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SKOKIE VALLEY ROUTE OPENS THIS SATURDAY

North Shore Line Inaugurates Regular Traffic over West Shore Right-of-Way

The new \$10,000,000 Skokie Valley route of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad company—the North Shore line—will be placed in operation today, according to announcement made this week by officials of the company.

Simultaneously with the selection of the date for opening the line to the public, North Shore Line officials announced that the Skokie Valley route is completed and ready for inauguration of service.

Placing of high-speed electrically operated trains in service on this new route of the North Shore line will be an important event in connection with development of the north shore region. It will place within commuting distance of the Chicago Loop a large area to the west of the Shore Line route of the North Shore line hitherto inaccessible through lack of transportation facilities.

High-Speed Service

The Skokie Valley route will also furnish high-speed transportation directly between the Chicago Loop and Libertyville and Mundelein, as well as reducing the running time of limited trains operating between downtown Milwaukee and Chicago. Other points between these cities will also benefit through enlarged transportation service made possible through increased facilities.

The new schedule of suburban ticket rates recently announced by the North Shore line will make inauguration of service on the Skokie Valley route of increased importance to commuters between points within Illinois. Reductions as high as 50 per cent are made in this new schedule of rates, which became effective on June 1.

"The North Shore line regards the coming inauguration of service on the Skokie Valley route as an event of great importance in the development of the Chicago Metropolitan district," said President Britton I. Budd. "Our interest in the development of North Shore line service and facilities is exceeded only by our desire to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the communities we serve.

"The Skokie Valley route of the North Shore line represents an investment of \$10,000,000 in the future of the comparatively undeveloped north shore region lying to the west of the territory now served by our Shore Line route. We have made this big investment, secure in our confidence that this region is destined to become one of Chicago's most beautiful and desirable suburban residential districts. We have every reason to believe that our confidence is not misplaced."

Engineering Triumph

Construction of the Skokie Valley route was started in June, 1925. Completion of the big project in less than a year is declared by engineering experts to be an outstanding example of speed and efficiency. D. H. Howard, engineer of construction, is being high-

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Heads Women Voters



Mrs. John N. Van der Vries, 968 Pine street, is the new president of the Winnetka League of Women Voters. The Winnetka league, with a membership of nearly 800, is the largest league in Illinois.

Country Day School to Hold Graduation June 11

Graduation exercises at the North Shore Country Day school will be held Friday afternoon, June 11, beginning at 3:30 o'clock on the lawn of the school. The graduation program will follow the usual form and the Rev. Herbert Willetts of Kenilworth will be the speaker of the day. Perry Dunlap Smith, principal of the school, will present the diplomas. The sixth and eleventh grades of the school will sing several numbers as a part of the program. Twelve pupils will graduate this year and all parents and friends of the class are invited to attend the exercises, it is announced.

Observe Communion at Sunday Evening Service

At the evening service of the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow the Lord's Supper will be observed, and new members received into the church. "Communion with Christ" will be the theme of the sermon by the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin. The evening services will be continued throughout the year. During Mr. Goodwin's absence on vacation the Rev. James A. Richards will preach in the evening as well as in the morning.

AT HOME SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Magnus of 1141 Chatfield road, Hubbard Woods, will be at home to their friends Sunday, June 6, in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Magnus are leaving June 7, for a western trip which will keep them away six weeks.

PLAYFIELD MEETING TUESDAY

The Winnetka Playfield association will meet at Community House Tuesday evening, June 8, at 8 o'clock. Women members of the association are as well as the men, urged to attend.

Name Architect for Winnetka's New Fire Station

A resolution was adopted by the Village council last Tuesday evening employing S. S. Beeman as architect of the proposed new fire station, and authorizing him to proceed with detailed plans and specifications. Mr. Beeman has submitted sketches of the proposed new fire station remodeled from the old Village hall. The plans are to convert this into a roomy and attractive fire station, in harmony with the Winnetka Plan style of architecture. Work on the project will begin as soon as possible, it was said by village authorities.

In deciding to remodel the old building for fire station purposes much consideration was given by the members of the council to the various factors in the situation. Originally it was planned to have the fire station in the new Village hall, but that was found to be impossible before work on the building was begun. Ever since that time the council has been considering various sites for the building.

It was finally decided that for the same amount of money which would be spent for a new site and a new fire house the old Village hall could be remodelled and a much larger and more attractive building secured. Beeman, the architect finally chosen for the fire station, looked over the building and submitted sketches and plans some months ago. These have been under consideration ever since, and are essentially what will be used for the new building.

Expect Final Decision on Substation June 15

Final action on the petition of the North Shore electric line for a permit to erect a substation near Pine street was deferred for two weeks at the meeting of the Village council last Tuesday evening. Both the North Shore line and the residents of the vicinity were represented at the meeting and the property owners remained firmly opposed to the erection of the building. In the course of the arguments against it the danger to children in the neighborhood was stressed by the opposition. The matter was taken into consideration by the council and will probably be settled at the next meeting, June 15.

Institute Students to Conduct Church Service

Students of the Swedish Free Church Bible Institute in Chicago will conduct the young people's meeting at the Scandinavian Evangelical church Sunday evening, June 6, at 5 o'clock. They will also have charge of the evening service of the church.

Sunday school at the church will convene at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

The Rev. A. E. Rohrbach will preach at the Scandinavian church in the Swedish language Wednesday evening, June 9, at 8:15 o'clock. He will again preach at the church, in the English language, Friday evening, June 11.

WOMEN VOTERS' BOARD TO CONFER NEXT WEEK

Local Organization Lays Plans to Obtain Record Vote in November Election

The Winnetka League of Women Voters is now actively engaged in making its plans for next winter's program. This program will open on the second Monday in October, this being the regular league day for the month.

Every effort possible is to be made to get out a still larger vote at the general election November 2, than was achieved in the recent elections. This is part of the national program of the league which is planned to remedy the serious ailment of non-appearance at the polls so prevalent among all classes of American citizens. The Winnetka league is also spurred on by a feeling of local civic responsibility in winning back for Winnetka the American flag offered by the Izaak Walton league, and which was awarded to Kenilworth this spring.

Board Meets June 8

Mrs. Walter L. Benson, who has recently completed a successful two-year term as president of the Winnetka league, has invited the new officers and members of the board to a luncheon at her home Tuesday, June 8, in honor of the newly elected president, Mrs. John N. Van der Vries.

The new board will also hold its first business session at the close of the luncheon. In addition to the officers who were elected a few weeks ago and whose names have already been announced, this board will include in its personnel the following committee chairmen:

Education, Mrs. William B. Moulton; International Relations, Mrs. William B. Hale; Social Hygiene, Mrs. Gross T. Williams; Child Welfare, Mrs. Charles Strong; Efficient Government, Mrs. Morris Greeley; Citizenship, Mrs. D. Blich Crasset; Membership, Mrs. George F. Suker; Finance, Mrs. Walter L. Benson; Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. R. S. Childs; Luncheon, Mrs. Oscar L. More and Mrs. Cecil F. Baker.

The Winnetka league is fortunate in also having on its board, in addition to its officers and committee chairmen, representatives of a number of important Winnetka organizations. These representatives for the year 1926-27 will be:

Winnetka Woman's club, Mrs. Arthur Cushman; Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. Hugo Hartman; North Shore Catholic league, Mrs. William F. Brown; Congregational society, Mrs. Wiley Huddle; Christ Church Guild, Mrs. Randolph Buck; North Shore Congregation Sisterhood, Mrs. Eugene D. Sax.

Winnetka Contributes to Chicagoan Magazine

Anita Willits Burnham, well known Winnetka artist, is contributing a quaint map depicting modern Chicago to the inaugural edition of The Chicagoan, a new magazine issued June 1.

The publication is similar in general style to The New Yorker, its chief function being to report news regarding theaters, concerts, art exhibitions and other show and entertainment features.