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WANTS NEW TREATIES BETWEEN U. S.--CHINA

**Rev. Paul R. Reynolds, Winnetka
Minister in China, Says Amer-
ica Should Act At Once**

Paul R. Reynolds, minister of the Winnetka Congregational church at Senchow Shansi, China, in a recent letter received by the Rev. James Austin Richards, writes:

"Do not be worried about us. At present we are in no danger whatever. There is no probability that there will be any trouble in Shansi. I wish that America could see her way clear to come forward now and discuss new treaties. It is all right to follow Mr. Strawn and say, 'that whenever there is a stable government we will negotiate,' but there is no such government nor is there likely to be one soon, and meantime the tide of nationalism rises higher and higher.

Safer "Unprotected"

"My own opinion is that we are safer unprotected than under the protection implied in the present treaties and involved in the present attitude of our government. In many ways I am sorry we are coming home this spring. It would rather seem that now is the time to 'stand by.'

"A letter just came in from the Tientsin office. After many shifts they have us fixed up on the President McKinley, sailing from Shanghai April 29. We shall probably go across from Tientsin or Tsingtao and go aboard at Kobe on May 2. This early sailing is made possible by the fact that our annual spring meeting is set for March 24 and we can leave Fenchow soon after that."

Defers Foreign Pastor Plan

Mr. Reynolds requests in his letter, the date of which is February 11, that his former suggestion of the possibility of the Winnetka Congregational church adopting K. K. Chang as its foreign pastor and have him visit America for two years' study, be withdrawn, financial reasons being given. Fenchow, he adds, is now going through a period of retrenchment.

Fire Damages Oil Burner Plant in Business Block

Fire, said to have been caused by crossed wires, burned out the mechanism of the oil burner in the heating plant 563 and 565 Lincoln avenue, Winnetka, Saturday evening about 10 o'clock. The former number is the store room occupied by the Grace Herbst Gift shop and the other by the Elsie Thal dress shop. The blaze was discovered by Patrolman William Burgdorf.

Center Street Hearings Postponed Until Monday

The public hearings on the proposed re-zoning of Center street between the village yards and Chatfield road and the southerly corner of Church road and Center street, (new through highway), from A residential to C commercial, was postponed last Monday evening until Monday evening, March 28, the latter hearing at 7:30 o'clock and the former at 8:30.

Masons Announce "Open House" Fete Tuesday, March 29

That Winnetka Masons are making good use of their fine temple is evidenced by the large attendance each Tuesday evening. Several tournaments, which have been in progress for several weeks are now nearing completion.

The indoor-putting contest held recently was won by Fred Richardson, Jr.

On last Tuesday evening, Charles J. Eastman won the billiard tournament from George Sewell by a score of 50 to 31. Others in the semi-finals were Ed. Thompson and C. P. Jaedecke.

The bridge whist contest is now in the semi-final stages and will be settled soon. Pocket billiards are also attracting attention, Thompson, Mauland, McKinney, Arnold and Marshall being left to struggle for supremacy.

As a special social feature, Winnetka Masons are holding open house on Tuesday evening, March 29, it being also in the nature of Ladies' Night. A rather extensive program of entertainment has been prepared and both professional and local amateur talent will be provided. Local Masons who will be on the program include Messrs. Radcliffe, Lazear and Eastman. In addition there will be bridge whist, the finals of one of the tournaments and dancing. Present indications are that the affair will attract a large attendance.

Winnetka Boys Will Have Part in Chapel Dedication Ceremony

Norman M., and Willard R. Sommer, 425 Provident avenue, students at St. John's Military Academy, will participate in the impressive dedication ceremony of St. John's new Victory Memorial chapel this Spring.

The new chapel built at a cost of \$150,000 is St. John's tribute to its war dead and is constructed of military Gothic architecture and completes the north side of the campus quadrangle. One of the features of the chapel will be parts of windows from the famous cathedrals of Europe, including Rheims, which were wrecked during the war.

The mementoes were secured by Col. R. F. Farrand, president of St. John's and overseas war veteran, who has been decorated by the French government. The dedication ceremony will be one of the biggest outdoor exhibitions by the famous St. John's full dress battalion this spring.

NEAR EAST SUNDAY

Sunday, April 3, will be Near East Relief day in Winnetka, when a speaker for the Near East Relief fund will give a ten-minute talk following the sermon at the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday morning at 11.

AT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Dr. J. W. F. Davies of the Winnetka Congregational church returned Wednesday evening from Boston, Mass., where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Congregational Education society.

Adam Scott Tosses Hat in Our Political Arena

Adam "Scotty" Scott tossed his hat into the Winnetka political arena this week and now announces that he is out as an independent candidate for election to the office of marshal and collector, for which Theodore Flynn, who has held the office for many years, was renominated at the regular Village caucus a few weeks ago.

"Scotty's" petition, bearing the signatures of more than 150 voters, was filed this week, and between now and election day he promises to make his campaign necessarily short, but "snappy."

Riding Club Makes Plans for Spring and Summer Events

The opening spring event of the Indian Hill Riding club will be a group ride, announcement of which will be made to its membership shortly.

The general plan is for the members and their friends to leave from the club's stables on a Saturday afternoon, the date to be fixed later, ride through the Forest Preserve, dismounting at Carleton Elmes' farm at Glenview. After inspecting the stables there, tea will be served at the Glenview Golf club near by and a return to club headquarters made by another route.

Those of the members who are not riding will motor to Glenview and join the equestrians at tea.

The stables, located at the south border of the Indian Hill Golf course, are showing great activity these spring days. From early morning till late in the afternoon groups of riders are seen on the bridle paths which have recently been put into excellent shape for the season's program.

Everything points to a very active season for those interested in riding.

The annual dinner-dance of the Riding club will be given at the Indian Hill club late in April. The entertainment committee in charge of this and other events is composed of Godfrey H. Atkin, chairman, Fred H. Scott and Pierce C. Ward.

Start Work on Widening Winnetka Avenue Paving

The Highway Construction Co., of Highland Park has commenced the work of widening Winnetka avenue from the Indian Hill station east to Bertling lane, on the north side of the street and as far as Warwick avenue on the south side of the street. It is also widening Wilson street from Winnetka avenue north about two hundred feet. The improvements in this section will also include the paving of Tempel court, which is just east of the business block at Indian Hill.

RECOVER ABANDONED CAR

An abandoned automobile was found by Patrolmen Harold Lewis and Eugene Schubert of the Winnetka police early Tuesday evening on Tower road about two hundred feet west of Hibbard road. There were no license plates on the car, and it had also been stripped of tires and battery.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAVORS BAND TAX IDEA

Issues Statement in Reply to Letter Distributed by "Committee of Fifty"

The proposition to authorize a tax levy to provide Winnetka with a band, which is to be voted upon at the Village election Tuesday, April 5, looms as the sole point of controversy in what otherwise promises to be a more or less matter-of-fact day of balloting.

Last week a "Committee of Fifty" voiced its contentions in opposition to the proposed band tax. This week the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce representing 150 local business and professional people, retaliates with arguments in considerable number favoring the proposition to take advantage of the state band tax law. A statement from Chamber of Commerce headquarters reads:

"For two years the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce supported a Village band which rendered a number of open-air concerts beside furnishing the music for the Fourth of July and Memorial day celebrations. At the inception of the band, the Chamber of Commerce had hoped to make the band a public institution, but, on account of the lack of funds, it was discontinued.

Incentive to Music Study

"The object of a municipal band is not only to furnish music on special occasions and a number of open-air concerts, but to act as an incentive to our school children to study music in our public schools, by maintaining a junior band in the schools, not only throughout the school term, but throughout the summer. At present all children in the grade schools who take ensemble playing must pay a tuition or be denied that privilege. The band will also maintain a high class orchestra which no doubt would excel any on the north shore, for there are many excellent musicians here in the village who would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to rehearse and play in a well-conducted, high class band or orchestra. We feel that Winnetka needs a good band and orchestra which will furnish clean and wholesome entertainment that the whole family may enjoy together.

"The 'Committee of Fifty' in a recent letter to the tax-payers says that it is not opposed to a village band but to the tax, and that the band should be supported by those who want it and reserve the taxes for schools, parks, libraries, etc. The band is just as much a public institution as schools, parks, libraries, etc., and should not be supported by a few individuals any more than our schools and parks or other public institutions. We feel that Winnetka needs music just as it needs civic beauty parks, boulevards, and just as it needs sanitation and police protection. A village band supported by subscription is just like a nickel in the slot piano. When the nickels give out the music stops and someone must get out and pass the hat. You can't expect a

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