

### CHURCH KINDERGARTEN HAS TRAINED LEADER

**Miss Mildred Mack, Graduate Kindergartner, Tells of Work in Congregational Church**

The Kindergarten department of the Winnetka Congregational Church school includes children from 4 to 6 years of age. The great thought running through the program for the little ones is the development of the thought of the fatherhood of God and His love for all.

Miss Mildred Mack is director of this department. Miss Mack is a trained Kindergartner having graduated from the National Kindergarten college. She also had special training in Church School Kindergarten under Mrs. Florence Capron. In talking about the work of the Church Kindergarten, Miss Mack said:

"Our method of presentation of the Fatherhood of God and His great love for all, must naturally be presented through thoughts and ideas within the child's understanding. We do this through hymns, verses, stories and pictures, dealing chiefly with subjects familiar to the child and try to lead the child little by little."

#### Program Is Varied

When asked, "do you use Bible stories, exclusively?"—Miss Mack said, "no, we feel that comparatively few of the Bible stories are suited for such little children. Through nature stories and occasional fairy stories we can present idols and ideals that would be difficult to present in other ways. Each story that is told, each song that is sung, each picture that is pasted has a thought behind it that should reach the child and make its impression."

"Our program follows closely the program that has been recognized by the best Kindergarten methods. A short conversation period and relaxation period, precede the quiet music and prayer and hymn which opens our service. We then sing songs and present ideas according to the season and the special thought for the morning."

"Our march follows, sometimes into the church auditorium. It is wonderful to see the reverent attitude with which these small children go into 'God's house' as we like to call it. At the time of the march, the offering is taken. We make this very important. We impress upon the child the beauty of giving and the happiness we bring to ourselves and to others through our gifts."

#### Have Own Service

"Our story follows, after which the little ones go to tables for such work as pasting of pictures, free hand drawing, etc. This breaks the department into small groups. Before dismissal they all assemble for their goodbye song and short prayer."

Miss Mack went on to say "We like

to speak of our Kindergarten hour as the church service for little children. A service which is adapted to their life and develops reverence of attitude."

Dr. J. W. Davies, minister of Religious Education, indicated that he felt the Kindergarten was most important in helping to form the early ideas of God and the development of the attitudes of reverence. He said, "We are fortunate to have as head of this department, a woman who has been so well trained."

#### HEADS CHURCH CLUB

At the election on March 15, John R. Montgomery, of Hubbard Woods, was elected president of the Chicago Congregational club, the membership of which comprises members of that church in the Chicago area.

#### O. E. S. MEETS MONDAY

A stated meeting of Winnetka Chapter, No. 942, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Monday evening, March 22, at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic temple. Members of other chapters are cordially invited.

Miss Emily Hadley is home from Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., to spend her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hadley, of 913 Oak street. She has as her guest for the week, her room-mate, Miss Mary John Embrie, of Owensville, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elting of Augusta, Ga., have just returned to their home at 830 Mt. Pleasant court, after a ten days' absence in Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. William McAdams of 734 Lincoln avenue left Tuesday for a visit with her parents in Kansas, where she will remain until Easter.

John Borino of the Winnetka Musical school, will give a recital at his home, 850 Elm street, Sunday, March 21, from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bemis of Ardsley road have announced the birth of a daughter at the Evanston hospital, her name to be Betty Johnson Bemis.

Mrs. Fred Hubsch of 1072 Spruce street, was called to Jacksonville, her former home, this week, to attend the funeral of an intimate friend.

Mrs. Lloyd Hollister, 813 Pine street, returned to Winnetka Friday after an absence of four weeks in Florida.



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