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BEAUTIFUL WINNETKA EXTOLED AT BANQUET

Chamber of Commerce Dinner Becomes Veritable Feast of Joy and Praise

The growth and development of Winnetka as a village of beautiful homes, with a citizenship of high ideals along educational and cultural lines, was given added impetus as a result of the enthusiastic gathering of citizens at the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce dinner, Thursday evening, January 28. It is a united, enthusiastic community which insures progress of a village, and frequent comment is heard upon the manifestation of these elements in Winnetka, and especially at the gathering of citizens on Thursday evening of last week, at Matz hall, in Community House.

Throughout the addresses by R. H. Schell, president, Earl Weinstock, vice-president, Judge C. T. Northrop and Judge William N. Gemmill, the speaker of the evening, the spirit of community enthusiasm was uppermost.

President Schell referred to the acti-

vity of the 150 members and told of an additional hundred whose names may soon be enrolled.

Gift for Mr. Park

George Park, vice-president and chairman of the program committee and the one who conceived and followed to its completion the fine oil painting by the well known artist, Allen E. Philbrick, of Winnetka, depicting Winnetka, the beautiful village of culture, was given an enthusiastic expression of appreciation for this service. This painting, originally designed for Winnetka as an entrant in the Illinois Products Exposition, will very soon rest in its permanent home upon the corridor walls of the second floor of the fine new village hall. A splendid new frame of oak and gold is now being made to encase the five by eighteen foot canvas on the corridor walls, whence it will be placed within a week or ten days, it is anticipated.

A committee, comprising John Dethloff, Carl Braun, Bob Scully, Raymond Rapp, R. C. Papa and William Happ was appointed to bring in the present, which Judge Northrop presented to Mr. Park. The gift-bearing committee conveyed the token, carefully wrapped and encased in a large box, into the presence of the gathering, on a miniature

wagon. In the center of the large box, securely wrapped, Mr. Park found a large cigar. This, and a fine box of his favorite Havanas, were mere tokens, and their manner of presentation afforded a brief moment of jovial fellowship. But from the hearts of all Winnetkans go forth warm approval of the laudatory expressions which were made in connection with the presentation, and which are appreciated by Mr. Park, far more than any gifts of intrinsic value which he might have been tendered for his work in bringing into being this painting, which already has attained a reputation of more than local meaning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Webster Stubbs, of Glencoe, conducted the songs and also gave a reading, which was enthusiastically received. The singing of "Jingle Bells," was made most effective as each one, while singing, gently tapped the tumbler at his place with a knife, by which a near realization of the jingle bells sound was obtained.

Sing Song of Winnetka

A Song of Winnetka, to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia" was another in which all participated. One of the verses especially significant was:

"Business men united, for the future
we shall stand,
All citizens invited to enjoy what we
have planned,
Keep Winnetka beautiful, the pride of
all the land,
While we are singing Winnetka."

Another was "A Tribute to R. H. Schell, president of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce."

The dinner was served by John Smith, caterer, of 819 Oak street, Winnetka, at Matz hall, where Magnus A. Martin, of the Community House, kindly assisted in the preparation by arranging the five long tables. The flowers, with which the tables were decorated were kindly donated by Frank Borovicka, Henry Ilig and George Edwards, of Winnetka.

Gives History Panorama

In his address on "Forgotten Heroes of the Illinois Country," Judge Gemmill, presented a most interesting and enlightening talk, at the conclusion of which his auditors felt they had been rarely entertained, not alone with an inspirational lecture but with a panorama, as it were, of the early history of the nation, as well as of Illinois.

Judge Gemmill began with the early discoverers of the continent, and in a most comprehensive manner reviewed the outstanding characters of those who have contributed their part to the discovery and development of this great country, including the christening of rivers, states, counties, cities, towns and streets, with names indicative of many forgotten heroes who have long since passed on.

He expressed great pleasure that so many beautiful Indian names have been forever revered by their attachment to various places throughout the nation, as well as locally. He gave as an example, the beautiful name of "Winnetka," from the old Pottawatomie meaning "bountiful place," and the village was congratulated upon having such a fine place for community development, and for its Camp Fire organizations.

Winnamac avenue, Wabansia avenue, Wilmette, Waukegan and Chicago, itself, were among other beautiful Indian names which have been permanently preserved to future generations he said. The speaker ventured a presumption that there are many school children who do not know for whom these places were named. He always regretted, he said, that the name of Wilmette was changed from the old original Indian name, "Ouilmette."

And so on, throughout his lecture, Judge Gemmill passed from section to section, those with the Spanish names, those with the French, the Dutch, the Portuguese, the English, and, as completely as his brief time would permit, eulogized the memories of forgotten heroes.

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