

## SHOW TENTATIVE PLANS FOR CHURCH STRUCTURE

### Members of Winnetka Congregational Church View Films Depicting Suggested Edifice

Tentative plans for the new church building of the Winnetka Congregational church, a strange and fascinating message from the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Reynolds in China, a letter concerning the Leper colony in India supervised by Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Wolsted and a number of interesting reports concerning the life of the church during the past year combined with an earnest discussion of new year ideals comprised the annual parish dinner of the Winnetka Congregational church, Wednesday evening, January 19, at 6:30 o'clock.

More than 400 members of the congregation were present to enjoy this fellowship gathering which takes place once a year.

Tentative ground plans and drawings of one style of proposed church building suitable to care for the present and future congregations were thrown on the screen for examination by the audience. It was emphasized that these plans, figures and estimates were but tentative, not having been reported by the finance or building committees to the board of the church, but presented simply as suggestions for future committee discussions.

#### Wants More Discussions

Rev. J. A. Richards discussed the possibilities and hopes regarding the new church, and, in addition, stressed three other points regarding the ideals of the church body. The first point concerned the desirability of many discussion groups within the church year. Open and free speech regarding the policies of the church as an organization, and the practice of conferences at the church and in homes was emphasized. The second point dealt with the hope of the formation of a young married peoples' club. With a record of twenty-three marriages performed by the ministers, and no inclusive and exclusive organization for such couples, the seed was sown for the formation of such a club. Another suggestion was made concerning a men's organization. It was pointed out that the women have a society to which they are invited to join when they come into the church, while there is none for the men.

Dr. J. W. F. Davies brought the message from Paul Reynolds in China. He told the story of the "Winnetka Conference Grounds" in China, composed of a piece of ground set aside as a place of conference. This was made possible by the Young People's society of the Winnetka church when it forwarded \$900 in gold to the Reynolds. The buildings on the ground include an assembly hall and dormitories. Two tennis courts, and a basketball field are marked out. A field for base ball and other sports, called "Davies Athletic Field," in honor of "Chief," it was discovered, is set aside for sports.

#### Would Aid Chinese Youth

The message further included the strange word concerning a splendid man of Chinese birth, who is a Christian minister. Dr. Davies told of this man's sincere wish to study and teach his countrymen. The Reynolds were so anxious that he be given this opportunity, they advanced him the money to study in the Chinese college, but he is ready for the University of Chicago. Dr. Davies is willing to take pledges for any amount of money to bring this man to the Winnetka church as one of the ministers of the staff, also allowing him to study at the uni-

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## DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

### Winnetka Legionnaires Join in State-wide Campaign to Increase Legion Membership to 70,000 Mark

The State department of the American Legion has set a goal of 70,000 members by September 1, 1927. To this end, an intensive membership drive will be launched in Cook county in the near future.

Winnetka Post No. 10, of the American Legion, knows that a number of new residents, who were ex-service men, have come into our village recently and they extended a cordial welcome to these comrades.

Meetings are held in the Legion room of the Community House on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 8:15 p. m. The membership committee is most anxious to reach all ex-service men, not members of the Legion, and the membership committee, consisting of the following men, are at service:

E. G. Howell, chairman, 558 Birch street; A. Lee Adams, 784 Elm street; A. C. Gedge, 1106 Elm street; M. T. Harshaw, 1096 Oak street; W. H. King, Jr., 802 Foxdale avenue; G. H. Scribner, 812 Ash street; Harold W. Snell, 1075 Pelham road.

### English Singers Appear in Winnetka Feb. 24

The Winnetka Music club is presenting "The English Singers" in its fourth concert in the current Artist-Recital series on Monday, February 14. The group of singers is made up of three women and three men, who sing with careful perfection, seated informally about a table, the club reports.

Called back to England after a few performances, these singers in 1925 established a reputation which brings them back for a large number of concerts in 1926 and 1927. Their program will include several folksong arrangements and work of old composers from England, Italy, and France.

### Progress With Plans for North Center St. Paving

The paving of Center street from Elm street to Tower road was further considered by the Street, Drainage and Forestry committee of the Village council following the adjournment of the council meeting Tuesday evening. It is the plan of the council, it is said, as soon as it has had an opportunity to fully familiarize itself with the details of the problems involved in this improvement, to arrange for a public hearing at which the plans may be discussed with interested property owners.



### Mitzi Is Lost

Everybody on the north shore.

There is practically no service that cannot find interested prospects through the Want Ads:  
LOST — BROWN AND WHITE Boston Bull puppy, 6 months; answers to name "Mitzi." Reward. Phone Wil. 3910.

## Village President to Tell Masons of George Washington

In spite of the deep snow a large number of members attended the meeting of the Winnetka Masonic lodge on Tuesday evening, January 18, and heard George E. Frazer talk on "The Masonic Life of Robert Burns." The fact that the anniversary of the Scotch poet falls on January 25 made the address of particular interest at this time.

Mr. Frazer compared the Scottish lodges of 150 years ago with the beautiful lodge we have today. He pointed out how the brilliant minds of that day would convene in poorly furnished lodges and discuss religious and political affairs.

Many of Burns' beautiful poems were conceived through inspiration received in his close association with Masonry.

On February 15, John S. Miller, Winnetka village president and Mason, will speak before the lodge on "George Washington and Foreign Relations." The lodge hopes that all members of the Masonic fraternity in this vicinity will remember the date and be in attendance to hear this speaker of national as well as local prominence.

## Debt to Methodism to be Sermon Theme at Morning Service

The topic at the morning service at the Winnetka Congregational church, tomorrow at 11 o'clock, will be "Our Debt to Methodism." Rev. James Austin Richards says he feels the whole Christian life of the world is under great obligation to the great Wesleyan movement, and that there is much in it suggestive for the life of the church.

In the evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin will preach on "The Tolerance of Jesus."

The Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock, next week, will take the form of an open discussion on "The progress of our church life."

## Scout Council Receives Charter at Big Ceremony

The charter of the newly formed North Shore Area Boy Scout council was presented at a gathering of 400 council officers from all over the middle west at the Edgewater Beach hotel, last Wednesday night. Albert P. Snite, of Highland Park, the council president, received the charter on behalf of the people of the north shore, and spoke enthusiastically of the progress made during the past few weeks of the council's existence. Twelve men from the north shore towns attended the meeting. George S. Keller, commissioner of Highland Park, also appeared on the program.

## Council Considers Law to Regulate Taxicabs

The regulation of the operation of taxicabs in Winnetka, by a special ordinance, is a matter that has been referred to Frederick Dickinson, village attorney, for investigation. The matter was brought to the attention of the council at its meeting Tuesday evening by H. L. Woolhiser, village manager, who stated that it was a suggestion which had been made to him by a citizen of the village.

#### GET PAVING ESTIMATE

The Winnetka board of local improvements has received an engineer's estimate for the paving of Euclid avenue from the north line of Scott avenue to the Glencoe village limits. A public hearing on the proposed improvement has been set for Tuesday evening, February 1.

## NO MAN'S LAND LOOMS AS BIG BALLOT ISSUE

### Exchange of Letters Indicates Inaugural of One of Bitterest Election Campaigns

With the citizens of New Trier township called upon to express themselves at the polls, on April 5, in the matter of the proposed acquisition, by bond issue, of all or parts of "No Man's Land," the now widely advertised strip of land lying along the lake front between Wilmette and Kenilworth, backers of the various commercial projects in course of development, or in contemplation, were this week laying preliminary plans to present their position in the more or less heated campaign which promises to provide widespread interest from now until election day.

Men behind the motion picture theater project this week conferred with officials of the Vista Del Lago and Breaker Beach club developments regarding plans for concerted action in presenting their common cause to the electorate. Other preliminary conferences are scheduled for next week, it was stated.

Exchange of letters between Arthur Bonnet, representing the Citizens' committee, through the instrumentality of which the petition for the \$500,000 Township Park Bond issue election was filed with County Judge Jarecki, and promoters of the new theater project appear to have effectively launched the campaign that is to culminate in the election on April 5.

Mr. Bonnet's letter of a week ago, published in part in last week's issue of WILMETTE LIFE and asking the theater promoters—all of whom are prominent north shore residents—to halt their plans pending the outcome of the election, brought prompt reply from the group as follows:

"Various members of our group which is concerned in the ownership and development of a portion of the land known as 'No Man's Land' on Sheridan road, between Kenilworth and Wilmette, have received your letter of January 10.

#### Projects to Continue

"In the first place let me say that the majority of those interested in our development are citizens of the north shore towns and have been identified with every movement for the public good in that neighborhood. It we disagree with you it is not at all a question of division of opinion between outsiders and those with public spirit and a local group of well intentioned gentlemen such as yourself. With intimate knowledge of north shore conditions, sentiments and aspirations, we made our purchase with a desire of giving the best possible type of development to the area involved. Our improvements are under way and we are bound to both our contractors and our lessees on their account. There have been no new developments along the north shore that add or subtract to the considerations that we had in mind at the time of our decision.

"Beyond this, your suggestion is entirely impractical as the proceeds from a \$500,000 bond issue will not remotely purchase the complete area included in 'No Man's Land,' or even a considerable fraction of it. In addition to our project, and independent in every way from it, the Vista Del Lago club and the Breakers Beach club have let building contracts involving a very large sum of money and have incurred very considerable expense. You would find that your final cost would represent a sum of eight or ten fold the amount mentioned.

#### Glad to Discuss Details

"It is plain that we are in full dis-

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