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COMMUNITY HOUSE IN ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

Letters Go Out to Previous Subscribers This Week; New-Comers to Be Informed

Letters have been sent out this week to previous contributors to the support of Community House, asking for a renewal of subscriptions for the year 1927.

Next week similar letters will be sent to those who have not taken part in the support of this Community Center, and to newcomers.

It is the hope of the Community House Board of Governors to avoid a personal canvassing campaign this year. Such a campaign has been conducted vigorously each year recently. Between 125 and 150 men have given time and effort each year to this work. This year the Governors feel that the purposes and the work of Community House are so well known that previous contributors will continue their support, and that newer residents of the village will also assist in the annual maintenance of this village-wide center.

1926 Attendance 136,000

Community House was erected sixteen years ago, in 1911. In 1923 an addition nearly as large as the original building was found necessary. That the use of the Community House grows with the increase of population of the village is indicated by the fact that last year 130 different groups of people have used the building, while the total attendance was 136,000, an increase of several thousand over the preceding year. More than 275 individuals have given personal volunteer services to make the work of the center effective.

When first organized, Community House was intended to provide recreation and character building facilities for the boys and girls of the town. Now, more than 50 percent of the activities are for grown-ups and they are not all for amusement purposes either.

Gym Is Busy

The gymnasium is used every day and every evening for classes, for basketball, for baseball and for tennis. The fine Rudolph Matz hall with its big stage affords facilities for several dramatic groups. There are three troops of Boy Scouts and eight groups of Camp Fire Girls. Each organization has its own room. There are many clubs for both older and younger boys and girls. There are trained leaders conducting classes for foreigners in English. There are rifle clubs, social groups of many kinds, teachers' meetings, civic meetings, village elections, dinners, the American Legion, which has a splendid large room for its own uses, while music, art and other educational activities find free play. The motion picture programs, two days a week, are more extensively patronized than ever, and last year ran all through the summer due to the installation of special ventilating equipment which made the room comfortable at all times.

Fine Work With Boys

"The Pathfinders" was a new group last year. "Chief" Davies says: "I was called by a parent this morning. He said, 'I've a boy who's got a

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NAMED POSTMASTER

Joseph C. Braun, Former Assistant, Receives Winnetka Appointment; Eighteen Years in the Service

Joseph C. Braun, formerly of Wilmette, has been appointed postmaster in Winnetka to succeed Elmer E. Adams whose resignation became effective January 31.

Mr. Braun came to the Winnetka post office eight years ago today, March 5, as assistant postmaster, which office he held continuously until the resignation of Mr. Adams, since which time he has been acting postmaster.

Previous to his coming to the Winnetka office Mr. Braun served ten years and five months service having been spent under the administration of four different postmasters, two at Wilmette and two at Winnetka.

Those under whom he served at Wilmette were Edwin Drury and William E. Hess and the two in Winnetka were A. M. Kloefer and Elmer E. Adams.

Mr. Braun was appointed carrier in the Wilmette office October 1, 1908; was transferred to the Winnetka office and promoted to assistant postmaster March 5, 1919, and was formally appointed postmaster, February 24.

His years of experience in all the various branches of the service thoroughly qualify him for the new duties which he has assumed without the slightest interruption in the excellent service to which Winnetka has long been accustomed.

Mr. Braun states that his assistant will be a man from the classified service, announcement of whose appointment will be made soon.

The Winnetka post office on May 1 will be moved to the new location recently acquired by the department in the building which M. K. Meyer is erecting at the northwest corner of Elm and Chestnut streets.

Hold First of Series of Union Lenten Services

Union services will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent at the Winnetka Congregational church, at 8 o'clock. The first service of the series was held last Wednesday evening, conducted by Rev. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ church. Mr. Gerhard will also conduct the services on the evening of March 23. Rev. A. Ernest Rohrbach, pastor of the First Scandinavian Evangelical church, will preach on the evenings of March 9 and 30; the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin of the Congregational church, on March 16, and the Rev. James Austin Richards of the Congregational church will conduct the closing service of the series on the evening of April 6.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPIC

The sermon topic for the morning service at Winnetka Congregational church, by Rev. James Austin Richards, Sunday at 11 o'clock, will be, "Our Daily Bread." The theme of the evening sermon at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, will be, "Can We Know God?"

In Recital Tuesday



Mario Kurenko, the famous Russian soprano, a singer with so pleasing a voice as to be called the "Russian Nightingale" will appear before the Winnetka Music club Tuesday, March 8. Mme. Kurenko, though having made her first appearance in the United States only last fall, has a notable European reputation. At her debut in Russia she was so enthusiastically received that she was at once called to the Grand Opera at Moscow, where she remained for several seasons, a universal favorite.

Soon her fame began to spread, and she was invited to sing at other European centers. Last spring she gave a private recital in Paris and was at once engaged to come to America. Her first American appearance was in grand opera in Los Angeles, where she added new laurels to her artistic fame. She has a charming voice and a most attractive personality.

It is to be especially noted that this concert is to be given on Tuesday evening, rather than on Monday as has been the case with other music club concerts.

Wounded With Tiny Gun, of Ancient Vintage, But Peppy

Michael Connolly, the sixteen year old son of Dan Connolly, of 1016 Spruce street, accidentally shot himself in the right hand with a 22 calibre pistol Monday evening. The weapon was an old relic of the vintage of 1861, a miniature affair made by the Remington company and evidently designed for a vest pocket piece or a watch charm, but with a "kick" to it equal to a modern piece of like calibre.

Village Manager Ready for Bids on Garbage Contract

H. M. Woolhiser, village manager of Winnetka, was authorized by the village council at its meeting Tuesday evening to take bids for the garbage contract for the year beginning April 1. The present contract is with John Biederer, of Glenview.

NORTH SHORE LEADERS BOOST SKOKIE DRAINAGE

Organize Skokie Drainage Association at Meeting Friday in Glencoe

After many years of discussion of the subject of draining the Skokie, greater advancement towards the achievement resulted at a joint meeting of citizens of north shore villages at Glencoe, Friday evening of last week, than has ever been accomplished in any preceding effort.

An organization was perfected, to be known as the Skokie Drainage association, of which General John V. Clinnin, of Glencoe, was elected president and Lloyd Hollister, of Winnetka, secretary. Membership of the new association is to be open to all civic bodies in the Skokie valley.

A committee comprising representatives from the various sections interested was appointed, which committee will report to the association at a date to be called later. The members of this committee follow:

Edward M. Lang, of Highland Park; John P. Happ, of Wau Bun; H. W. Butler and William Edwards, Glencoe; George Park, Winnetka; J. A. Peterson, Kenilworth; Mr. Kellogg, Indian Hill; Hoyt King, Wilmette; William Hagge, Deerfield; General John V. Clinnin and Ben Schildgen, New Trier township and J. A. Walsh, Highwood. Glenview and Northbrook were not represented. The committee was empowered to enlarge its membership.

Sixty Attend Meeting

The meeting was held at the Skokie Country club. The business session, following a dinner at 6:30 o'clock, was attended by about sixty men. Leo Hillman, president of the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, called the meeting to order and briefly outlined its object, following which General John V. Clinnin presided as chairman.

Preceding the organization of the Skokie Drainage association, numerous enthusiastic addresses were made by representatives of the various villages, including engineers and attorneys, during which methods of procedure were discussed as a guidance to plans to be formulated by the committee selected.

Charles N. Roberts, engineer for the village of Wilmette and Frank A. Windes, of the firm of Windes and Marsh, engineers for the Village of Winnetka and Glencoe, each referred to the project as one which is very feasible from an engineering point of view.

Want Sanitary District to Act

It was the consensus of the meeting that the Sanitary district of Chicago is the logical body to make a reality of the desired plans.

Further expression of this nature was made at the meeting of the Glencoe village board, Monday evening of this week, when a resolution was unanimously adopted by the board, endorsing the plan to petition the Sanitary district to grant the relief by the construction of a suitable drainage ditch throughout the Skokie valley, and pledging the co-operation of the board to this end.