

# WINNETKA TALK

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## CANVASS TOMORROW FOR COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND

### Large Group of Workers to Visit Homes in \$11,000 Budget Drive; Show 1925 Work

"Community House asks your help in maintaining its work in the village this year," reads a message for Winnetka residents directed to WINNETKA TALK this week by the Board of Governors of Winnetka's great social and civic center. "On Sunday afternoon, February 28, 125 men, neighbors of yours, who believe in Community House, will call on 1,250 households to ask for a renewal of your previous subscription, or, if a newcomer, to explain the work done by this village institution and to ask for your support of it.

"The annual budget is \$27,000, of which \$16,000 is already provided for, so that the sum needed now is about \$11,000. Looks easy, doesn't it? And it is, if each one will do a little.

#### Letters Tell Story

"The Governors of the House have sent a letter to each household on the list to be canvassed, in which our 100 different groups are detailed as using the House regularly. Two hundred and sixty-three people gave voluntary, regular service, last year, at Community House. It is Y. M. C. A., motion picture theater, Boy Scout and Camp Fire headquarters, center for dozens of useful clubs, for both children and adults; a resource for thousands of Winnetka residents. If asked to contribute individually to a dozen of these different organizations, you would willingly give a much larger sum than is now necessary for your support of Community House as a whole."

In commenting on Community House activities and service to the community during 1925 J. W. F. "Chief" Davies, the director, recently had the following to say:

#### Used More Than Ever

"No one can read the figures of attendance at Community House this last year without being struck with the fact that this institution is being used more actively and intensively than ever. If every resident of the village had attended the House thirteen times, the total would be just below the registered count for the year. But constant association with Community House makes one feel that its value to the community is not measured in numbers, but rather through the associations of people whose contacts make for a higher life in the village as a whole.

"A member of the Triangle club said to me, 'No one can ever know the meaning of Community House to me. It has been a second home. It has made a life for me which I never could have had without it.'

"The Boy Scout work is being more effectively and more energetically carried forward than ever under the associate leadership of George Eisenbrand, Scout Master of Troop I; Ossian Cameron, Troop II; and Dumont C. Mills, Troop III. Skokie school has so recognized the value of this work that it has made it possible for a boy who fulfills certain requirements, which are jointly agreed upon by the principal of the school and the Scout leader, to receive an elective credit toward graduation.

#### Lauds Volunteer Workers

"It has been a great encouragement to see the way men and women have

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## Taxpayer! Read These Pertinent Suggestions

Sanborn Hale, township collector, reports that he has received only one of the tax books to date and that he is doing all he can to procure the others, and, as soon as the books are in his hands, will mail out all tax bills as shown in the records. From records available he began mailing personal property bills this week.

Mr. Hale offers the following suggestions:

1. Make a separate check for your personal property tax.
2. If possible, enclose self-addressed and stamped envelope for return receipt.
3. Be sure your name and address is correct on both the original and duplicate parts of bills.
4. Do not detach either part of bills.
5. Please be prompt in return of remittance.
6. By following the above suggestions you will expedite the collection of taxes and by paying your taxes to the collector you will benefit the township and the various local taxing bodies.

## Winnetka Library Offers Books on Child Problems

Several books by educators who will speak at the conference on parent education to be held in Chicago next week have been secured by the Winnetka Public library, it was announced this week. The conference, under the auspices of the Chicago Association for Child Study and Parental Education, with the co-operation of about 20 other civic groups, including the North Shore Country Day school and the Winnetka Woman's club, will be held March 4, 5 and 6 at the Palmer House.

The books by speakers at the conference, which are now available at the library are "The Normal Mind," by Prof. William Burnham; "Wholesome Childhood," by Prof. Ernest Groves; and "The Pre-School Child," by Arnold Gazell.

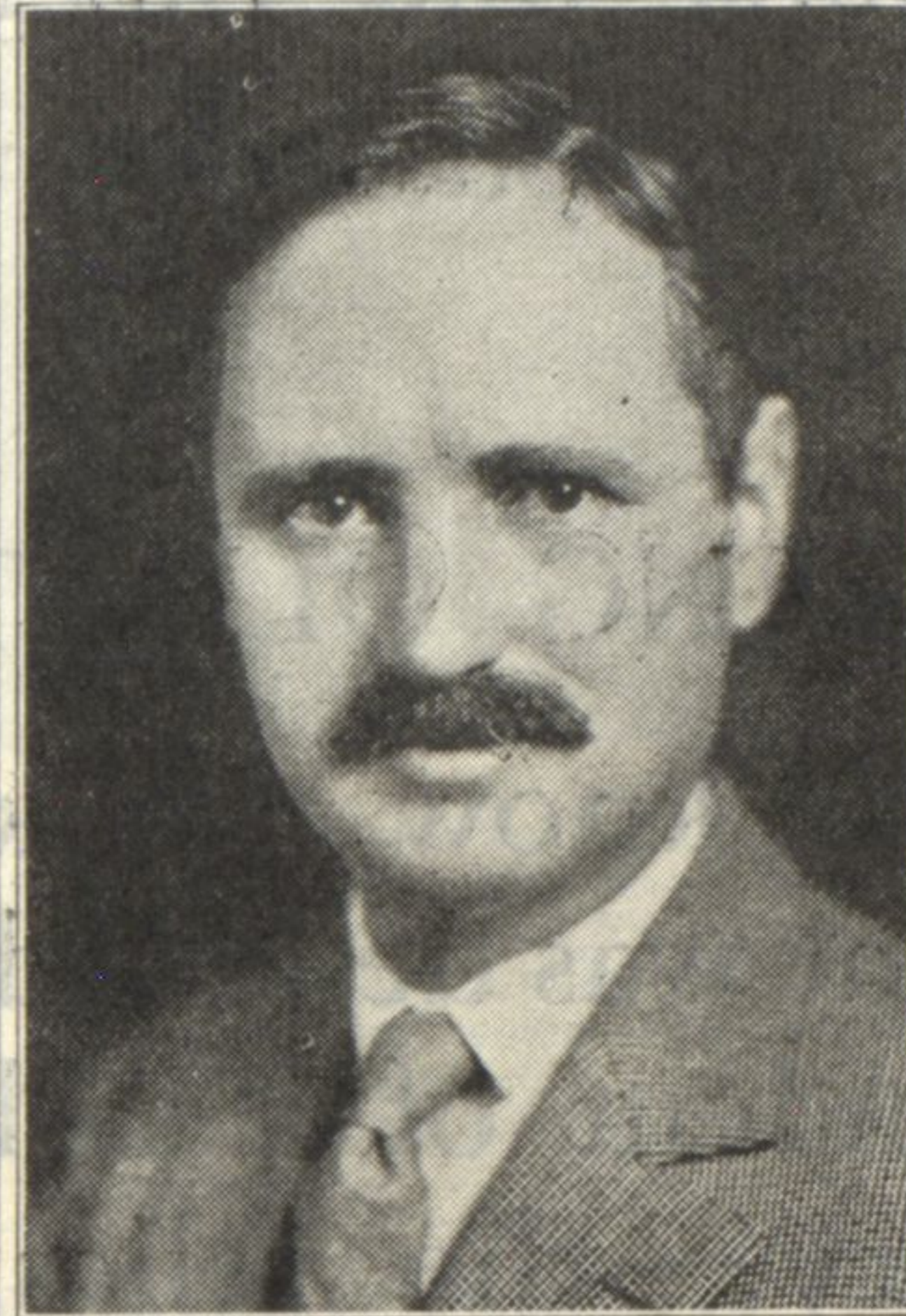
Teachers of the Hubbard Woods school have voted to use their privilege of one visiting day a month and attend the conference. Principal F. E. Clerk of New Trier high school announced that he would try to close the school at least part of Friday so that teachers could attend.

## Glee Club to Sing Before Indian Hill Association Monday

The Edgewater Glee club, an aggregation of 40 male voices, will furnish an extremely musical program at the next meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, to be held Monday evening, March 1, in the mess hall of New Trier high school. The Glee club will include in its program solos, quartet numbers and numbers by the entire chorus.

Among the songs which will be included in the program are: "Song of the Marching Men," by Prothero; "Duna," by McGill; "Winter Song," by Bullard; "Steal Away," a negro spiritual, by Huntley; "Lullaby," by Brahms; "Martyrs," from "The Arena," by De Rille.

## Opens Voter School



Village President John S. Miller has been secured to open the one-day Pre-Primary Citizenship school to be conducted by the Winnetka League of Women Voters Monday, March 8. Candidates for various offices will be heard by the women. The sessions will be held at Community House.

## NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM

### Contract Is Awarded for Installation of 368 Standards in Kenilworth; Use Lantern Style

At a meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Local Improvements, held Tuesday evening of this week, the contract for the construction of the new street lighting system to be installed by the village was awarded to the Electrical Contracting company of Chicago. The successful bid was \$72,877.11, which amount includes only the actual cost of construction. Engineering fees and other costs connected with the improvement will bring the total cost to at least \$100,000, it was thought.

Plans for the new system were drawn up early last fall, after the new system installed by Wilmette had been completed and put into operation. A public hearing on the proposed improvement was held and a referendum was taken in the village, resulting in an overwhelming majority in favor of the improvement.

#### Begin Work Soon

The contract for the work of installation will be signed ten days after the date it was awarded and work will probably begin immediately, it was thought. The contract specifies that the system shall be put into operation by July 30, 1926.

According to the specifications, there will be 368 octagonal, reinforced concrete standards, bearing bronze, lantern type fixtures. These will be installed in a "staggered" arrangement along the streets, and will be very ornamental. The original estimate of the total cost of the improvement was \$118,800, but it is now thought that the cost will be less than the estimate.

## WOMEN VOTERS PLAN PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Non-Partisan Survey of Candidates for Various Offices to be Held March 8

A One-day Pre-Primary Citizenship school has been arranged by the Winnetka League of Women Voters to take the place of the regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 8.

The morning session will be called at 10 o'clock at Community House with Mrs. Walter Benson, president of the league, in the chair. John S. Miller, village president, will open the conference. The speakers that follow will discuss various phases of county government and the direct primary method of voting. In some cases candidates for office in the April elections will be the speakers.

At 12 o'clock the meetings will adjourn for luncheon which will be served in the Camp Fire room. Mrs. Lelie Gooder and Mrs. W. H. Nichols who are in charge, have also arranged a program of music for the noon hour. The afternoon session will be called at 1 o'clock with Mrs. John Vander Vries, first vice-president of the Winnetka League in the chair. The program, so far as it has been arranged, is as follows:

10 A. M. Conference opened by John S. Miller, president of Winnetka. Structure of County Government—Frederick W. Penfield, Cook County Commissioner.

11 A. M. Sanitary District—Mrs. Russell Updyke.

11:30 A. M. Candidates for Sanitary District Trustees will speak.

12 to 1 P. M. Luncheon and Music.

1 P. M. Candidates for Cook county Commissioner will speak.

1:30 P. M. Consolidation of Cook County's New Social Service Program—Harriet Vittum, Northwestern university Settlement.

2:30 P. M. The Party and the Direct Primary—Prof. T. A. Ray, head of Political Science department, Northwestern university.

The conference will close at 3:30 o'clock.

Tickets, simply to confer the moderate expense of the luncheon, may be purchased at the door, it is explained. Mrs. Morris Greeley, chairman of the Program committee, and Miss Elizabeth Gemmill, chairman of the committee on citizenship and elections, are in charge of the school.

## Begins Special Sunday Class for Upper School

Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the Upper school hour at the Winnetka Congregational church, Dr. J. W. F. Davies will start his class on "Fundamentals of Religion." This class is made up of the pupils in the church school who are in the third year high school. The subject for the first and subsequent Sundays follow: "Idea of God and Its Development." "The Thought of the Bible." "The Thought of Jesus, Heaven and Hell." "Thought of the Church." "Ways in Which a Christian Grows." The 11 o'clock preaching service for Boys' and Girls', subject will be, "Heroic Qualities Which are the Marks of a Christian."