. This would pave the way for action next year.

#### "No Authority to Levy Tax"

This plan was not entirely approved. Mrs. Thurston said that she had no authority to levy a tax for that purpose, and could not do it. Further discussion followed after which a vote of the Board of Auditors was taken in which they stood pat on their refusal. The meeting was then adjourned.

This puts any further action in the matter up to a private citizen, or a group of citizens, who may elect to take the matter into court. Whether any action will be taken immediately is doubtful, as the announced intention of the Township Board of Auditors to take the case to the Supreme court would make any action useless this year, and, according to Mr. Waltz, there is a bill now pending in the state legislature to create mosquito abatement districts similar to drainage or park districts. If this bill is passed there will be no need for action by the township next year.

#### ANOTHER GIFT FOR FUND

The gift of one dollar from Charles H. Coffin toward the Winnetka Legion-Winnetka Talk Tornado Relief fund this week brought the grand total of the fund to \$426.50. The money has been placed in the hands of the American Red Cross, supervising relief unit in the tornado area.

## SUMMER CAMP BENEFIT BRINGS FINE RESPONSE

The annual Camp Benefit for the summer camps for boys and girls under the direction of "Chief" J. W. F. Davies, of Community House, was held Tuesday afternoon, April 14. The efforts of the large committee at work for this benefit were greatly aided by the generous response of Winnetka people, many of whom have had boys or girls in camp. The program was in two sections, the card party, meeting at the Woman's club. Mrs. Ayres Boal generously opened her home at the same time for the reading by Miss Alice Gerstenberg, and a large audience was in attendance. While it is impossible, at this time, to give the exact amount realized, as the returns are not all in, the indications are that it was a big and gratifying success, financially. More definite announcement will be made later.

The money obtained will be used for additional camp equipment, and for certain camp scholarships. Much credit is due the general chairman, Mrs. Arthur M. Barrett, and her committee, Mrs. Ayres Boal, Mrs. Ballard Bradley, Mrs. Roger Ballard, Mrs. Preston Boyden, Mrs. Frank T. Crawford, Mrs. Anderson Aldrich, Mrs. Cornelius Lynde, Mrs. Marc Newman, Mrs. George S. Parker, Mrs. Frederick B. Thomas, Mrs. William Thrall, Mrs. Ernst von Ammon, Mrs. Walter Wallace, and Mrs. Darrell Boyd.

## MEN NEEDED FOR "PLANTING BEE"

### Many Trees, Shrubs Will Be Planted in Park

Those good citizens of Hubbard Woods, who have strong backs and a spade, will have the opportunity to indulge in an old fashioned planting bee this afternoon, when a goodly number of the trees and shrubs which have been acquired to beautify the station surroundings are to be planted.

The following statement was issued by the Hubbard Woods Improvement Association:

"More than 900 shrubs and small trees have been purchased for the station improvement work. These will arrive at the end of this week and a planting bee will be held on Saturday afternoon, at which all able-bodied citizens will be welcome with their garden tools.

"The recent drive to secure funds for the better landscaping of the grounds around the Hubbard Woods station has so far brought in about \$500 as well as several offers of shrubs, material, and labor. The association has had the valuable assistance of J. Roy West on the landscaping plans. This project is being engineered by Orval Simpson, chairman of the parks and landscaping committee."

At a meeting of the directors of the Hubbard Woods Improvement Association on April 14 the officers for the past year were re-elected. These officers are:

Stanley P. Farwell, president; Louis M. Beale, first vice president; Myron E. Adams, second vice president; Willard F. Hopkins, secretary; George H. Miller, treasurer.

According to a recent change in the by-laws their terms will expire at the end of 1925.

At the same meeting Arnold Joerns, 455 Oakdale ave., Glencoe, and James A. Russell, 589 Drexel ave., also of Glencoe, were elected to fill vacancies on the board of directors. With the election of Messrs. Joerns and Russell a movement to secure a better geographical distribution of the directors over the territory of the association has been completed.

The board now consists of: Myron E. Adams, Ralph E. Batten, Louis M. Beale, Harold M. Beck, Edward P. Farwell, Stanley P. Farwell, Eli B. Felsenthal, Alfred Flesham, Fred J. Hagen, Willard F. Hopkins, Arnold Joerns, George H. Miller, James A. Russell, Erskine Wilder, Ferdinand Wolter, Jr.

The association now has 215 members, a gain of 150 during the last year. With this increase in membership and the hearty support it is receiving, the association expects that it will have an ever-increasing influence in the betterment of the communal interests of that portion of Winnetka and Glencoe generally designated as "Hubbard Woods."

#### AID NEAR EAST

Thursday was bundle day for the Near East Relief in all the schools along the north shore. More than a truck load of clothing was collected by the Winnetka school children. This clothing will be sent to the children of Armenia and the Balkan states.

## TORNADO GOODS WELL UTILIZED

### C. N. Stokes Makes Report on Disposition of Carloads of Household Effects

### FAMILIES SEND THANKS

### North Shore Residents Help in Emergency

Two carloads of household goods recently sent to the tornado area in southern Illinois as an emergency contribution from north shore families, have been distributed to families at Crossville, Ill.

What disposition was made of this miscellany of goods collected by New Trier high school students is related by C. N. Stokes, an instructor at the high school, who went into the tornado territory to supervise the distribution.

Mr. Stokes was thoroughly familiar with the situation and need in the tornado area, in view of the fact that the home of his parents was in the path of the storm, the tornado having cost the life of his mother.

#### Issues Report

Mr. Stokes summarized report follows:

"The Goods arrived at Crossville, Ill., Thursday morning, April 9. The organization was completed by the time they arrived. Fifteen men and five women handled the entire situation. The goods were unloaded Thursday afternoon and placed in three warehouses, being sorted as they were unloaded. Friday morning was spent in opening and sorting the clothing.

"The families were notified by phone, and began to arrive at 1 p. m., each family taking its turn. Three men handled the job of fitting shoes, three on furniture and three on clothing. Two women handled the clothing for the women and girls. By 4:30 p. m. Saturday, 28 families had been supplied with plenty of beds, plenty of clothing, at least three pairs of shoes to each member, and the other articles of furniture were given out to the most needy. There were not enough dishes and cooking utensils. But we might say that 28 families were supplied with enough material that they can get along very nicely.

"What goods remained were given to four widowed women with families to support. The material given them was not all satisfactory but could be worked over and be of service.

#### Families Deeply Grateful

"The money sent down was used for expenses and purchasing dishes and kitchen utensils. It didn't meet the needs, but helped. As to expenses—only two men and one team had to be hired.

"In each case the family would ask, 'what can we do to express our great appreciation to the people who have helped us so generously?'

"I bring back to you their many thanks. It was the greatest deed of service that I have ever seen. The President of the First National Bank said, 'No other territory throughout the area of devastation was so generously and completely supplied.'

## FATAL ACCIDENT MAY BRING CURB ON SPEED

Considerable feeling has been aroused over the death of Helen Hoben, maid at the home of G. V. Nevius, 368 Ridge avenue, who was instantly killed late Easter Sunday afternoon when she was struck by the Prairie State Special, a fast train on the North Shore Electric line.

The accident occurred in front of the Elm street passenger station of the electric line and was witnessed by a large number of people who were waiting for trains. All witnesses said that the train was traveling at a high rate of speed. The young woman attempted to cross the tracks in front of the train, evidently misjudging its speed, and was dragged 150 feet before the train could be stopped.

It is understood that a committee of citizens will appeal to the village council at its next meeting to act in demanding a reduction of speed of trains at that point. There have been a number of near accidents at the station environs.

## CAMP FIRE MEET ATTRACTS GIRLS

### Host of Famous Speakers Feature Program

Many Winnetka Camp Fire girls are planning to attend some of the numerous meetings held in connection with the national convention of Camp Fire executives and Guardians which will be held in Chicago April 18-25. The biggest meeting which is open to the public is the Grand Council Fire, which will be held at Orchestra hall Monday evening, April 20, at which 250 girls in their camp fire costumes will go through the ceremonies usually followed on such occasions.

There will be an unusually distinguished list of speakers who will give addresses at the various meetings. Among these are:

Prof. M. V. O'Shea, Chairman, Dept. of Education, University of Wisconsin—"The Psychology of the Adolescent Girl."

Lorado Taft, Sculptor, Chicago—"Beauty in Your Own Home Town."

Dr. Rachele Yarros, Chairman and Director of Social Hygiene Council—"Understanding Ourselves and Our Human Relations."

Prof. Ralph Dennis, Director of School of Speech, Northwestern University—"The Technique of Public Speaking."

Mr. M. C. Otto, Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin—"Dreams."

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, National Vice-President of Congress of Parents and Teachers, Member of National Camp Fire Advisory Council.

Mrs. Charles Robbins—"Music in the Camp Fire Program."

Dr. Harry Wilson, Superintendent of the Department of Local School Administration, Methodist Board of Sunday Schools—"How Camp Fire fits into the Church Program."

Mr. Fay Welch—"Camping and Nature Study."

The meetings at which these authorities will speak will be open to the general public. Headquarters for out-of-town delegates to the convention will be at the Congress hotel.

## Mrs. W. M. Hoyt Dies at Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Mrs. W. M. Hoyt, for many years a resident of Winnetka, died at the Hoyt winter home at Green Cove Springs, Fla., Easter Sunday. She was 84 years old and had been in failing health for some time. Her body arrived Thursday and was placed in a vault in the Graceland cemetery, where it will remain for a time.

The Hoyt home in Winnetka is at 550 Sheridan road. Mr. Hoyt was formerly a wholesale grocer, but has been retired for a number of years. He is 87 years old. The funeral services for Mrs. Hoyt were held in Green Cove Springs.

In addition to Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Hoyt is survived by her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. N. Landon Hoyt, their sons William II and Landon Jr., their daughters, Mrs. Elliot E. Stearns of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. P. L. Sutherland of Green Cove Springs, and Mrs. Hoyt's daughter-in-law Mrs. Phelps B. Hoyt and her daughter, Miss Emilie Hoyt and Mrs. T. Phillip Swift.

#### "CAPTAIN BLOOD" ENDS TODAY

Community House announces that with the completion of the 2:30, 7:15, and 9:00 clock showings scheduled for today, Rafael Sabatini's tale of pirate adventure, "Captain Blood," will conclude its Winnetka engagement.

## FUND CAMPAIGN MAKES PROGRESS

### Community House Fund Still \$5,000 Short of Goal Set by Committee

### NOT SELF-SUPPORTING

### Congregational Church and Memberships Help

Governors of Community House report a very general response to the campaign for annual maintenance of the institution, which has been under way for the past fortnight. Up to date, between \$7,000 and \$7,500 has been received in pledges and in cash, through the mail and from the canvassers who have been calling throughout the village.

This amount, however, is considerably short of the \$12,000 aimed at by the finance committee, and which is necessary in order to meet the budget for the year as estimated from last year's expenses. This budget is \$25,000, of which \$11,000 has already been secured through contributions made through the Congregational church. Another \$2,000 will be obtained next fall from the active membership dues of \$2, collected from those who use the house in connection with membership in classes, clubs, etc.

#### Can't Support Self

Community House, by the very nature of its ideals, organization, and service rendered, never has been, and never can be, self-supporting in any large measure. The groups which use it and need it most, in many cases, are those which could not afford to accept its opportunities and privileges on a pay-as-you-enter basis. And the governors are the last ones to contemplate such a change of purpose as such a basis of support implies. They believe that the basis of voluntary contributions, made by those who see and appreciate the service given and the spirit engendered during the past 14 years, is the best method of maintaining this village center.

It may be, however, that some rentals are charged for certain privileges and some service; and voluntary gifts toward maintenance are received each year from a number of the groups and clubs. These, as well as the individual subscriptions, are heartily appreciated by the governors.

#### Checks Can Be Mailed

The canvassers, of whom nearly 150 have been at work, still have quite a few calls to make, due to absences, election interruptions, etc. It is suggested to readers of the TALK who have not yet contributed for 1925 that it will make the canvassers' labors easier if they will either mail a check or pledge direct to George D. Wolf, treasurer, Community House, or call up the nearest zone captain, who will be glad to furnish a pledge card or send a canvasser.

The zone captains are: W. E. Davis, Private road, Winnetka 660; J. H. A. Gardner, 844 Bryant avenue, Winnetka 476; H. G. Badgerow, 576 Arbor Vitae, Winnetka 1161; B. J. Kellum, 429 Maple avenue, Winnetka 883; C. W. Happ, 306 Walnut, Winnetka 651R; Lloyd Faxon, 228 Poplar, Winnetka 1118; E. P. Farwell, 920 Euclid, Winnetka 1151; W. C. Boyden, Jr., 1151 Oakley, Winnetka 935; F. B. Thomas, 680 Walden, Winnetka 794; Harry A. Craig, 592 Provident, Winnetka 792; M. T. Harshaw, 1096 Oak, Winnetka 795; Barret Conway, 387 Linden, Winnetka 616; F. A. Lackner, 339 Linden, Winnetka 151; Darrell S. Boyd, Indian Hill road, Wilmette 3083; B. W. Blow (in charge of business area), 813 Elm, Winnetka 201.

## "The Gondoliers" Shows at Country Day Tonight

Pupils of the North Shore Country Day school presented the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "The Gondoliers" at the school last night, and will give a second performance tonight at 8 o'clock. The production is in charge of the Opera club of the school and 69 pupils are taking part. There are 10 leading parts. The first evening's performance was a great success.

#### AID TORNADO SUFFERERS

Winnetka school children raised more than \$100 for the relief of tornado sufferers, besides contributing a large amount of clothing which was sent to the stricken district in the car dispatched by the students of New Trier high school. The money was turned over to the Red Cross at the beginning of spring vacation.

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