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VILLAGE COUNCIL ACTS TO ACCEPT WAR CANNON

Introduce Ordinance Accepting Legion Offer; Dickinson Replies to Criticism

An ordinance authorizing the Village to accept the gift of three cannon and other German war trophies from Winnetka Post No. 10 of the American Legion, was introduced at a special meeting of the Village council held Tuesday evening of this week. The ordinance was introduced by Trustee H. L. Raclin, and, after a discussion in which the Rev. Thomas Goodwin of the Winnetka Congregational church, Edward R. Lewis, commander of Winnetka Post and J. M. Dickinson, Jr., also of the Post, local Legion took part, was ordered engrossed and posted. The measure will come up for second reading at the next meeting of the council, to be held Tuesday evening, May 4.

The cannon in question are a 105 millimeter howitzer, a 77 millimeter standard gun, with carriage, and a 76 millimeter Minnewerfer. These have been received by the Legion Post from the government, together with other trophies such as helmets, armor and small arms. The Legion proposes to give the trophies to the village, with the stipulation that all except the cannon remain in the Post's keeping as long as that organization remains in existence. The cannon are at the disposal of the Village authorities, to be placed in the parks or elsewhere as war memorials.

Criticizes Legion Action

Arrival of the trophies recently prompted some criticism in the village, particularly from Dr. J. W. F. Davies, minister of religious education in the Winnetka Congregational church and director of Community House. In a sermon given before the Junior congregation of the church Sunday, April 18, Dr. Davies severely criticized what he termed the "deification of instruments of death," declaring that the psychology behind the proposition of taking trophies from the defeated and enshrining them in a place of honor was wrong. They have no place in a peace-loving community, he asserted.

An extract of Dr. Davies' sermon, appearing in the issue of WINNETKA TALK of April 24, this week brought forth the following response for J. M. Dickinson, Jr., prominent member of the Winnetka Post of the American Legion. Mr. Dickinson's statement reads:

Defends Legion Action

"In last week's WINNETKA TALK there appeared an extract from a sermon in opposition to bringing into this Village various war memorial cannon. The sermon was delivered to boys and girls by Dr. Davies who characterized the cannon as "a symbol of hell" and asserted that it has "no right in a peace-loving community."

"We regret the necessity of making use of the press to answer the statements of a man whose kindly services to both children and adults have been so large, and whose well known activities during the World War encouraged so many men to enlist. However, the purposes and judgment of ex-soldiers

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PRESENT FINAL PLAY

Community Players to Offer "Tillie of
Bloomsbury" at Rudolph Matz Hall
May 5 and 6

The final presentation of the season by the Players of the Community Drama club is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and 6, at 8:15 o'clock, in Rudolph Matz hall, Community House, when that talented group will offer Ian Hay's delightful



comedy, "Tillie of Bloomsbury," which has its setting in a historic section of London.

With this play the Drama club concludes the most successful season in its history. The membership has increased by nearly 100 and about 300 persons have contributed some effort in putting on the year's program. The plays have set a fine standard, for which Mrs. Lloyd A. Faxon, as chairman of the program committee, deserves great credit.

"Tillie of Bloomsbury" is under the direction of Mrs. John Marshall, assisted by Mrs. Charles Karnopp, and the cast is as follows: Able Mainwaring, M. P.—Henry Cary-Curr; Milroy (butler in the Mainwaring home)—George Bartlett; Sylvia Mainwaring—Theda Ellison; Lady Marian Mainwaring—Mrs. Charles Moon; Rev. Adrian Rylands—Lyman L. Weld; Constance Damer—Katherine Shaw; Richard Mainwaring—Robert Carpenter; Tillie Welwyn—Mrs. John Ritchie; Amelia Welwyn—Janet Marshall; Percy Welwyn, Edward Naylor; Grandma Banks—Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty; Mrs. Welwyn—Mrs. Louis Sherman; Mr. Samuel Stillbottle—Ralph Varney.

Mrs. R. F. Feagans is property manager. Stage managing and lighting is done by John Marshall, assisted by David Lazear, Robert Ely, Burton Atwood, Jr., Guy Watson and Magnus Martin. Mrs. Carleton Washburn, assisted by Mrs. Charles F. Simpson and Mrs. Lyman Weld, is in charge of make-up. The play is being costumed by Mrs. Merritt Lum.

Visit Field Museum to Study Ancient Animals

Wednesday of last week the pupils of Miss Mabel Ducker's fourth grade, at Horace Mann school visited the Field Museum for the purpose of viewing the exhibit of pre-historic animals and certain geological formations which they have been studying. They are writing up in detail an account of their trip. Burdick Clark says the title of his paper will be, "Bones and Stones."

GIVE CONFETTI DANCE

A May Confetti dance will be staged by the Royal Neighbors of America, Camp No. 2926, at Odd Fellows' hall, Wilmette, this evening. Schneider's orchestra will furnish the music.

Discuss "Cannon" Issue at Legion Meeting Monday

The first hour of the meeting of Winnetka Post No. 10, American Legion at the Community House Monday night, May 3, will be devoted to an open session at which any resident of Winnetka is invited to attend and express his views on the placing of the German war cannon in public parks in Winnetka. The Post has offered the three cannons to the Village free of expense and the Village council at its meeting last Tuesday night passed to engrossment an ordinance accepting them. Considerable interest has been aroused by the sermon of Dr. J. W. F. Davies printed in last Saturday's WINNETKA TALK strongly opposing the placing of the guns in public places.

The Legion feels strongly that war guns are an immemorial symbol of the sacrifices of war, a testimony to the service of the men who fought and a reminder of the loyalty and patriotism and indeed of the whole cause for which the war was fought, it is explained, and its officers and members feel that the great mass of the community look on them in that spirit, and that Dr. Davies views are those of only a small minority, but in a desire to give free expression to all the Post invites free discussion at its Monday night meeting.

The discussion will open at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock J. W. Macy, a prominent Winnetka amateur actor will give a program of songs and impersonations, accompanied by Miss McGiffan of Evanston.

Bogus Check Passer Is Operating in Winnetka

Another bad check artist invaded the village this week and passed a worthless check for \$22.50 on Frank Borovicka, the florist, it was reported to the police department. The man appeared at Borovicka's office Monday and ordered a floral piece costing \$7.50, offering in payment a check with the forged signature of William L. Wente. Later in the day he attempted to pass a check at Ilgs flower shop and also made inquiries of Thomas J. Lynch, tree surgeon. He was described as being 50 to 55 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, with dark eyes and hair. He was wearing a dark shirt and suit and a gray soft hat. His overcoat was dark with a velvet collar and he was thought to be driving a Ford car. Merchants are warned to be on the lookout for him.

CONCLUDE EVENING MEETINGS

The midweek meetings of the Winnetka Congregational church were concluded for this spring with the lecture last Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, on "The Literary History of the Bible." It is planned to have more meetings every Wednesday evening beginning about the first of October.

OBSERVE DIG DAY

Thursday of last week the observance of the local custom of Dig Day at the North Shore Country Day school resulted in a great many minor changes, in the way of improvement about the school grounds. Refreshments were served to the pupils at the conclusion of their strenuous labors.

BIG TRIP TO EUROPE HAS BOYS HUSTLING

New Trier Boys Are Registering Daily for Lloyd Hollister Vacation Tour

Thirty-three vacation days in Europe. Just think of it. And that isn't idle fancy, either. At least not for three boys at New Trier High school who are to enjoy precisely that sort of a vacation this summer at absolutely no cost to themselves nor their parents.

Lloyd Hollister publisher of WILMETTE LIFE, WINNETKA TALK and GLENCOE NEWS, is arranging the tour for three boys, one in Wilmette or Kenilworth, another in Winnetka, and a third in Glencoe, who will rank highest in a salesmanship venture now in progress and in which twenty-eight New Trier boys are already on the job soliciting subscriptions for the Hollister publications.

The salesmanship lists are still open. There is ample time to get into the contest and any boy at the high school whose scholastic standing is O. K. is eligible to enter without a cent of expense. Every salesman will be paid for his work strictly in accordance with the results he accomplishes. It's a great training in salesmanship under the direction of an expert in sales management.

The best salesman in each of the villages will win a free trip to Europe, visiting England, Holland, Belgium and France. Entrants can register any afternoon at the high school.

Take Mentor Tour

The European tour, on which the winners will be accompanied by Robert H. Carpenter, popular New Trier instructor, is one of the famous Mentor Tours of the student series. The boys will sail on June 30 on the S. S. President Roosevelt. These tours are regarded as among the best, providing excellent accommodations throughout and a remarkably interesting program of travel in Europe which includes visits to the battlefields, extended stays in London, Paris and the principal cities of Holland and Belgium.

These boys are now on the job in the salesmanship contests: Walter Lyle Moore, 1038 Greenwood avenue, Wilmette; Elmer G. Priebe, 507 Park avenue, Wilmette; William G. Budinger, 1731 Walnut avenue, Wilmette; John Edwin Seyfried, 1322 Forest avenue, Wilmette; James Edward Baker, 347 Maple avenue, Wilmette; Charles Budinger, 819 Oakwood avenue, Wilmette; Karl Yost, 1016 Greenwood avenue, Wilmette; Gordon Gibson, 528 Park avenue, Wilmette; Harlan Erickson, 506 Park avenue, Wilmette; Richard Rossman, 1130 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette; Syman Bows, 115 Sixth street, Wilmette; Fred W. Russell, 222 Woodbine avenue, Wilmette; Gordon E. Rafferty, 519 Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette; Gordon R. Watt, 115 Laurel avenue, Wilmette; Frank Watt II, 338 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth; Harry E. Dubsky, 627 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth; Franklin DeBeers, Jr., 814 Grove street, Glencoe; William P. Best, 873 Grove street, Glencoe; George P. McKeegan, 466 Adams avenue, Glencoe; Walter G. Schroeder, 348 Park avenue, Glencoe; Leonard Bates, 695 Hill road, Winnetka; Edward M. Selberg, 1086 Cherry street, Winnetka; Ralph Heineman, 913 Greenwood avenue, Hubbard Woods; John E. Swabacher, 815 Ash street, Winnetka; Burton L. Ascheim, 384 Hawthorn lane, Winnetka; Henry Heineman, 913 Greenwood avenue, Hubbard Woods; Robert S. Burrows, 216 Myrtle street, Winnetka.

Join the ranks today. There's plenty of room at the top!