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WINNETKA'S BIG DAY; THAT'S NEXT MONDAY

Community Fourth of July Celebration to Carry Through Traditions of Many Years

The crack of a pistol—a dash of youth across the Village Green—the spontaneous cheers of older young people and younger elders. That's part of Winnetka's celebration of the Fourth of July—to be held this year, Monday, July 5.

But it's only part.

In the morning at the beach there's the swish of water as eager boys and girls vie for swimming prizes—and the splashing finishes of divers.

At 2 o'clock the strains of the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" from the Chauve Sauris played by Sindler and his twenty-five piece band opens the festival of the afternoon. Then follows the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," and "America"—the reading of the "Declaration of Independence" by Mr. Henry Tenney—then the children's flag parade.

Row after row of bright-eyed children, hundreds of them, yours and mine—carrying flags provided at the Green—marching behind the uniformed band—children of three—children of six—all Winnetka's children—having the greatest thrill of the year—that's the Children's parade.

Then come the races—Page Mr. Mercury, boys and girls and hitch your toes to a comet—practice starting instantly at the crack of the pistol because there'll be lots of other boys and girls just as eager as you are to win. Eager to win just for the sake of winning and eager to carry home a silver prize cup—these cups now on display at the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank, but cup or no cup it's fun from start to finish. Don't miss it—and bring your mothers and fathers—let them hear the band that will play for the street dancing in the evening.

Don't forget the Evening Band concert from 7 to 8 o'clock, and the dancing from 8 to 11 o'clock, and the finish of a wonderful day.

The following villagers form the committee:

Samuel C. Smart, general chairman. Finance committee—H. A. De Windt, chairman; M. K. Meyer, treasurer.

Athletic committee—Chas. J. Eastman, chairman; Burdette P. Mast, Thomas S. Bulger, Richard Aishton, Gilbert H. Scribner, Warren Agry, S. S. Beman.

Entertainment committee—Marcus Richards, chairman; T. J. Lynch, Mrs. Myron T. Harshaw, Clarke Washburne, Sherman M. Goble, Mrs. William Ickes, Fred Richardson, Jr., Henry Stanton, Dudley Cates.

Music committee—Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr., chairman; Alfred D. Herrmann, Mrs. W. D. McAdams, Frederick O. Mason, Mrs. Kenneth Warden.

Grounds committee—H. L. Woolhiser, chairman; H. H. Smith, Ayres Boal, Laird Bell, Luther H. Barber.

Prize committee—S. Edwin Earl, chairman; Robert S. Laird, J. P. Gillies, A. Fletcher Marsh, Edward R. Lewis.

Program committee—Lloyd Hollister, chairman; Hill Blackett, Merritt Lum, H. V. O'Brien, Henry K. Urion.

Track and Field Officers
Judges—Barrett Conway, N. Landon, Hoyt, Jr., J. Endicott Bradstreet, J. W. Young, D. J. Macy, Chas. Allis Ball.

Clerks of Course—Gerald Hoyt, Wm. C. Moffat, Robert C. Meleney, Wm. Gold Hibbard, III.

Starter—Frank Whitney.
Announcers—Theodore Flynn, Wm. P. MacCracken.

Custodian of Prizes—Robert H. Wallace.

Bruce Is on Job Again with His Help for Babies

"Five cents a pull, and a prize at the end," says little ten year old Bruce Karnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Karnes, 151 Fuller lane. "And if you don't want to pull a string and get a prize, I will give you a ride in my car, up to the end of the block and back for five cents."

Bruce has started his "bus business" again this summer for the benefit of the Chicago Daily News Sanitarium for sick babies.

Last year Bruce raised \$78, which he turned over to the cause. This year, he has added to his equipment, rigging up a scheme whereby one pulls a string and wins a prize, all for five cents.

Bruce hopes for big business to add to the fund which now totals about \$2 after two days' work.

The tiny automobile really goes, and Bruce can promise prospective customers nice scenery down Fuller lane. No need to go to Chicago and ride on a crowded bus, says Bruce, and then one is helping to provide good milk and fresh eggs for sick babies in the tenement districts.

Because he earned money for the Daily News Sanitarium, Daily News came out last year with a full sized picture of Bruce with a passenger.

C. of C. Will Consider Holding Winnetka Day

At a meeting of the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce held last Monday evening one of the matters to be considered was that of whether or not Winnetka day is to be held this year. The attendance was too small to take any action and it was decided to reach a decision in another manner. B. G. Eberle, secretary of the organization will mail to the members and business men in general a letter of inquiry as to their views on the matter. It will be necessary to determine, soon, what is to be done, and if there is to be a Winnetka day held, plans for making it a success will have to be formulated, it is said.

Girl Campers to Hold Pow-wow Next Tuesday

All of the girls and counselors who are planning to attend "Chief" Davies' camp at Lake Hamlin, Ludington, Mich., are to meet in the Neighborhood room in Community House, at 4 o'clock, July 6.

At this time, berth assignments for the boat trip across the lake will be made, final plans for meeting at the North Shore Electric station completed, and the campers afforded an opportunity to become acquainted. The veteran campers will advise, warn, and enlarge upon their past experiences, as every good camper does.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Eloise Wortley, Winnetka 538.

A CORRECTION

In an illustrated article in last week's issue of the WINNETKA TALK regarding the proposed M. K. Meyer commercial building at Elm and Chestnut streets, the name of the firm of architects for the structure, Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton, was omitted. WINNETKA TALK regrets this oversight.

CHANGES IN FACULTY

Several Instructors Sever Connections with Country Day and Others are Selected

With the recent closing of the school year at the North Shore Country Day school, also came a number of changes in the personnel of the teaching staff.

Raymond B. Carlson, who taught literature in the lower school and dramatics in the entire school, will return to the Keith school, at Rockford, where he formerly had been for a number of years.

Madame Hosier, who has been teaching French, is leaving the school, having decided not to continue longer in the profession.

Ben Knotts, who taught art, is going into the business of stage designing.

Miss Margaret M. Cornell, teacher of nature study who has been with the North Shore Country Day school since its beginning, is leaving to go with the Field Museum.

Clinton H. Collister, instructor in English, with his family, have moved to their former home at Newton Highlands, Mass.

Among the new members of the teaching staff for next year will be David Corkran, who is getting his M. A. degree at Harvard this year and who will teach English at the North Shore Country Day school.

Miss Ida C. Wied will teach in the science department.

Miss Dorothy Schook will teach in the art department, and Mlle. Mathilde Damazy will teach French.

Auto Thief Is Arrested on Same Day He Steals

Bruno Reinl, of Sheboygan, Wis., was held to the grand jury on a \$1,000 bond by Police Magistrate C. T. Northrop last Saturday, on a charge of stealing an automobile. Reinl had taken a car belonging to Thomas W. Fisher, of Wheaton, standing in front of the North Shore Electric line station at Indian Hill, on Thursday. Later the same day he was arrested in Kenosha by the local police on a speeding charge. When they investigated they found that the car had been stolen and Reinl was turned over to the Winnetka authorities.

Hamlin Campers Going Great Guns, Is Report

Mrs. J. W. F. Davies returned to Winnetka for the day, June 30, from Lake Hamlin, Ludington, Mich. Mrs. Davies reported the boys' camp doing fine. "They have paddled the war canoes to the sand dunes three times, and made the hike to Lake Michigan from the camp grounds," she asserted. Mrs. Davies said that "Chief" was expecting the girls' camp July 13, and was putting in an extra amount of supplies to take care of camp appetites that develop remarkably in two days' time.

OCCUPY NEW HOME

The Ernst C. von Ammons, who sold their residence on Elder lane some time ago, have moved into their new home at 568 Elm street, a seven-room, brick colonial, with sun parlor, sleeping porch and two baths, on a beautiful lot, 59 by 125 feet. R. E. Crosby, of 962 Pine street, was the builder.

PARENTS FAVOR GOAL CARD REPORT SYSTEM

More Than One Thousand Vote in Referendum Instituted by Superintendent Washburne

A village wide referendum has been held by Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of Winnetka schools to determine whether or not parents in Winnetka like the form of reporting children's progress in school subjects. More than a thousand votes were received in the superintendent's office, showing an overwhelming majority in favor of the reports in their present form.

The "goal cards" on which children's progress in school subjects is reported to parents have been the subject of much heated discussion. Some parents have said that it required a college education to be able to interpret them, that they were too detailed and cumbersome. Others on the other hand were high in their praise, saying that they were the first form of school report they have ever seen that really meant anything. Consequently the following letter was sent home by all children in grades second to eighth in the Winnetka schools:

Letters to Parents

"A year or two ago there were a number of parents who criticized our goal cards as being altogether too complicated and detailed a statement of their children's progress to send home to parents; they said they would much rather have a simple report card which just showed in general whether a child's progress was above or below normal in each subject.

"In response to this criticism we did three or four things: We made the goal cards more legible; we bound in with each child's goal card a sample one with a full explanation of each mark; we attempted, through grade meetings of the Parent-Teacher Association, to explain goal cards directly to the parents; and we included with each goal card a summarized statement, showing very simply and briefly those subjects in which the child was making unusually slow progress or in which he was not working as hard as he should.

"We now want to know whether, as a result of a better understanding of the goal cards and the changes made, most parents are satisfied with the form in which the report is going home to them. We want to know whether by sending the detailed goal card home we meet the desire of those parents who wish to keep in intimate touch with the progress of their children, while at the same time, through our summary reports of unsatisfactory effort and slow progress, we meet the desire of the busy parent, who only wishes to know in a general way whether or not his child is doing satisfactory work.

"After all, the goal cards are sent home entirely for the sake of the parents and to enlist their co-operation. If parents do not understand them or do not like them, we should of course devise some other form of report. Will you therefore please state your frank opinion on the enclosed ballot and return it by your child Wednesday morning? We want such a ballot from each parent (both father and mother) separately. Thank you."

The final poll showed 762 parents voting favorably, 263 voting against. Although there were several instances of disagreement within the family, most fathers and mothers voted alike.

As a result of this conclusive evidence the policy of sending the complete goal cards home to the parents will be continued next year, according to Superintendent Washburne.