

WINNETKA TALK

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CLOSE LIBRARY UNTIL ADDITION IS FINISHED

September 15 to January 1 Is Closing Period; Offer Extended Circulation Plan

By Mary E. Hewes (Winnetka librarian)

New Year's Day, 1928, is expected to be a turning point in the history of the Winnetka Public library, when the plan for the alteration and enlargement of the existing library building will have been realized in its entirety.

Between now and that red-letter day, however, there must unfortunately be some interruption in the community's reading and the library's routine, in order that construction may be carried on with all possible speed and efficiency.

After carefully canvassing the situation in all its bearings, the trustees of the library have determined upon the following course of procedure which, it is hoped, will elicit unanimous approval and enthusiasm from users of the library. The library will be closed from September 15, next, till January 1, 1928. From September 1 to 15 the library will issue ten books to any adult and five to any juvenile reader. All books issued on this "extended time" plan must be returned during the first week of January, 1928.

Most Feasible Plan

To enlarge the library and provide adequate facilities it is necessary to tax to some extent the convenience of its readers, but it is believed that the above plan of closing the library altogether for a comparatively short period will interrupt less the purposes of the library than if we tried to carry on its work while the new addition was being built.

For some time the present library building has been totally inadequate to meet the needs of a rapidly growing and ever-reading community, and it became necessary to build an addition to the present building if the library was to discharge its responsibility for service. The problem was exhaustively studied from the point of view of future growth as well as present needs, a bond issue for 75,000 was voted by public spirited citizens, and ground was broken August 18 for the addition.

Otis Designs Addition

The trustees feel that when the addition is finished they will be able to give a service that will be appreciated by everybody who uses the library. William A. Otis, who was chosen by Mrs. Lloyd to design the original building, has also designed the addition.

One important feature of the new building will be the book-lined children's room with its wonderful natural light and its impression of spaciousness and cheerfulness—a veritable fairyland.

HOME FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Hinrichs and their children, of 363 Sunset road, have returned from their vacation. They spent a month at Camp Franklin, Trout Lake, Wis.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall of 112 Green Bay road, Glencoe, have returned from a month's vacation in Quebec and the Adirondacks.

Antlers of Deer Shot in Winnetka to Become Relic

The Village of Winnetka is soon to receive as a gift from Carl Miller a pair of deer antlers, taken, it is said, from the last deer that was shot within the borders of the village.

The antlers are now in the possession of Mr. Miller, of 1500-1502 Willow road. He purchased them last winter from a family now residing in Wilmette, former residents of Winnetka, and learns, he says, that they were taken from a deer slain by the late Joseph Sherlock, who formerly lived at the northwest corner of Sheridan road and Elm street.

The animal was killed further north on Sheridan road, in the vicinity of the water tower, many years ago. The old antlers are in a good state of preservation, and Mr. Miller says many people have tried to buy them, but he feels that, owing to their value from an historical point of view, they should be the property of the village.

Accordingly, they are soon to be presented to Winnetka, to have a place in the new Village hall, overlooking no doubt, the large oil painting by the well known artist, Allan Philbrick, portraying the growth of Winnetka, from the days of the Indian before civilization, in its onward march, came to make of this one of the garden spots of the earth.

Talk with a "Kick" on Chamber of Commerce Tab

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a talk on "Push, Pep and Personality" at its next meeting, on the evening of September 12, by J. H. Hudson, secretary of the retail department of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hudson was formerly secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Bloomington, where he inaugurated what is said to be one of the best credit bureaus in the United States. He is especially posted on retail credits, and during his visit to the Winnetka Chamber will give some valuable pointers on this subject.

The meeting on September 12 will be held at Community House and will be preceded by a dinner, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Scout Executive Returns After Summer Camp Duty

Walter McPeak, Scout executive of the North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America, who has been on a leave of absence during the last two months, returned last Monday morning from Muskegon, Mich., where he has been program director of a camp for older boys and young men.

VISITS AT RANCH

John Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Davis of 766 Prospect avenue, is visiting his brother, Percy, Jr., at Diamond G ranch, in Wyoming. The two boys will return home together in two weeks. Their mother, who, with another son, De Forest, spent a month at Diamond G, is now home in Winnetka.

Let's Be Careful!

Editor's note: Unusual prevalence of traffic accidents in Winnetka in recent weeks and months and the approaching "Safety Week" suggest the following suggestions summarized by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

"Most street accidents are due to carelessness.

"Pedestrians should remember to not jay walk; never to cross the street on a run; to watch for cars coming from the left when crossing the street, and when the center of the street is reached to watch for cars from the right; to cross only when the way is clear; to never pass from the rear of a street car; to not cross the street diagonally; to walk against the traffic on country roads, not with it.

"Motorists should remember to observe the speed laws; to watch the street at all times; to not cut in and out of traffic; to slow up at street intersections; to always be ready for a pedestrian who may try to cross in the middle of the block, or who may appear from behind street cars or parked cars.

"It is a question of co-operation, and without it no set of laws can be drawn that will improve the situation. There are laws enough now."

Whitewashing Our Village Bad Job, Railroad Is Told

The use of whitewash for certain decorating purposes by the Chicago and North Western railroad in the vicinity of the Elm street station and the station at Hubbard Woods, has been protested by the Village as no wise in keeping with Winnetka's conception of beauty.

Years ago whitewash was in general use as a paint for garden picket fences and trees, the belief prevailing that it was not only ornamental when freshly applied but that it was beneficial as far as trees are concerned. The old theory that whitewash killed bugs that infested trees, has long ago been exploded, local officials say, and as to the claims that it makes a pleasing decoration—well, it doesn't in Winnetka, they add.

Rev. James A. Richards Returns to Pulpit Sunday

The Rev. James Austin Richards will conduct the services at the Winnetka Congregational church tomorrow. His sermon subject will be "Water and Wine," and the scripture will be John, II, 1-12.

Mr. Richards returned with his family Friday night from Seattle, Wash., where they had been spending their vacation.

Rotary Officers Attend Meeting of Executives

President Victor Killian and Secretary H. L. Woolhiser of the Winnetka Rotary club will attend the club executives' meetings of the Fortieth district of Rotary International to be held at the Sheman hotel next Tuesday and Wednesday. District Governor Andrew Anderson will supervise the sessions.

PLAN "SAFETY WEEK" TO CUT TRAFFIC TOLL

Business Folk and Officials Set Week of September 4 as Campaign Period

The week of September 4 has been designated as "Safety Week" in Winnetka, during which period Winnetka drivers of cars are to be requested to use special precaution in driving, that the village may establish a record of a week without an automobile accident.

The "Safety Week" campaign is being inaugurated by the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and has the hearty support and co-operation of the Village council and Police department.

It is felt that if an entire week may be recorded without an automobile accident, it will not only demonstrate that the desired precaution in driving will reduce, to a minimum, the number of such accidents, but that it will also serve to install a justifiable pride within every Winnetka automobile driver in having accomplished so worthy a record. There would be an incentive, too, to maintain similar records for succeeding weeks throughout the year.

Display Safety Placards

The Chamber of Commerce hopes to have in the hands of every car owner in Winnetka, within a few days, an appropriate placard for display in his car during the "Safety Week" campaign.

Firms who employ truck drivers will take justifiable pride in an effort in seeing that none of their employes shall prove an exception to the rule in the effort to establish "a week without an accident." Individual owners of cars will also be asked to co-operate in the campaign to make the streets of the village safer lanes of travel.

There have been five deaths from automobile accidents in Winnetka since January 1, to say nothing of the large number of persons who have been injured and the large loss in the value of cars damaged.

Accident Toll Unwarranted

The Chamber of Commerce, the Village council and the Police department all realize that this gruesome record is unwarranted and they also appreciate the fact that these casualties are on the increase.

They feel that co-operation, as requested for "Safety Week" and then adopted as a regular daily habit, will accomplish this much desired objective.

Mrs. Elliott Stearns Is Entertained in Winnetka

A number of social affairs have been given for Mrs. Elliott Stearns of Cleveland who has been spending a month in Winnetka as the guest of her mother, Mrs. N. Landon Hoyt. Mrs. John Hansel was hostess at a luncheon last week. Mrs. P. W. Bradstreet entertained at a luncheon for twelve guests at the Club Vista del Lago Monday. The following day Mrs. Heber Smith gave a luncheon at Skokie club. A group of Mrs. Stearns' friends were entertained recently at a luncheon at Mrs. Joseph Hoyt's farm in Deerfield. Mrs. William Hoyt, II, had a dinner party for fourteen Wednesday of last week at the Vista del Lago and Mrs. N. Landon Hoyt was hostess at a tea for her daughter Thursday of last week.