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ELABORATE PROGRAM DUE ON JULY FOURTH

**Chairman Charles J. Eastman and
Corps of Assistants Plan
Many Activities**

According to Wallace D. Rumsey, chairman of the Program committee for Winnetka's Fourth of July celebration, there will be a most complete schedule of events this year.



Charles J. Eastman

There is some event for every member of the family from the child under three to the married man of uncertain age. In addition to golf in the morning there will be ten swimming races for boys and girls of all ages at the Public Beach. These events have always attracted a very large crowd which has been growing larger each year.

The athletic events of the afternoon on the Village Green will follow in general character those of last year. One slight change is noted in the elimination of relay races and the substitution of two "father and daughter" races, one for fathers and daughter of 10 years and under. The other will be for fathers and daughter of 11 years and over. There are races for both boys and girls running from the age of three to sixteen. The classic sack race, backward race for married men, and three-legged race will of course be continued.

Complete programs are to be mailed to all residents prior to the Fourth, a procedure which should insure the largest crowd the Village Green has ever held.

Many Villagers Help

Charles J. Eastman will be general chairman of the day. The other various committees follow:

Finance committee—H. A. deWindt, chairman, M. K. Meyer, Treasurer.

Athletic committee—S. Edwin Earle, chairman; Thomas S. Bulger, W. O. Coleman, Dr. G. H. Musselman, Thomas F. McNally.

Entertainment committee—A. Earl Bryson, chairman; Lee Walker, Lyman Weld, Robert McKisson, E. P. Farwell.

Grounds committee—H. L. Woolhiser, chairman; George B. Massey, A. M. Scharf, R. H. Schell, Harold Bohnen.

Prize committee—Robert S. Laird, chairman; Gilbert H. Scribner, W. H. Lyon, H. A. Gardner, W. D. Truesdale.

Program committee—Wallace D. Rumsey, chairman; E. O. McNair, Jr., George S. Parker, Edwin R. Keeler, William Jones Smith.

Track and Field officers—Judges, Barrett Conway, Myron T. Harshaw, R. F. Locke, Warren Agry, N. L. Hoyt, Jr., Samuel C. Smart; Clerks of course, Robert C. Meleney, Marcus Richards, William C. Moffat, Lloyd A. Faxon; Starter, Frank Whitney; Announcer, Frank A. Windes; Custodian of prizes, Robert H. Wallace.

Fourth of July in Winnetka in 1897

By Young-timer

I was very much interested in "old-timer's" contribution in last week's TALK relative to the famous Winnetka celebration of the Fourth of July. And, although I have attended thirty-eight of the forty celebrations which have been held, I still sign myself as above because after each year's program I feel just a little younger than before.

I wonder if "old-timer" remembers the other "athletic" events of thirty years ago on the Village Green? The "greased pig" was one of them, a live porker, covered with a slippery substance, being turned loose and becoming the property of the one who could catch and hold it. And then there was the pie eating contest. My first venture in that great event was not entirely successful but others with stronger anatomies or larger mouths fared quite well. Field events were common. Culver was the outstanding pole vaulter, Alex Axell the prize sprinter, others tried the high jump and the broad jump. The first bicycle race was in 1897 with twelve entries, ten of the bicycles having pneumatic tires and two of them the one-inch hard rubber tires of earlier manufacture. These harrowing details are still familiar because it was my first race and my "bike" had hard tires.

I also wonder if he remembers the wonderful fireworks display in the evening. Hundreds of dollars were expended in that manner, the exhibitions being handled by an expert imported for the occasion with the display. And then one year even the expert made a mistake, a misplaced spark setting off everything at once with resulting injuries which ended any further thought of fireworks after that year.

Seven of the members of this year's Fourth of July committees will remember these things. Some of them were winning prizes for athletic prowess in the events of 1897 and at least one of them is still winning them. I have no doubt that there will be at least a hundred more of the "1897" attendants on hand this year.

56 Country Day School Pupils Take Board Exams

College board examinations were held at the North Shore Country Day school under the direction of proctors of the College board this week. 56 students from the Day school taking the examinations. Heretofore the examinations for students from the local school have been held at Northwestern university but due to the fact that more than the minimum of forty students required were taking them it was possible to hold them at the local institution.

In examinations last year, 94 percent of the students from the North Shore Country Day school were successful; or out of the 143 individual examinations written, only nine were failures.

For Skokie Drainage



State Senator Arthur A. Huebsch, representing this district in the upper house of the Illinois State legislature, this week introduced in the senate the Skokie Drainage resolution sponsored by the various north shore Chambers of Commerce. The resolution seeks legislation to authorize the Chicago Sanitary District and the Cook County Forest Preserve commissioners, to aid in effecting this draining of the Skokie Valley swamp area west of the north shore villages in the interest of sanitation and reclamation of the vast Skokie area.

Pensions for Firemen and Police Established

The Winnetka Village council Tuesday evening passed the necessary resolutions to establish the Police pension fund and the Firemen's pension fund, by setting aside the accumulated surplus in the general fund which is properly creditable to these two special funds.

The resolutions also provide for paying annually into these funds income from general taxation as levied under the state law and also a certain percentage of fines, fees from dog taxes and a percentage of the salary of each policeman and fireman. The foregoing provisions are now in effect.

The retirement age is fifty years or over and the beneficiary must have been in the service at least 20 years. There are also other regulations governing the retirement and also for remunerating the families of deceased officers.

Hey, Buddie!
**Get that Government
Insurance
BEFORE THE TIME
LIMIT EXPIRES
July 2.**

Ask The American Legion or a
Veterans' Bureau Office.

PLAYFIELD PRESIDENT ASKS PUBLIC SUPPORT

**Winnetka Golfers Urged to Co-
operate in Building up Com-
munity Course**

By Lester M. Stoddard

(President of Winnetka Playfield Association)

The Winnetka Playfield association is endeavoring to arouse interest among the golf players in the Community course. Men, women and children are all needed to aid in making the greatest possible success out of the course.

It is considered fortunate that Winnetka has community golf of such high calibre at low cost and within ten minutes ride from any part of Winnetka. A man can leave his office in Chicago at five o'clock in the afternoon, take a train for this Village, have dinner at the golf course and get in at least twelve holes of golf before dark.

The cost is not great. A man and his wife and two minors can play all of the season for \$30, including the Playfield association membership fee of \$1 for each. Caddies are seldom engaged which reduces the cost of golf.

This year we have arranged an interesting list of attractions and we are going to run them off week by week throughout the season. These events are arranged to give all our members enjoyment. The member shooting 195 may have as much fun as the one who shoots 66 par. To bring this about we request members—men, women and children—to hand in score cards regularly to our handicap committee. Everyone is urged to watch the bulletin board at a golf course for notices of events and to freely participate in them.

The women are now fully organized under the leadership of Mrs. C. B. Cook, chairman of the women's committee. They have had two successful tournaments. Unless we are sadly mistaken the ladies enjoy tournaments just as much as the men. It aids them in getting acquainted and makes them feel more at home on the course. More women are urged to turn out for these affairs. The more the merrier.

During this season we must work for the season to come. If the proper spirit is shown season by season this course can be made the finest community golf course in any part of the country. It is possible to have a full length championship course, properly trapped and bunkered, fine tees and splendid greens; and in addition to have a modest club house containing ladies' and mens' locker rooms and showers; a good lunch and soft drink room and a cozy lounge.

In October a golfers' dinner will be held at Community House, at which reports by all committee chairmen will be read. A nominating committee will make its report and officers for 1928 will be elected. An interesting speaker and motion pictures of golf stars will also be had, if possible. About 400 people are expected to turn out for the meeting.

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