

WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE MEETS

Winnetka Women Told of Work of State League in Legislature

"Women think too much in terms of social legislation," declared Mrs. Leonard Peterson, secretary of the Illinois League of Women Voters, in a speech before the Winnetka League of Women Voters at the annual meeting of that organization on Monday, April 13.

Mrs. Peterson stated that 738 bills had been introduced so far before the Illinois legislature this session and that more of these had to do with appropriations than with any other one subject. In fact 66 of these bills concerned appropriations, 45 routine, 51 city and village improvements, 25 rivers and bridges, 21 courts, 20 elections, 16 insurance, and 10 constitution, while social legislation came away at the bottom of the list.

Mrs. Peterson made a plea for women to study state appropriations as by far the most important matter with which any legislature had to deal. She declared that just as a family budget is the deciding element in what the members of the family can do, so the state budget is the foundation upon which all state activities are based.

Mrs. Peterson said that the Illinois League of Women Voters, having decided to postpone work on the child labor amendment ratification until the next session, was working, this session, for bills concerning the following matters: the adoption of the pure Australian ballot at all elections in Illinois, which would remove the party circles from the ballot—such ballots are now in use in several other states including New York; a shorter ballot by removing the names of presidential electors—this bill has twice passed the legislature and been vetoed by Gov. Small and is now up for a third time; the extension and improvement of civil service. The league is now working in opposition to the bill which is designed to do away with the direct primary system.

After Mrs. Peterson's address the annual reports of officers and committees were given and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Walter Benson, president; Mrs. Donald McPherson, first vice president; Mrs. Morris Greeley, second vice president; Mrs. John Van der Vries, recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Crawford, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edwin E. Brown, treasurer.

Mrs. Peterson was so impressed by the reports of the Winnetka committees and the splendid work they showed that she requested that copies of them be sent to state headquarters of the league to be used as samples to be sent to other local leagues when they ask for advice or suggestion. She also asked that a copy of the new budget, adopted at this meeting, be sent to the league headquarters. A song written by Mrs. William A. Otis, member of the league, was sung, after which the meeting was adjourned.

The song, which is sung to the air of "Marching Through Georgia" follows:

I
Let us hear your voices, girls,
Come join us now in song,
Telling how the Voters League
Has pushed the World along.
Sing so loud we'll surely sound
Just fifty thousand strong
The Glory of the League of Women
Voters.

Chorus:
Hurrah, Hurrah, the Women Voters
Cheer,
Applaud the League, the Politician's
fear,
Let us praise its Chapters, in tones both
loud and clear,
Glory to the League of Women
Voters.

II
The millennium is coming,
The deed is finely done,
The reign of graft and boodle
Its course has nearly run.
This blessed work accomplished
By the daughters, not a son,
Is the Glory of the League of Women
Voters.

III
Here's a dry-toast to our Presidents.
To Benson, Greeley, Brown,
And we hope that Mrs. Van der Vries
Will surely jot it down.
There's Crawford and there's Parker
Added to the great renown,
To the Glory of the League of Women
Voters.

IV
We'll sing the other names now
Which have made our work O. K.
Gemmell, Hibbard, Peterson
And Harvey and De Lay.
While to Nichols and to Gooder
Our thanks we'd like to say
On the part of the League of Women
Voters

The Foxdale Avenue circle met at the home of Mrs. E. Kordick, 824 Foxdale avenue, on Tuesday, April 14.

PUBLIC FORUM

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter has been received from Mr. Carl Niemann, candidate for Park Commissioner on the Winnetka Tax Payers' ticket at the recent Village election.

Editor,
Winnetka Weekly Talk:-
In the issue of the WINNETKA TALK of April 11 you stated that the west side was carried by the Village ticket of 1925. This statement is an error and requires an explanation.

The first meeting of the public hearing on the park question was held at the Village hall on August 11, 1924. The territory to be taxed by special assessment was given as follows; from Pine street to the southern limits of the village and from the railroad westward.

I would like to call to your attention the report of that meeting appearing in the WINNETKA TALK of August 16, 1924. It was after this meeting that the Southwest Winnetka Tax Payers' league was formed (the name was later changed to Winnetka Tax Payers' league). Petitions were circulated and almost 700 taxpayers signed the petitions opposing the purchase of land on the south west side of Winnetka. The signers of the petition were property owners in the election districts 7, 8 and 25 and some in district 10.

We were not organized in other districts. District 7 was carried by the Tax Payers' ticket by 71 votes majority; district 8 was carried by 108 votes; district 25 was carried by 50 votes; district 10 was lost by 120 votes. The reason that the tax payers in district 10 were not opposed to the parks was, first of all because there were no tax payers in the first and second zone; that is, none who would have to pay \$10 per front foot and none at \$5 per front foot. The nearest property owners are in the one which was to pay \$2.50 per front foot, provided, of course, that the land could be purchased at the price which the Park Board thought it could be purchased for.

These property owners in the \$2.50 zone would greatly benefit by the purchase of this land as that would give them a clear view across Skokie valley forever at a moderate cost to themselves and a heavy cost to many others who would not get the same benefit. Most of the property owners in this district live in the zone which was to be taxed 55 cents per foot, and as this meant but a small sum, many did not oppose it.

District 8 is the district in which reside Mr. R. H. Wallace and Mr. William Carey, both of whom have made a strong fight for the parks from the beginning, as well as a candidate for trustee and one for park commissioner. A heavy fight for the vote was made in this district but it was carried by the Tax Payers' ticket almost two to one.

The whole section in question was carried by the Tax Payers' ticket by about 100 majority and if in spite of this showing the Park Board should still insist on going on with the program they will find the Tax Payers' league ready for the fight to the highest court with the confidence of final victory.

The Tax Payers' league will remain in existence as there are other matters to be taken up, especially why the taxes of most of them have increased four-fold and still the total income in taxes has only increased three times since 1918, and that in spite of hundreds of new tax payers.

We did not even have a man at the polls in the other election districts, except the four mentioned, as we well knew that, especially on the east side, we could expect little favor, since residents on that side were little concerned with the problem as it did not cost them anything. Everybody was surprised that the WINNETKA TALK did

not give complete election returns by districts as is customary and was considered more important than many other items appearing in the paper.
Respectfully,
Carl Niemann.

YOUTH THRILLS OVER CONCERTS

Symphony Players Win the Children

By MUSIC CRITIC

The last of the season! The Little Symphony Players of Chicago delivered their 1924-25 swan song on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, April 15. Seven concerts have filled the hall at New Trier with a throng of north shore music lovers, and now there will be no more until next fall.

The afternoon concert was unusually attractive. The children must have felt this, for no audience of sedate adults could have been more quiet and closely attentive than the hall-full of ordinarily active and vociferous young people. They, the children, have made an immense improvement during the year in real appreciation of great music. The program contained three numbers. The first was a Haydn composition for string quartet, a cheerful, beautiful piece. It was flawlessly played by the quartet made up of Mr. Dasch on the first violin, Mr. Ite on the second, Mr. Roehrborn on the viola, and Mr. Bruckner on the cello.

The remainder of the program in the afternoon was the entire first Beethoven symphony, not one or two movements, but the entire symphony (think of that, Oh, tired business man!) and excerpts from the Music Memory list. Next year there will be four matinees by an orchestra of from 40 to 45 men. It was stated by the president of the orchestral association that the children of the four towns co-operating in these afternoon concerts will support as ambitious a series next year as those supported in Chicago by 700,000 children.

The evening concert was introduced by speeches from Herbert B. Mulford, the retiring president of the association, and from Mrs. Homer E. Cotton. Mr. Mulford spoke of the closing year's accomplishments and next year's prospects. He emphasized the gratifying fact that the organization was finishing the year in solvent condition, almost unique in undertakings of this sort. Mrs. Cotton followed with an expression of appreciation to Mr. Mulford for the very solid help he has given during the year and for the skill and foresight he has shown as executive. She also presented the report of the nominating committee, which was adopted.

The concert itself was very interesting, the first half being made up of compositions by Beethoven, Tchaikowsky, and Smetana. The second half opened with a group of two numbers by Mark Wessel, originally piano compositions but transcribed for the orchestra by Mr. Wessel at the suggestion of Mr. Dasch. The numbers were enthusiastically received, and an encore demanded and given. The composer himself was present and bowed his acknowledgments. The concert closed with the well-known Dance of the Hours by Ponchielli.

Boy Builders to Visit Glencoe Masonic Lodge

Members of the New Trier Chapter of the Boy Builders, an organization for boys, sponsored by the Masonic fraternity, will be the guests of the Glencoe Masonic lodge Monday evening, April 20.

Degrees will be conferred upon several candidates of the organization.

The Boy Builders' organization was founded about three years ago by Arthur Milliard and is in the nature of a


Junior Freemasonry. Sons of Masons, between the ages of 14 and 21 years, are eligible to membership and every son of a Mason is privileged to introduce into the order one friend who is not the son of a Mason.

The organization has as its principal purpose the establishment of a moral code of ethics for its members and the teaching of standards of conduct that make for healthy manhood.

Camp Fire Girls Cook for Honors; Sell Food Saturday

The Camp Fire Girls of Winnetka will be glad to welcome their friends and all who wish the best of home cooked food at reasonable prices, on Saturday morning, April 18, at 10:30 o'clock in the Community House. They will have just what you need for your week-end table and will save you the effort of cooking it this week. Whatever these girls cook is delicious—and they are winning Camp Fire honors through their efforts. Keep this in mind when you do your Saturday morning's shopping.

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