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PROFESSOR BAILEY TO ADDRESS WOMEN VOTERS

Noted Expert on Municipal Surveys to be Principal Speaker at Meeting April 12

William L. Bailey, professor of sociology at Northwestern university, will be the speaker at the annual luncheon meeting of the Winnetka League of Women Voters at Community House on Monday, April 12. Professor Bailey is a specialist in suburban surveys and has been active in the work of the Chicago Regional Planning association. He has been associated with many nation-wide community studies, lecturer before numerous national conferences and frequent contributor to technical journals. He was also director of the special study of Winnetka recently, which has contributed not a little to giving Winnetka its nation-wide reputation as a model industrial suburb. His subject will be "A Suburb Sets the Pace."

At the close of Professor Bailey's talk Mrs. John Vander Vries will discuss briefly the scope of various offices for which candidates are running at the coming Primaries. She will outline the powers and duties the elected officers will have, and the qualifications necessary for fulfilling adequately these duties. She will also give instructions in voting, illustrated with a sample ballot. Special emphasis will be laid on the fact that in former years voters have repeatedly marked six or seven names in a section where the ballot says "mark 5", or five names where the instructions are "mark 3." Reports have come from the tellers at former elections that voters do not seem to realize that such careless failure to follow exactly the instructions on the ballot throws out the vote.

Elect New Officers

Instead of the reading of the annual report of all the standing committees—the usual hodgepodge of all annual meetings—a brief digest of these reports will be given by Mrs. Gross T. Williams.

The election of officers for next year will also take place at this meeting. The ticket put up by the nominating committee is as follows: President, Mrs. John Vander Vries; first vice-president, Mrs. J. I. Sampson; second vice-president, Mrs. Leslie Gooder; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eugene Rummmler; recording secretary, Mrs. Gross T. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Edwin E. Brown.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock at Community House, and the speaking will begin promptly at one o'clock. Mrs. Walter Benson, president of the Winnetka League, will be in the chair to wind up her excellent two years' service to the organization.

Enjoy Easter Vacation in Northern Michigan

Fred Rummmler, Harold Levant, Dave Rumsey, Ayres and Tommy Boal, members of the Young People's club of the Winnetka Congregational church, returned last Saturday from a most delightful trip to Tower Hill, up near Sawyer, Mich., the hundred mile trip being made in the Boal car driven by Tommy, who was home from Dartmouth. The boys report great sport coasting on an improvised sled which they constructed of barrel staves and some boards.

NEW COUNCIL ON JOB

Retiring Council Plans to Proceed With New Fire Station; New Members Sworn in

Winnetka's retiring Village council held its last meeting on Tuesday evening of this week following which the newly elected council members were sworn in by Village President John S. Miller, and the new council met long enough to pass a motion for adjournment.

Those new members who were sworn in were Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, a member last year and re-elected to fill a one year vacancy, Donald F. McPherson, who was also re-elected and R. H. Schell, a new member. Another newly elected member, Carl J. Easterberg, was absent.

Before its adjournment the old council transacted a number of matters of business which had been before it for some time. It was decided to go ahead with the detailed plans for remodeling the old Village hall into a fire station and a call for plans and estimates was issued. The Winnetka Plan commission has already approved the proposed location of the fire station and the matter was referred to the Finance committee of the council for its approval before the final decision to begin construction is made.

The purchase of a Ford one-ton dump truck for the public service department was authorized. The new truck will replace horse-drawn equipment and will cost \$696. The purchase of two new Excelsior-Henderson motorcycles for the police department and 300 feet of 2½ inch double-jacketed fire hose for the fire department was also authorized.

Crack Revolver Shot to Demonstrate in Village

One of the best revolver shots in the United States and the fastest man with a one-hand gun now alive will give a demonstration of pistol and revolver shooting before police and officials of north shore villages at the Winnetka Village hall Tuesday evening, April 13. He is J. H. Fitzgerald, a traveling representative of the Colt Arms company, a member of the New York State constabulary, the New Jersey State police, and coach of the Buffalo police department in revolver and pistol shooting.

Mr. Fitzgerald will give demonstrations of shooting and of disarming an opponent before he can pull the trigger of his own weapon and will also talk on methods of training police in marksmanship. All police officers and members of village boards on the north shore have been invited to attend the demonstration. Mr. Fitzgerald comes to Winnetka through the courtesy of Maj. Francis W. Parker, a resident.

"GET OUT AND VOTE"

Here's a list of the approaching elections in which every citizen of this community will be asked to cast a ballot:
Saturday, April 10—School District election. High School District election.
Tuesday, April 13—Primary election (county, state and senatorial).

Register Light Vote in Annual Village Ballot

The Village ticket, without opposition except in the race for Village Marshal and Collector, carried the field with a very light vote at the Village election held last Tuesday. The total vote cast, as indicated by the returns, was 1,070, only a little more than one third of the total vote cast at the election last year. The sole opponent of the Village ticket was Dan Connolly who received 293 votes against 777 for the Village ticket marshal candidate, Theodore Flynn.

The only close vote in the election was on the opposition to levy a tax of two mills for maintaining a municipal band. The vote on this was 425 for and 587 against. Those who received the largest individual votes were Reuben H. Schell, for trustee, and Stella Winslow, for village clerk, both of whom received 928 votes. Several names were written in on the ballot but drew only the one vote. Twenty-eight hundred votes were cast at the election last year, when a hot fight on park board trustees was staged.

Proponents of the municipal band proposition attributed its defeat to the short notice on which it was placed on the ballot and to the lack of publicity which it received. The matter was brought before the village council about a month before the election and after a discussion in which no opposition was developed a resolution was passed to place it on the ballot. It was felt that Village sentiment was in favor of the proposal and very little campaigning was done for it.

KEEP VILLAGE CLEAN

Motor-Driven Street Sweeper to Be Secured by Village; Promises Efficient Service

Winnetka is to have a new motor-driven street sweeper, which will probably be delivered by April 15, in time for the spring clean-up. The Village council authorized the purchase of the machine, which will cost \$6,370, at its meeting last Tuesday evening. This action was taken on the recommendation of Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser, and with the approval of the streets, drainage and forestry committee.

Mr. Woolhiser's report to the council showed that by the use of the machine the streets of the village could be cleaned for about \$5,000 a year, about the same cost as in the past, but that a much better job could be done and the streets swept more frequently.

It is planned to sweep the streets in the business district at least every other day during hours when traffic is absent, and the residential sections at least every two weeks. It is also thought that an arrangement with the Village of Kenilworth to sweep its streets will be made, as the machine will be easily able to handle the work in both villages.

The purchase of this equipment has been contemplated for some years, but it was deferred until the village had adequate service yard facilities for the maintenance and repair of the new machine. It was the feeling of the council that the residents of Winnetka have a right to expect clean streets at all times, in accordance with other Winnetka standards.

PARK BOARD ADOPTS BEACH TICKET PLAN

Set Moderate Fee for Family Season Tickets; Will Retain Trio of Lifeguards

At a recent meeting of the Winnetka Park board, the question of having life guards at the Elder lane beach was discussed, as it has been each Spring since the Elder lane beach was acquired.

This park and beach with the improvements, including the pier, represent an investment of about \$52,000, which is now enjoyed by a few picnic parties and children who have to be accompanied by adults in the absence of beach supervision.

The annual expense which has to be met in maintaining all of the parks makes it impracticable to maintain beach supervision at both beaches, although the increasing population makes it advisable, it is explained.

In two other north shore suburbs, the beaches are self-sustaining. In one, family season tickets are sold at five dollars each which entitles the entire family and house guests to the use of the beach for the season.

Use Family Ticket Plan

It has been decided to adopt the same plan for Winnetka, the family season tickets being two dollars if purchased before June 15, and three dollars after June 15.

For those who prefer to pay each time the beach is used, the charge will be ten cents for children and twenty-five cents for adults for week days; twenty-five cents for children and fifty cents for adults on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with an additional charge of twenty-five cents for the use of the lockers at the Lake Front beach.

With the money thus made available, guards will be maintained at both beaches and a matron at the Lake Front beach and increased police supervision will be provided, so that Winnetka people can find increased enjoyment and security in the use of either beach.

Retain Three Life Guards

There will be three qualified life guards, two of which will be selected as heretofore. The third or junior life guard will be a Winnetka boy, who will be required to pass a life saving test and whose references as to fitness in other respects are satisfactory. The salary will be seventy-five dollars a month for the three months from June 15th to September 15th.

Applications for this position should be addressed to the Winnetka Park board, and should be received prior to May 15.

It is hoped that in time all three guards may be chosen from Winnetka.

Hold School Vote Today at Horace Mann School

The Winnetka school election will be held Saturday, April 10, at Horace Mann school, where the polls will be open from 1 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. There are to be three members of the Board elected, Mrs. Margaret C. Blatchford and Mrs. Alice O. Moulton, who are present incumbents, and will succeed themselves, and Barret Conway, a candidate to succeed Walter Shoemaker, resigned.