

Leaders Endorse Memorial for Gold Star Men

SHOWS WHAT MEMORIAL CAN MEAN TO VILLAGE

George B. Massey, General Chairman of Fund Campaign Wants Every Home Represented

A Suggestion of What the Memorial Can Mean to Winnetka:

In foreign lands where the government is by the few, exercising their authority over every act of every subject, or in those lands where a central authority has no power to guarantee the safety of the individual, travelers learn to put a very high value on the privilege of citizenship in such a country as the United States.

The privilege of citizenship should be a spur to each one to do what he can to maintain our form of government for our children and children's children.

One way to do this is to exercise our voting privilege at the polls.

Another is to respond to any call to arms to protect our country and the principles for which it stands.

300 Winnetkans in War

A large number of Winnetka men, about three hundred, did respond to such a call in the World war. Ten made the supreme sacrifice. They did not lose their lives as the result of an unforeseen and unexpected calamity.

They deliberately weighed the chances of death and courted it in service of their country and humanity rather than to accept safety and comfort at a price they would not even contemplate.

Winnetka as a community should unanimously join in honoring them.

We have three annual occasions when citizens from all parts of Winnetka gather on the Village Green; Christmas Eve, Memorial day, and the Fourth of July. Two of these occasions are patriotic.

The Memorial on the Village Green lacks only a more nearly unanimous backing to be realized as an actual fact.

Expression of Village

When it is finished it will be the hearthstone of patriotic thought and expression in the village for years to come and an example to our children of the extent to which others have followed the flag to preserve American traditions and American liberty.

This is what the Memorial should mean to Winnetka. To the Gold Star parents it will mean even more.

The necessary funds can be raised if each individual will act promptly.

It is not necessary to give much. Every small subscription swells the total and increases the number of contributions.

The ideal the committee would like to realize is to have every household give something.

Volunteers are out getting subscriptions but it is a very arduous task which you can minimize by filling out of this issue of WINNETKA TALK and the subscription blank on another page mailing it.

—George B. Massey, general chairman.

LEGION APPROVES

In order to make clear their feeling about the Winnetka Memorial, the members of Winnetka Post of the American Legion have voted that it is their wish that the Memorial should be in memory of Winnetka's Gold Star men and not to the service men.

School Children Give Their Share Toward Memorial

The children in the Winnetka Public schools have contributed their share toward the Winnetka Memorial. In each school the subject was discussed in a general assembly. Boxes were then provided in each class room by the children and children's committees stirred up interest throughout the school. In one building miniature memorials were built by the children with chalk and chalk boxes, so that the contributions might be dropped into the little models.

An effort was made to bring home to the children that while this memorial was to those who had died for their country, there were many heroes who were living for their country day by day and to whom less glory came. There was an attempt to impress upon the children the fact that each one was capable of making little daily sacrifices for the welfare of his community and his nation and that the preservation and progress of the nation for which these others had died depended upon the living service and patriotism of all its citizens.

—Carleton W. Washburne.

Memorial Claims Support of All, Davies Declares

Community House has always believed in showing appreciation of the men who went into the service in the World war. Community House held a reception for the boys upon their return. Community House was the first to have a list, of all those who went into service from our village, framed and hung up for the public. In the building of a new addition, Community House included a room for the American Legion.

Community House believed in a memorial to the men who lost their lives. The director voiced his own attitude frankly against the type of memorial when it was being discussed. Now that that is settled, Community House stands back of the present plans for the memorial.

Such a memorial, since it is to be erected by our village, should touch the pride and responsibility of every Winnetka citizen enough to compel him to make his gift at the earliest possible moment. Reverence for these men who gave their lives will be more profound when we stand before the memorial and know that we have put a bit of ourselves through our money into it. —J. W. F. Davies.

Club Leader Says All Will Want to "Do Bit"

Because I was president of the Winnetka Woman's club during the eventful years 1917 and 1918, I am privileged to share in this Memorial page. When I recall the burdens, the anxieties, the tension of those days; when I recall the loyalty, the untiring service, the unstinted generosity; when I recall the anguish that came to us all as death claimed first one and then others of the boys who had grown up in our schools, played and run races on the Village Green, I know that the same loyalty and service will manifest itself in the erection of this memorial. I know that every member, not only of the Woman's club, but of the Village will "do his bit."

—Carrie B. Prouty.

HIGH SCHOOL HELPS

Students at New Trier Rally to Invitation to Contribute to Winnetka Memorial Fund

The students at New Trier High school, representing every village in the township, as well as the rural sections, feel that they have an intimately personal interest in the Winnetka World war heroes' memorial. Of the ten men who gave their lives in the World war, eight of them were New Trier students or graduates. The school naturally takes great pride in its contribution to this great cause, and this pride is reflected in the students as well as the graduates who knew these World war heroes as friends and colleagues.

The memory and influence of these heroes has become a part of the tradition of the school. One of the great influences in the lives of the students at New Trier today emanates from the heroic lives and immortal memory of two of these heroes particularly. The famous letter of Dinsmore Ely in which he said—"And I want to say in closing, if anything should happen to me let's have no mourning in spirit or in dress. Like a liberty bond it is an investment, not a loss when a man dies for his country. It is an honor to his family. And is that time for weeping? I would rather leave my family rich in pleasant memories of my life than rambled in sorrow at my death."—is incorporated in a memorial plaque in the main corridor at the high school and is a constant reminder to faculty and students alike of the exalted sentiments and sterling character of Dinsmore Ely. As an example of the effect on the student life of the school, growing out of Dinsmore Ely's character, the following editorial is quoted from the issue of the New Trier News of October 15, 1926. The New Trier News

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Village Council Favors Winnetka Memorial Plan

The Village council has taken an active part in the plan for the erection of an appropriate and adequate memorial to the men from Winnetka who made the supreme sacrifice in the World war.

On May 20, 1919, the question of a memorial was referred to a committee consisting of one member of the Council, one member of the Winnetka Community Council and one member of the Plan Commission, to be selected by the Village President. Mrs. W. J. Huddle, at that time a member of the Village council, was appointed on this committee as its representative, and on May 1, 1923 the committee made a formal report to the Village council, recommending the adoption of the design of Mr. Samuel S. Otis, selected by the Memorial committee, after the consideration of many competitive designs. The recommendation of the Memorial Committee that the Otis design be selected, was formally approved by the Village council on May 1, 1923.

The present Village council rejoices in the fact that plans for the erection of the memorial are now actively under way, and urgently requests that all citizens of the Village contribute promptly and liberally to this most worthy cause.

Mary A. Langworthy,
Village Trustee.

EVERYONE MUST HELP, SAY MEMORIAL WORKERS

Campaign Launched November 1 Expected to Bring Contribution From Every Home

Winnetka's Memorial fund campaign started November 1 when H. A. de Windt, chairman of the finance committee, sent a letter, with a subscription blank, to everybody on the village water and light list, the number of letters being about \$2,300.

That was really the opening gun of the campaign to finance the Memorial by raising \$40,000, although it is expected that the actual cost will be less. But to be on the safe side it was thought best to get more rather than less than needed.

The \$40,000 fund was, for convenience divided into two classes: First, fund of \$25,000 to be underwritten by about 100 persons to guarantee the completion of the Memorial; second, a fund of \$15,000, to be raised by a general appeal was mailed to those on the water and light list who had not already subscribed. That appeal was signed by George B. Massey, general chairman, H. A. de Windt, finance chairman, and John R. Leonard, treasurer of the Memorial fund.

First Drive Nets \$5,000

These two appeals brought in about \$5,000 in subscriptions from one dollar to one hundred, while during the same time the underwriting was over-subscribed. The letters had not brought in the number of subscriptions desired, for, if the Memorial is built, it must be financed by contributions from nearly every household in Winnetka, and not by just a few. Everybody asked says the same thing—there must be a general subscription to the monument to our honored dead, the committee points out. Therefore the committee is commandeering 100 men to make a house-to-house canvass. This is a slow method but a most effective one, it is said, when it gets to working. It ought not to be necessary in a campaign where the village is a unit in favor of the Memorial, but somehow or other, the campaign sponsors declare, most people in Winnetka have not yet awakened to the fact what a burden they are putting on the managers of this campaign by not sending in their subscriptions without having to be called on in person.

To further stimulate subscriptions, Mr. de Windt has spoken in every

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Memorial Plan Pioneer Happy as Goal Is Near

When the village learned that, finally, Mr. De Windt had been persuaded to accept the responsibility of the building of our memorial the whole community breathed a sigh of relief and satisfaction. We now have the assurance that we are to have an appropriate memorial dedicated to those who gave their lives and honoring all who served in the late war. There have been long delays in the realization of our hopes and plans. But the time has not been wasted. We are now united. Everyone is whole-heartedly behind the present project. And we are proud of the fact that the design is the work of a fellow townsman and one who served with those we commemorate.

—Harriet Warfield Huddle,
(First Memorial Committee)