

# WINNETKA TALK

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## TOWNS RENEW GRADE SEPARATION REQUEST

North Western Officials Willing to Confer But Give No Promise of Early Action

A conference of representatives of the four north shore villages—Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth and Wilmette—was held in the office of President Sargent of the C. & N. W. railroad, Thursday, July 28, on the subject of grade elimination of that railroad through the above villages. The conference was arranged by Village Attorney Jackson of Kenilworth.

President Henry Tenney of Winnetka was called upon first by President Sargent. Judge Stephen A. Foster was then introduced by President Tenney, and presented the history of previous negotiations which were interrupted in 1923.

### Want Negotiations Renewed

The villages asked that planning and negotiations concerning grade elimination, interrupted late in 1923, by change in administration of the C. & N. W., be renewed.

They stated that even if actual construction could not be started for some time, the plans should be worked out in order that the many other improvements of these growing towns, which would be dependent on or influenced largely by grade elimination, could be carried on with the assurance that all improvements would be in harmony. The villages further brought out that there were many time consuming details involved in the working out of plans and the carrying out of negotiations which could be worked out now.

### Makes No Promises

President Sargent agreed to the suggestions and requests of the villages, with the reservation that the C. & N. W. was not in position to finance grade elimination, and with the further clear understanding that he made no promises of any sort as to time when grade elimination would be started.

It was brought out in the conference that preliminary plans for grade elimination and estimates of cost had been made when negotiations were interrupted four years ago. President Sargent instructed Grade Elimination Engineer Pole to send at once revised figures of cost as planned and figured by the C. & N. W., to the chairman of the Grade Elimination committee of the villages represented. The village representatives named Mr. Tenney as chairman of such a joint committee.

Engineer Pole in speaking before the group declared that the North Western railroad does not propose to spend any money on track depression. Track depression, he pointed out, would cost approximately \$4,000,000 an expenditure, he said, that would be unfair to other communities not on the north shore but also traversed by the railroad. Track elevation was described as the most feasible form of grade elimination commensurate with available finances.

### Appoint Committee

Discussion of the village representatives subsequent to the conference, pointed to the appointment of a joint co-operative committee to work active-

## PUSH HIGHWAY PLANS

North Shore Municipal Authorities Confer With County Officials to Hasten McCormick Improvement

Representatives of the various towns of the north shore are to confer with the Highways committee of the Cook county board of commissioners, Oscar W. Schmidt of Wilmette, chairman, Thursday afternoon, August 11, at 2 o'clock in the County building regarding plans to expedite the completion of McCormick highway from its terminus at Railroad avenue, Evanston, north to the county line in Glencoe.

Next Thursday's conference is the outgrowth of a similar meeting held last week at the invitation of Chicago Motor club officials and attended by Village Trustee A. R. Gates of Glencoe, Village Attorney Elmer E. Jackson and Trustees Benson and Adair of Kenilworth, Trustee Paul A. Hoffman of Wilmette and officials of the Evanston Chamber of Commerce.

At that meeting it was learned that the North Evanston Business Men's association was enthusiastically in favor of continuing the highway through that section of Evanston while more than 200 citizens of Kenilworth attached their signatures to a petition urging that the improvement be pushed through to early completion in that community. The members of the county board also reiterated approval of the enterprise. Glencoe leaders were said to be favorable to the extension of the roadway through that village at the earliest possible time. Winnetka has completed a large portion of its part of the highway, while Wilmette officials recently voted favorably upon the widening and re-paving of Main street, the portion of the new thoroughfare in that village.

## "Unchurched Christians," Sunday Evening Sermon

Sermon topics announced by the Rev. Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin associate minister, for services at the Winnetka Congregational church, Sunday, are as follows:

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, "The Finality of Christ." Junior sermon, "The Plumb Line." "Unchurched Christians" will be the topic of the sermon at the evening service at 8 o'clock. Observance of the Lord's Supper will also be at this hour.

### HEAR COLLEGE MAN

Prof. John Custer of the Lawrenceville school, Lawrenceville, N. J., was the speaker at the Winnetka Rotary club luncheon yesterday afternoon. His subject was "History and Propaganda."

ly on grade elimination and to be made up of citizens who were not only leaders in the community, competent to handle such a major undertaking, but who could also be expected to continue on the committee through the period of its activity, which it was agreed would be several years.

Representatives from Wilmette at the meeting were Trustee Paul A. Hoffman and C. E. Drayer.

## Hearing on Alley Project Deferred to Early September

The public hearing on the matter of a proposed alley at the rear of business property on the west side of Linden avenue, Hubbard Woods, has been continued until the first meeting of the village council in September.

The matter came up for hearing last Tuesday evening, at which time there was a large representation of property owners present, with sentiment in favor of the improvements, except as to the block from Merrill avenue to Scott avenue.

The hearing was continued to permit consideration of the matter by the complete membership of the board.

The public hearing on the paving of Locust road was postponed to the first meeting of the council in October, at the request of a number of property owners present.

## Will Extend Breakwater; Small Harbor Possibility

The Winnetka Village council Tuesday evening decided to extend the breakwater at the municipal pumping plant under a plan to ultimately provide for a harbor for small boats.

This decision was reached following a discussion subsequent to the presentation by Trustee R. H. Schell of a report by Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser, on facilities for dumping rubbish.

The plan to extend the breakwater by rubbish disposal there rather than the procural of land for dumping purposes in the Skokie, was deemed advisable.

## Community House Staff Enjoys Vacation Season

Two of the members of the Winnetka Community House staff have just returned from their vacations, and two more left this week for their periods of rest. Mrs. Gertrude Allison, who spent a month at Ocean Springs, Miss., returned Monday, as did also Mrs. Wesley Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman divided their vacations between Xenia, Ohio, and their cottage on the Miami river. Miss Mary Williams left Monday to spend a month in Saugatuck, where she will be joined soon by Mrs. J. D. Pierce, who left Monday, also, and will spend part of her vacation in St. Louis.

### COMING—A NEW FEATURE

Next week's issue of Winnetka Talk will contain a Real Estate and Building news section, a new monthly feature that will henceforth appear on the first issue in each month. This section will contain a wealth of interesting facts pertaining to north shore real estate and building activity as well as a fund of information relating to general conditions in those fields. Real estate and building enterprise is one of the most important accurate indicators of community progress and the Real Estate and Building section, prepared by experts, should, by reason of that fact, claim the interest of every reader of Winnetka Talk.

## "KING PLEASURE" REIGNS AS VILLAGERS CELEBRATE

Largest Throng in History Take Part in Mammoth Winnetka Day Program

The third annual Winnetka day celebration, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and in which all of Winnetka, including Hubbard Woods and Indian Hill joined in observance, was held Thursday at West Elm street park where pleasure reigned supreme throughout the day and evening.

The business streets in all the various sections of the village were gaily decorated for the occasion. All business was suspended for the day. Village officials joined with officers and members of the Chamber of Commerce in making the day the banner event of all its predecessors.

### Hold Master Parade

The day's events started in the morning at 9:30 with a parade in which more than one hundred fifty floats and decorated cars participated and in which the float representing the Smith Delicatessen was awarded first prize.

The children's parade in the afternoon at one o'clock, was one of the prettiest features of the day's program. The first prize in this event was awarded to Lemuel Stearns, of 1087 Oak street, who featured a cleverly decorated "Spirit of St. Louis" airplane constructed over his bike, which he rode.

Attractiveness, originality and appropriateness were points on which the awards of parade prizes were made by the judges, H. L. Woolhiser, Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin and Mrs. Stella Winslow.

The line of march of both parades terminated at West Elm street park. Here, at 11:30 a. m. was started the horseshoe tournament in which much interest centered, and in which George Woods won in the singles and Howard Dickau and Grville Edwards were winners in the doubles event.

### Races Feature Program

A two hour program of racing events, beginning at two o'clock, was held in the athletic field west of Skokie school, across the road from the park. Here, also, Frank Ritzinger, B. Lockridge and Philip Swabacker carried off the three prizes posted in the greased pole climbing contest.

John Hartnett, Frank Moffett, Chic Johnson and C. Otto Ruess gave interesting exhibitions of jumping horses.

Across the street, in the park, throughout the afternoon and evening scores of games, a merry go round, and a huge platform for the evening dancing afforded more merriment for the largest and happiest gathering of any previous Winnetka day.

### ATTEND CLUB PARTY

A number of Winnetka members of the Chicago College club are planning to attend in a group the card party announced for August 11 at 2:30 o'clock. The hostesses are to be Mrs. Arthur R. Eitzen, Mrs. Robert Seidel, Mrs. F. H. Lane and Mrs. Arthur Steigely.