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SIX POLICEMEN LEAVE WINNETKA DEPARTMENT

John Iverson is Dismissed and Resignations of Five Others Are Promptly Accepted

That \$2,800 police speed trap investigation which flourished like the proverbial bay tree for a time and then seemed to wither and die away, parched by lack of the nourishing waters of publicity, has at last borne fruit. The veil of secrecy which has shrouded all the proceedings of the investigating committee and its report, secretly handed in to the Village council some weeks ago, was rent asunder following a secret meeting of the Village council Wednesday evening when Sergt. John Iverson was dropped from the department "for good of the service" and the resignations of Motorcycle Policemen John Hanselman and Albert Ottone and Patrolman Theodore Anderson were accepted.

"This is not a general shake-up," explained Village President John S. Miller in commenting upon the changes. "Ottone, Hanselman and Anderson voluntarily handed in their resignations. There were no serious charges against them.

"I do not anticipate any further changes in the personnel of the police department," continued President Miller, "but some of the recommendations contained in the report of the committee will be followed in building up the department. These will be along the lines of education of the men and some changes in policy."

Seek Well Trained Men

It is understood that one of the recommendations of the investigating committee which has already gone into effect is that all applicants for positions on the Winnetka police department be required to pass examinations similar to those required of Chicago policemen. The department is now six men short of its strength at the outset of the investigation, as Motorcycle Policeman William Merrill resigned recently to return to the taxi business, and Patrolman Adam Scott had handed in his resignation to take effect December 16, when he also will enter the taxi business in the village.

The investigation of the police department started two months ago when Dennis E. Sullivan, Jr., a son of Judge Dennis E. Sullivan of Chicago, was arrested early one morning by Sergt. John Iverson and later fined by Police Magistrate Ralph E. Sinsheimer. Young Sullivan declared the policeman and Sinsheimer were conducting a "speed trap" on Sheridan road in the early hours of the morning, and Judge Sullivan induced the States Attorney's office to begin an investigation. Numerous witnesses were called who told stories similar to Sullivan's but nothing actually criminal could be proved and the case was dropped by the States Attorney. Village President Miller later appointed a special investigating committee in the village in the interest of clearing up the situation.

Winnetka Women to Attend Conference at Chicago Today

Winnetka's League of Women Voters will be represented today at a conference on the care and training of women offenders, to be held at the Congress hotel, Chicago. The sessions are convened under the auspices of the Chicago League of Women Voters and the joint committee on the care and training of women offenders.

Officially representing the Winnetka league will be Miss Elizabeth Gemmill. Other members of the local unit who plan to attend are Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, Mrs. Walter Fisher, and Mrs. Walter Benson.

At the morning session of the conference steps in the solution of the women offender problem will be discussed by able speakers, among them Judge Daniel P. Trude, Mrs. Kenneth F. Rich, Miss Jessie Binford, Mrs. William E. Lewis, and Miss Jane Adams, author of "Youth and the City Streets," and "New Conscience and An Ancient Evil."

The afternoon session will be addressed by Miss Mary E. McDowell, commissioner of public welfare, City of Chicago, and Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith, superintendent of the Girls' Industrial Home at Gainesville, Texas.

Local Leaders Advice in Regional Planning

The north shore is well represented in the official personnel of the Chicago Regional Planning association which last year held its annual meeting and election of officers.

Robert Kingery of Winnetka was re-elected secretary of the association, while Mrs. Harold L. Ickes and Frederick Penfield were named members of the board of directors for a term of three years.

D. H. Burnham who has directed the affairs of the association this year, has been elected to serve another term, Dwight H. Perkins was elected honorary president for life.

The two-day meeting last week laid the foundations for the co-operation of state, Federal government, county and municipality in preparing Regional plans.

Eastern Music Director Visits Skokie Classes

Thomas Whitney Surette, director of the Concord School of Music at Concord, Mass., directed the singing of Christmas carols by pupils of Skokie school at an assembly held Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. Mr. Surette is one of the best known chorus leaders in the United States and is general adviser of music work in the Winnetka schools. He visits the village several times each year and inspects the work being done in music. Richard Edmondson, instructor in piano at the Skokie school, gave a short program, also. On Thursday afternoon Lorentz Hansen, instructor in violin gave a short program before an assembly.

Camp Fire Food Sale Is in Progress Today

Hear Ye! Housewives All! The Winnetka Camp Fire Girls will offer the finest, most delicious home-cooked food for your week-end table, at reasonable prices at their food sale this morning, in Community House. The girls will be on hand to give a welcome. Winnetka residents are invited to come. This sale last only through the morning. The doors will be open at 10:30 o'clock. As such food goes quickly, it is advisable to come early. Camp Fire Girls are putting their best efforts into this, and it means much encouragement to them to have their work appreciated, and housekeepers will find it to their advantage to keep in mind this opportunity for selecting appetizing additions to their Sunday dinner.

Elect Three Winnetka Girls to Junior League

Miss Isabel Scott, Miss Rosamond Coffin, and Miss Rachel Foster are the three Winnetka girls elected as new members at a recent meeting of the Junior League of Chicago, Miss Foster is taking part in the leaguers' play, "Snow White," which commences this morning at the Playhouse and will be given for four successive weeks to enthusiastic audiences of children and "grownups."

The Junior League is an exclusive organization which provides excellent training for the debutante, for it launches her in strenuous social service work during her first season, and develops a civic interest essential in later life when she takes her place in her established social career.

Attic Shop Will Help Raise New Church Fund

Women of the Winnetka Congregational church are starting another project for the purpose of adding to the fund which is accumulating for the building of a new church. This new venture is a revival of the Attic shop, where bargains in all kinds of furniture, jewelry, pictures, china, clothing, and other articles were to be found and will be found again. The new shop will be located in the Community House, and discarded articles of all kinds are solicited by the women who are conducting this venture. It is requested that any residents having any article for the shop bring it to the Community House or telephone Miss Mary Williams, telephone Winnetka 538, and it will be collected.

New Minister Comes to Winnetka Early in Year

The most interesting feature of the annual business meeting of the Winnetka Congregational church last Wednesday evening was the reading of a letter from the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin in which he formally accepted the call of the church to be one of its ministers and stated that he will complete his service at Dundee January 6, and move to Winnetka immediately thereafter.

DASCH PLANS PROGRAM FOR WEARY SHOPPERS

Next Monday's Appearance of Symphony Players Guarantees Genuine Treat

George Dasch, conductor of the Symphony Players of Chicago has compiled a program for the third concert of the orchestra series at New Trier High school Monday evening, December 14, which is calculated to off-set the wear and tear of Christmas shopping. It begins with that jolly overture of Johannes Brahms, which the composer mis-named, "Academic Festival Overture." It is "Academic" in name only, and displays Brahms in his most jovial moods. Mr. Dasch will also present two of his first violins in the double concerto by Basch—Messrs. Fritz Itte and Walter Hancock.

The "Farewell" Symphony by "Papa" Haydn, which is to be performed at these concerts for the first time, was composed in 1772, and was intended for the concerts of Prince Esterhazy's orchestra, of which Haydn was conductor. The Finale of the symphony, although quite serious in its meaning, chose a jocular and drastic form to reiterate a request from his musicians for a leave of absence which the prince had declined to grant. One by one, the players stopped playing, seized their instruments and, blowing out the candles on their desks, walked out of the room; but two violinists finally remained to play the graceful and melancholy closing measures. History relates that the leave of absence was finally granted.

The Program

The program, in detail, is as follows:
Overture, "Academic Festival" Brahms
Concerto for two Violins, D. Minor
..... Bach
Vivace
Largo ma non Tanto
Allegro
Messrs. Fritz Itte and Walter Hancock
Symphony No. 18, F. Sharp Minor (The
"Farewell" Symphony Haydn
Allegro Assai
Adagio
Menuetto
Finale—Adagio
Intermission
Serenade for Wind Instruments, Opus
7 Strauss
Scenes Pittoresques (Fourth Orchestral
Suite) Massenet
Marche
(Air) de Ballet
Angelus
Fete Boheme

Park District Provides Ice Rink at Indian Hill

At a recent meeting of the Winnetka Park board it was voted to provide a small pond for ice-skating at the Indian Hill Station park. This pond will be primarily for the use of small children. It was explained that it would be impossible to construct a large rink at this park as most of it is underlaid with tile drains, and it is only in the very coldest weather that water will freeze before it drains away. It was also said that the park district is financially unable to support a large rink as it is spending large sums of money on other projects.

Cards will soon be out for a dance to be given January 2, at the Winnetka Woman's club by a group of about 15 young people in the community.