

## NEW TRIER PAGEANT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Many Calls Already Received for  
Choice Seats at Great Anni-  
versary Fete

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Fine pageantry consists of a theatrical display of splendor, pomp, elaborate color schemes, entrancing music; an animated though pictorial depiction of something definite from the historical annals of some particular institution or state. Such is to be the huge display at the New Trier auditorium, June 14 and 15, commemorating the close of its twenty-fifth year.

All that is beautiful, all that is memory-reviving, in fact, the whole splendid growth of this high school so well known far and wide for its excellency in every line, will be told in allegory before hundreds of people who themselves have attended the school in its earlier years; or who have children enrolled therein now, and whose children's children will probably pass through those self-same portals to be led carefully and wisely a few more steps toward their ultimate goal. Naturally, it is a stupendous undertaking to produce such a huge affair. Nevertheless, it is being done, and wonderfully done, too. Faculty, students, alumni,—all are working intensively to make the pageant a great success.

First of all, the text of the pageant, "Enlightenment," was written by a member of the New Trier faculty, Prof. C. Russell Small. Next in order, come the coaches, who are directing the unusually large cast of something over 250 people. Miss Elisabeth Stanwood is in charge of this difficult work, with Mr. Van Kirk assisting. Miss Fogg, of the New Trier physical education department is rehearsing the dances, of which there are many and varied types. Mrs. Cotton, head of the music department, and her assistants, are taking complete charge of all the music for the entire production. Of great importance is the work which is being done by the students and teachers in the art department, posters, settings, properties, and costumes, though by far the greater part of the costume work has been done by the girls in the sewing classes. In the art department, Miss Grover and Miss Murphy have designed costumes, supervised poster painting, and Miss Grover's stage craft classes and stage crew have made the settings for the various scenes of the pageant. In the costume work, Miss Moschel has directed her advanced classes in the cutting and making of dozens of costumes. Probably 130 or more costumes have been made by these girls, while 50 or 60 were cut and sent out to be made by outsiders. Still more are to be rented, but the majority will be made right at the school and then kept for future use. Colors, gay and subdued, run riot throughout the scenes in the form of these costumes, for every shade and hue of the spectrum has been employed. The effect will be of picturesque abandon in colors, rather kaleidoscopic in character. Hours upon hours have been spent upon making the costumes and sets, not to speak of the numberless other tasks to be performed for the final success of the pageant.

A general ticket sale will be begun next week, though already many answers from alumni have been received as a result of the couple of thousand letters which were sent out announcing the advent of the pageant, soliciting subscriptions for reserved seats and the souvenir booklets. The first reply to be received was from Mrs. C. Saxby of Glencoe, class of 1903.

## Educator Leaves



Willard W. Beatty, who recently resigned as assistant superintendent of Winnetka public schools to accept the superintendency of schools at Bronxville, N. Y., will leave about June 17 for Pullman, Washington, where, at the state college of Washington, he will spend a month giving courses in technique of individual instruction and the organization and supervision of the elementary school.

He will also teach the last six weeks term at the University of Chicago, giving a course there on the administration and supervision of elementary schools and the use of tests and measurements in improving elementary instruction. He expects to leave Saturday, September 4, for Bronxville, to take up his new duties there.

## Arrest Maid for Taking Silverware, Other Loot

Louise Johnston, 50 years old, a maid in the home of Mrs. Nathan Raymer, 1423 Scott avenue, was arrested last Friday on a charge of larceny after she had taken silverware valued at \$50 and many other articles from the Raymer home. According to the Police Mrs. Raymer had been missing silverware and other articles for some time and suspected her maid. She finally discharged the woman who left the house early last Friday morning. With her she took five suitcases. Mrs. Raymer called the police who arrested Miss Johnson and recovered the missing silverware and other articles. The actions of the woman seemed peculiar to the police and she was given an examination and sent to the Psychopathic hospital in Chicago. Her family, living in New Orleans, were notified and she will be turned over to them, it was said.

## Winnetka Hockey Team Ties Midway in Game

The Winnetka Hockey team played the Midway team last Saturday, May 22, at the Country Day school field. The score was 2-2 and Winnetka's goals were made in the first half. They were scored by Harvey and Waidner. The line-up for Winnetka was as follows: Forward—McLaren, Harvey, Waidner and Klotz; half-backs—Davis, Montgomery and Brown; backs—Fulton and Blaine. A large crowd watched the game.

## HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The North Shore Congregation will hold its annual meeting and dinner Monday evening, June 7 at Winnetka Community House. The final service of the season will be held Friday evening, June 4, at the Glencoe Masonic hall.

## Hold Memorial Service at Church Sunday Night

A special memorial service will be held in the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday evening, May 30, at 8 o'clock. Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, chaplain of Winnetka Post No. 10, American Legion, commander E. R. Lewis, Rabbi Harvey Wessel, and the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin will participate in the program.

The principal address will be given by the Rev. Vernon W. Cooke of Western Springs, Ill., who served as a "Y" man with the 32nd Division. His subject will be "Makers of Peace."

Winnetka Post has voted to attend this service in a body in uniform if possible. All ex-service men will meet at 7:30 o'clock and march in together.

The North Shore Glee club will furnish the music for the occasion.

## Crime Safer Than Business, Holden Tells Rotarians

The speaker at the meeting of the Winnetka Rotary club on Friday, May 21, was Charles R. Holden, president of the Chicago Crime Commission. He gave a timely talk on the crime situation in Chicago and the work of the Chicago Crime Commission.

Some of his statements were:

1. Crime is primarily due to the inefficiency of law enforcing bodies.
2. Crime, as a means of livelihood under present conditions is safer than most business enterprises.
3. Crime is now well organized and has included bootlegging and the control of elections in its field of activity. At the recent election, two thirds of the precincts in Chicago were dominated by gunmen!
4. The way out is to arouse public opinion and to revise our antiquated system of criminal jurisprudence to eliminate delays and red tape.

## Maid and \$2,500 Wrist Watch Vanish Together

Mrs. Max Woltenberg, 1168 Asbury avenue, reported the loss of a wrist watch valued at \$2,500 to the Winnetka police last week. Together with other valuables, it is thought to have been taken by a colored maid, Anna Nelson, whom Mrs. Woltenberg had discharged. The maid left the Woltenberg residence on Saturday, May 15. Early last week it was discovered that nine tablecloths, valued at \$50 each, and five sheets were missing. Later in the week Mrs. Woltenberg discovered that her wrist watch was gone. It was a present from her husband and had been purchased in Paris. It had a diamond clasp and a diamond and pearl studded wrist band. Police are looking for the Nelson woman.

## Skokie Graduation Set For Thursday, June 17

The graduation ritual at Skokie school, which has become quite a Winnetka tradition, because of its beauty and symbolism, will be held Thursday evening, June 17, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. It will be at the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, where all seats will be reserved and for which tickets will be distributed equally to members of the class and may be purchased only through them. School closes for children, Friday, June 18, and the graduation party will be Saturday night, June 19, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Hibbard gymnasium, Skokie school, limited to members of the graduating class and members of the faculty.

## BOOKLET GIVES DATA ON ILLINOIS SCHOOLS

Booklet Issued by Illinois State  
Teachers Association Gives  
Interesting Facts

A fifteen page booklet, a copy of which has been received by the WINNETKA TALK from Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka public schools, has just been issued by the Illinois State Teachers' Association pertaining to various phases of the public school in Illinois. Added emphasis is given in many instances by interesting comparative data from other states.

In the first analysis of the subject is the following foundation fact:

"The constitution of Illinois states in Section I, of Article VIII: 'The General Assembly shall provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools whereby all children of this state may receive a good common school education.'

"Created by Constitutional provisions, governed under uniform state laws, and supported by public funds levied under state laws, the school system is essentially a state system.

"It must be essentially a state system in order to provide for every boy and girl an education so that the people of the state may govern themselves successfully and preserve their freedom.

### State Pays Part

"Every state pays some part of school costs. Thirty-three states pay from state funds a larger share than does Illinois; nineteen states pay more than twice the percentage of school costs that our state government bears.

"Without considerable state aid in equalizing the abilities of the richer and the poorer sections, many districts are unable to provide good schools, and thousands of children are denied the boasted American chance—a good education."

The total enrollment (data for school year ending 1924) in the Illinois public common schools, is given as 1,316,038, as against only 985,134 in 1905. The high school enrollment in 1905 was 48,913, and in 1924 it had increased to 217,740.

Illinois has 123 consolidated districts; nearly 500 township and community high schools; 116 two-year high schools; 155 three-year high schools; 658 four-year high schools; 10,085 one-room country schools; total number of districts, units system and otherwise, 11,916.

In 1923-1924 there were in the public common schools 42,865 teaching positions, of which 33,748 were in the elementary schools and 9,117 in the high schools.

Between 4500 and 4600 new teachers are needed each year to fill new positions and to replace those who leave the profession. Only about 2,000 teachers are trained in Illinois sufficiently to receive by means of certified credits the certificates of the first or better grades. Many are hired without the proper training and the other positions go to teachers trained outside of Illinois.

### Comparative Figures

While the wages per week of actual teaching have increased 97.7 per cent since 1913, the weekly wages of plumbers have increased 99 per cent; of painters, 120 per cent; of plasterers, 112 per cent; of hod-carriers, 123 per cent;

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