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"FOLLIES AFLOAT" IS NOVEL TYPE OF SHOW

See Big Success for Musical Comedy-Minstrel to Be Staged Next Week by Square Club

"Skokie School should be full of people on the nights of December 8 and 9," admitted Frank Nelson this week in talking of "Follies Afloat," the musical comedy-minstrel scheduled for those dates. Mr. Nelson, who has charge of this enterprise for its sponsors, the Square club of Winnetka Masons, looks for capacity houses on both evenings, but advises that desirable reserved seats are still available at Adams' drug store.

"Whether our audiences will like the show remains to be seen," added Mr. Nelson, "but if hard work counts for anything, it should be well worth while."

New Type of Show

As has been noted before, "Follies Afloat" is a new type of musical-minstrel which boasts of a plot, a jazz band, numerous specialties and a dancing chorus of sixteen young women. It was written by George Bainbridge, well known Chicago producer, who is also directing all rehearsals. More than fifty Winnetka people are used in the production and for some weeks past they have been devoting their evenings to numerous rehearsals in an effort to present a smooth and well-rounded performance.

Good Ship "Winnetka"

The plot has to do with a cruise undertaken by "Col. Farren" on his good ship "Winnetka," the cast portraying the necessary ship's officers, cabin boys, deck hands and guests. Popular songs, dancing specialties and comedy scenes inject themselves into the proceedings at frequent intervals, while special scenery and an imported orchestra will add a touch of the professional to the entertainment.

Prominent in the cast are Elizabeth Stubbs, Armour Park, E. J. Flannery, C. J. Eastman, Mrs. Charles Sommer, W. A. Snyder and Edward Cole.

Not Eligible for Campers' Reunion Fun? That's Sad!

Stunts and songs and a jolly time as around the summer camp fire will fill the hours of the Indian Hill campers' reunion, that is being planned for Tuesday, December 28. This annual reunion is to be celebrated at the Community House at a 6 o'clock dinner.

Every single person who has ever attended camp, last year or any year, is eligible to enjoy the festivities with the other hundred campers who will be attending the dinner. This year's program is to be even better than that of last year.

Enthusiastic chairmen are working to put over each part of plans for the evening. Louise Conway and Isabel Milton are co-chairmen of the program committee; Margaret Gordon and Emilie Banning, of the dining room committee; and Gould Davies is in charge of the decorations.

"Chief" Davies is in charge of the plans for the evening. Mrs. Eloise W. Wortley is busy working out the details of the party.

WE'RE BURGLAR-LESS

Better Hit Wood, But, Actually, Not a Home in Winnetka Has Been Robbed Since February 1926

No burglaries and no cars stolen in Winnetka during the month of November were gratifying features of the monthly report of W. M. Peterson, chief of the police department to the Village council.

In fact, the records show a still further degree of efficiency on the part of the department in that there has not been a residence burglary in the Village since March 1.

The last burglary in Winnetka was in February, 1926. There have been only three small burglaries of stores and shops since the first of the year. The two patrol squads of two men, each, in touring cars, a system adopted last winter, is demonstrating the wisdom of the plan and the efficiency of the officers back of it.

Ten arrests for traffic violation with convictions following, were made during the past month.

The report indicates the general public is not nearly as cautious as the police in the matter of preventing crime, particularly that of burglary or theft.

\$575,930 Building Permits Break All Previous Records

With building permits issued in Winnetka during the month of November amounting to a total of \$575,930, all previous records of this nature for a single month have been shattered, according to A. B. Krieg, village building inspector.

Permits for the first fifteen days of the month reached almost one-half the foregoing amount, but the last fifteen days exceeded the first half, materially.

Permits were issued for fourteen residences, totaling \$286,000; alterations to buildings reached \$17,500 and garages \$2,430, but the grand total was increased to its large proportion by the permits for the two apartment and business blocks which alone were near the \$300,000 mark. One of these is the R. H. Schell improvement, to front on Elm, Chestnut and Chestnut court, the other apartment and business block to be erected on Linden avenue in Hubbard Woods by Jevne Hagan and associates. Both buildings have been described previously in former issues of The Winnetka Talk.

Center Street Opened up; to Pave New Through Road

The newly paved Center street was opened to traffic last week, and Frank A. Windes, village engineer, is now working on plans for paving the north end of the new through highway, from Elm street to Tower road, and also the remaining 900 feet at the south end, south of Winnetka avenue.

Kenilworth has special proceedings pending for its share of the through highway improvement, and the south 900 feet which Winnetka has yet to construct will be delayed until the Kenilworth decision is reached that it may be made to connect up with the Winnetka section.

Recital Artist



Cecelia Hansen, world renowned violinist, who is a native of Russia, though of Scandinavian parentage, will appear in recital at the New Trier High school auditorium Monday evening, December 8, under auspices of the Winnetka Music club. Miss Hansen's recital is the second of the current season's series sponsored by the Music club and inaugurated a few weeks ago by Tito Schipa, the tenor.

Miss Hansen was born in a Cossack settlement, and heard her first music from military bands. While a native of Russia, her grandfather was a Dane, and it is from the Hansen family that she inherits her Norse name and her Scandinavian type of beauty. Russia, however, is this violinist's native land, and Russian is her native tongue. She began playing the violin at an early age. Her first teacher was Zukovsky, now a member of the Chicago Symphony orchestra. She continued her studies with Prof. Leopold Auer, winning at the age of 16 first prize at the Petrograd Conservatory in 1914, where she was a classmate of Jascha Heifetz and Toscha Seidel. The war interrupted her plans, but after many hardships and vicissitudes she made a dramatic escape from Russia through the fog of the Baltic sea in a flimsy row-boat. In Finland, then, she made a triumphal debut, blazed a trail of brilliant recitals through Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia and Scandinavia, and now she has won the acclaim of the American critics by her remarkable series of appearances in the United States.

Friendship Circle Calls to Its Christmas Dance

The Friendship Circle girls are planning a Christmas dance that will be given on Saturday evening, December 11, at 8:30 o'clock, at Community House. The girls are not limiting the party to their group, but have extended invitations to their friends to enjoy the entertainment with them.

The Iowans have been secured to provide music for the dance. Tickets for the affair will be handled by the members of the circle. Miss Peggy Nord is in charge of the tickets.

CALL RESIDENTS TO CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Music Department of New Trier High School Presents Program December 12

BY G. W. C.

No one has ever defined the Christmas Spirit.

Everyone knows that it is a glorious, indefinite something that creeps into one's blood and heart and makes him gay and thankful. It is the thing that instills in people who do not know a sharp from a flat a strong desire to sing and sing and sing; that prompts rich mortals to drop coins into the outstretched hands, of poor mortals, that urges hurried, busy humans to take time off for a chat with a long-neglected neighbor. And it is the power that brings man the nearest to God that the picayune, well-meaning animal called man perchance can ever be. Yet no one can define this something. However, parts of it can be definitely pointed out, and certainly one of the biggest parts of this great Christmas Spirit is Music. Music with a big M.

Annual Carol Service

What would Christmas be without Music? No rosy-faced boys and girls singing carols on snowy street-corners. No noble, inspiring chimes. No beautiful cantatas. The silence of Music—what a mutilating blow that would be!

And how thankful the north shore should be that it has people who realize this. One of the organizations that works the hardest to keep alive the beauty of Christmas Music is the music department of New Trier High school. Each year, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Homer E. Cotton, this group holds a Christmas Carol service, at which music-lovers and Christmas-lovers can gather and enjoy a fine holiday program, and also raise their own voices in song.

This year the service is to be held Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 3 p. m. in the New Trier auditorium.

Come Early!

There is no need to urge people to attend, for this event has always drawn full houses, which is proof in itself that Music is a big part of Christmas. However, it might be said that the date December 12 should be kept in mind, for it is sure to be a gala day for those who love Music and for those who love Christmas and for those who can see that the souls of these two great powers are almost one.

Elm to Oak on Linden May Be Re-Named Center Street

At a meeting of the council of the Village of Winnetka last week, Frederick Dickinson, Village attorney, was instructed to prepare an ordinance changing the name of Linden street between Elm and Oak streets, to Center street. This ordinance will come up for introduction at the meeting of the council next Tuesday evening. It is not planned to change the name of Linden, south of Oak street. The name of Center street is to designate the through traffic highway of which this block is a link.