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PLAN NEW FEATURES FOR WINNETKA DAY

Greased Pole Contest to Be Among Those Which Will Furnish Fun

One of the features being planned for Winnetka day, to be held Thursday, August 19, under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, will be a baseball game between the present Winnetka team and a team composed of the Winnetka Stars of "away back" five or six years ago.

In this galaxy of players, Winnetka fans will immediately recall such well known players as George Wood, Bill Kloepfer, Charlie Stordeur, and Fred Eckart who in defense of their past reputation on the diamond will meet the present-day champs, assuring a game with a punch in it.

Fred Eckart is chairman of the baseball committee, which will meet at Community House next Monday evening to make further arrangements. The other members of the committee are Larry Knox, "Howie" Carpenter, and Peter Lucchesi.

Plan Best Celebration

The members of the sixteen special committees of the Chamber of Commerce met at Community House last Monday evening, at which time detailed instructions were given to the several groups. All are working with one aim in view, that of making Winnetka day this year the second annual event of the kind, a greater success, if possible, than the one last year.

The parade, which is to be one of the leading features of the celebration, is in the hands of a committee headed by W. T. Wersted, as chairman. The other members of the committee are George Park, Sanborn Hale, Carl Braun, Paul Reschke, E. E. Ellis, Vic Killian, Sam Steffins, Paul Kruger, J. W. Belter, W. E. Zick, P. A. Bradstreet, Dr. Jay Garner, Frank Reid, Henry Anderson, H. D. Hill, Otto Dovidat, R. A. Hoagland, Oscar Anderson, George Gonsalves, B. P. Kiefer, A. Vickery, Carl Miller, A. Franco, George Rudolph, Chief of Police W. M. Peterson, Fire Chief G. M. Houren, Robert James, William Edwards, George Peak and Robert Johnson.

The plans of the parade committee are still in the making, but will be on an elaborate scale. This recalls the feature of the celebration a year ago, in which a long list of entries contested for the prizes awarded for the most originally decorated cars.

Owners of trucks, as well as passenger cars are urged to participate.

1925 Prize Winners

The judges last year, Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, H. L. Woolhiser and Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, awarded prizes in the order named, to Rotary club, E. L. Weinstock, N. E. Dally, R. H. Schell, W. L. Wemte, Holland Furnace company, Hubbard Woods garage and Brandt Brothers.

in the parade this year and it is expected that a large number of residents of Winnetka, Hubbard Woods, and Indian Hill will decorate their cars for this occasion. Prizes are to be offered to owners of cars which the judges decide are most fittingly

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"POURS" NEW HOME

Contractor Develops New Method of Making Concrete Home Cheaper Than brick

Negotiations are being made for fireproof homes in Winnetka. The first home of this type of construction is just being completed at the corner of Liano and Rogers avenues, Chicago. This home demonstrates a type of construction which is believed will mark a new era in the building industry.

The problem of an all poured concrete structure depends on the moulds in which the concrete is poured. The Wedberg system of sheet metal moulds, a new system by which all partitions, walls, ceilings, and cornices are cast of monolithic reinforced concrete, one story at a time.

All window frames and interior door jambs are set up at the same time as the mould, and concrete poured around them, making an airtight structure.

All exterior walls have a continuous concealed dead air space, causing a vacuum effect, which prevents condensation, making an absolutely dry house under any weather condition, a more uniform temperature, and easy to keep warm in winter and cool in summer.

Need No Plaster

These moulds produce such straight and even surfaces that plastering is eliminated, therefore all interior walls are decorated direct on the concrete in artistic texture of Spanish design and finish, also making an exclusive and permanent decorations.

The interior wood trim has also been eliminated, which helps to make a more harmonious distinction between the fine wall decoration, draperies and furniture. There are massive arched openings in living room and dining room. A two-car garage is built in the basement with the drive from the rear of the house.

This house has many other advantages besides its artistic design and finish, as it makes a fireproof, permanent structure safe from storms and tornadoes, sanitary and vermin proof, practically free from expense from insurance, upkeep and depreciation.

Axel G. W. Wedberg, the head of Permanent Homes company, a construction engineer and practical builder, is personally supervising the job. He will be glad to answer any questions in regard to the construction of this home. He says that by building a number of houses at the same time they can be put up cheaper than brick.

A NEW FEATURE

At the suggestion of several readers of WINNETKA TALK the editor has started a new feature with this week's issue. Turn to page 26. You will find an entire page devoted to items of social interest, broad enough in scope and personal enough to give a brief resume for the busy reader. The page is the work of Jean TenBroeck; watch for it each week.

LAST CHANCE FOR C. M. T. C.

Young men of Winnetka who desire to attend the Citizens' Military Training camp at Ft. Sheridan this summer are being given their last chance to apply this week and next. The camp will be held from August 3 to September 1, and all expenses are paid by the government. Those between the ages of 17 and 24 years are eligible to attend. Those who attend these camps always have a good time, for besides the military training, athletics and games are featured. Those who are interested can get further information from Major George R. Harbaugh, 1219 Forest avenue, in charge of registration for this district. Application blanks may be obtained by telephoning Wilmette 140.

Mrs. Riley Relates How She Begun Her Career as Writer

How she began her career as playwright when a young mother living next door to Jessie L. Gaynor, composer of children's songs, was one of the interesting items of the talks on her experiences as writer given to the Threshold Players of Glencoe recently by Alice C. D. Riley (Mrs. Harrison B. Riley) of Evanston.

At their meeting held June 29, with Mrs. Harry I. Miller, 231 Franklin road, Mrs. Riley told how Mrs. Gaynor, teaching harmony to her, assigned a lullaby to her pupil. Finding no words to fit the songs, Mrs. Riley wrote them herself, and thus was born the charming "Slumber Boat" song which has swept the country as a favorite song for little children and for older folks who sing. The writing of many lyrics and librettos for children's operettas and singing followed this, Mrs. Riley told the players. Mrs. Gaynor set them to music. From these it was but a step to the writing of the plays which are now among favorites with theater groups the country over.

The children's lyrics have included such favorites as "My Dear Jerushy," "The Gingerbread Man" and others. "The House that Jack Built" has become a popular opera for children, as has "The Blue Prince" which won the prize offered in 1914 by the Chicago Drama league for a children's play. "Their Anniversary," one of the most popular of her plays, was read by Mrs. Riley that afternoon. This was given its premiere at the Pasadena Community theater in 1922. A number of other successful plays have been written and published by this versatile and talented Evanston writer.

RECOMMEND ORDINANCES

Ordinances for the construction of sanitary sewers for the Daughaday and Alles subdivisions were recommended to the Village council for passage by the Board of Local Improvements at a special meeting held last Tuesday evening. These subdivisions have been recently laid out and will be improved with high class residences in the near future. They are west of Birch street and south of Willow road.

APPROVE PLANS FOR NEW FIRE STATION

Council Decides to Remodel Old Village Hall; Work Begins at Once

Winnetka is to have a new fire station in the near future. At a special meeting of the Village council held last Tuesday evening it was decided to proceed at once with the remodeling of the old Village hall into an attractive and roomy fire station. This action was in accordance with the recommendation of the public buildings and grounds committee of which Trustee R. H. Schell is chairman.

This committee was requested by the council to have a contract ready for approval at the next meeting of the body, to be held next Tuesday evening, July 20. The plan is to have the work done under the supervision of S. S. Beaman, architect who drew the plans for the remodeled structure, and who is a resident of Winnetka. The work will be done on a cost plus basis with J. A. Davies as general contractor. Davies has specialized in remodeling buildings in cooperation with Beaman. Bids will be taken on all sub-contracts and preference given Winnetka contractors, other factors being equal.

Will Harmonize

The new station will be of the English Village type of architecture, in harmony with the Winnetka plan. The council has been considering plans for this improvement for many months and various projects have been carefully considered before the remodeling scheme was finally decided upon. The work is to begin immediately as a new piece of fire apparatus has been ordered by the village and will be delivered sometime during the summer. The new station will provide room for growth in the department for some years to come, it is said.

Preparatory to remodeling the building, at present occupied by the Winnetka fire department, and which, for so many years was also occupied by the various offices and departments of the village prior to their moving to the new Village hall, temporary quarters for Fire Chief G. M. Houren and his men and all fire apparatus are being constructed directly east of the present building at the northeast corner of Ridge avenue and Ash street.

The one story frame building formerly used as a garage is being converted into the temporary headquarters for the department. To it will also be added the shed now on the east side of the old village hall building and which will be used as shelter for the engine.

Crowded Temporarily

Chief Houren and his men admit they will be somewhat crowded in these quarters, but with the realization of what they are going to be permitted to enjoy when the new or remodeled building is completed, they are willing to undergo all this and are entering into the work of aiding in preparing their temporary quarters with real zest and pleasure.

The old building, which is three stories and of brick, will be torn down to the high basement line, and one

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