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PRICE FIVE CENTS

ALL NOT SO ROSY IN "ROSE BUSH RACKET"

Two Gentlemen Purveying Mythical Shrubs in Winnetka Land in Cellhouse

James Howard Hannah, alias James H. Howard of 4534 North Lincoln avenue and Leslie Wheeler, of 900 Montrose avenue, Chicago, were held to the grand jury in default of bonds, each in the sum of \$2,000, Thursday afternoon following their preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate Byron A. Nelson, on a charge of operating a confidence game in connection with taking orders for rose bushes.

Their arrest last Tuesday was the result of a clever piece of work by Sergeant Harry C. Enault, of the Winnetka police department who was assigned to the case upon receipt of reports from John McEwen, of 808 Hill road, Winnetka, who suspected all was not what it should be in the transaction when he received his bushes, and from additional instructions from the C. E. Kirby company, of Tyler, Tex., whom the rosebush salesmen claimed to represent.

Former Kirby Employes

Mr. Kirby, who appeared in person at the preliminary hearing, testified that the men were not in his employ as salesmen, although they had been at one time so engaged in this vicinity, through his crew manager, L. B. Cravath.

The C. E. Kirby company has been in the rose bush business many years and has hundreds of customers throughout the north shore area.

When John McEwen's purchase was delivered to him the stock was of such inferior nature, he testified, that he wired the company he could not accept it. He received the reply that the company had not received his order, and that they were not making any deliveries until the last of October.

Police Locate Men

Then it was the police that were consulted and the arrest of Hannah and Wheeler followed. Records seized when the men were arrested disclose the names of many whom, it is alleged, have been defrauded of sums ranging from \$3 to \$100. Police estimate that seventy-five residents of Chicago and the north shore have paid upwards of \$6,000 for "fraudulent" rose bushes.

According to the police the defendants were filling orders they had taken, with dead rosebushes discarded by a Chicago greenhouse.

Chief of Police W. M. Peterson, conducted the preliminary hearing. He had more than thirty witnesses present to testify in regard to their dealing with the rose bush salesmen, in the event they were needed, but only three or four were placed on the stand.

Many checks were in evidence which had been made payable to the C. E. Kirby company and which had been so indorsed by the defendants, without authority, Mr. Kirby testified.

DOG ATTACKS CHILD

A dog which attacked Davis Perron, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Perron, of 848 Tower road, Monday when the boy with other children was on his way to school, was killed by Officer Dudley Everett.

Sophie Braslau to Give First Artist Recital Concert

The first concert of the Artist Recital series sponsored by the Winnetka Music club will be given by Miss Sophie Braslau, contralto, at the New Trier High school auditorium Monday evening, October 17.

Miss Braslau is considered by critics to be an exceptionally unique figure in contemporary musical life. She is one of the few artists of today that have been equipped by nature and training to carry out the great vocal traditions of the past. Born and educated in New York City, Miss Braslau, despite the popular belief that an European reputation is essential to success in this country, established herself as a singer of great ability and popularity long before she duplicated her American triumphs in European circles. One critic has stated "There are few voices like it in the world, a phenomenal contralto."

The concerts are arranged under the supervision of a committee of the Winnetka Music club composed of the following people: Mrs. Ronald L. Whitman, chairman, Mrs. Sidney F. Bartlett, Mrs. Everett L. Harris, Mrs. Louis G. Schmid, Mrs. Harry L. Street and Mrs. Dwight C. Orcutt, president of the Winnetka Music club.

Indian Hill Folk Plan Fall Meeting Monday, October 24

The first meeting of the fall season of the Indian Hill Improvement association will be held Monday evening, October 24. Arrangements have again been made to hold these sessions at New Trier High school.

The plan of the association this year, according to President W. S. Nordburg, will be to hold four executive and four general meetings.

The executive sessions will be devoted to business only, thus giving more time for entertainment at the general meetings.

The first of the general meetings will be October 24. It will be one of the most important sessions of the year and you are requested to keep the date in mind and arrange to be there.

"CHIEF" RETURNS

Dr. J. W. F. "Chief" Davies, director of Community House, returned Thursday morning from Memphis, Tenn., where he attended the National Playground and Recreational conference.

Name Ticket Winners in Football Contest

Robert Hodge, 883 Oak street, Winnetka, and Darrell Ware, 2127 Ridge avenue, Evanston, are the winners of the tickets to the Utah-Northwestern football game in last week's football contest in the WINNETKA TALK.

In next week's issue the WINNETKA TALK will offer tickets to the Illinois-Northwestern game in a similar contest. Watch for the details and then send your answers to the football editor.

Leads Voters



Mrs. John N. Vander Vries is the directing genius of the Winnetka League of Women Voters, which is now launching upon another season of intense activity. She has been president of the Winnetka league for two years, having prior to that time served as corresponding secretary.

Under Mrs. Vander Vries' stewardship more block captains have been appointed to work energetically in membership campaigns and at election times, than during any previous administration.

As to the membership. Through her constant efforts the roster has reached 1,015, with the prospect of a material growth during the current season.

The league year book, an invaluable aid to the organization, has grown in size commensurate with the development of the league.

Mrs. Vander Vries is to preside at the state convention to be held in Peoria, a distinction concerning which the league members are evincing considerable pride.

President Tenney Names Electrical Commission

An electrical commission whose duty it is to recommend to the Village council rules and regulations for the installation of electrical equipment and the establishing of fees for electrical inspection, was appointed by Village President Henry F. Tenney and approved by the council, Tuesday evening.

An ordinance, in accordance with a recently enacted state law, was passed a few weeks ago, providing for the appointment of the commission.

Its members are, Harold J. Bohnen, chief electrical inspector; Paul D. Blake electrical contractor; Edward Peterson journeyman electrician; H. L. Woolhiser, electric utility; G. M. Houren, fire marshal.

ISSUE YEAR BOOK

The Year Book of the Winnetka League of Women Voters has just been issued, it was announced this week. The booklet contains 80 pages, according to Mrs. J. N. Vander Vries, and far surpasses last year's issue. They will be in the hands of members soon.

F. E. CLERK AGREES TO REMAIN AT NEW TRIER

Board of Education Announces Superintendent Has Accepted Five-Year Contract

"The Board of Education of the New Trier High school desires to advise the residents of the New Trier High school district that the present period of service of Frederick E. Clerk, the superintendent of the High school, will expire on July 1, 1928.

"In view of the service that Mr. Clerk has rendered our high school, its Board of Education congratulates itself and the residents of the High School district at being able to announce that an arrangement has been made by which the Board of Education will be able to avail itself of Mr. Clerk's services for a further period of five years beginning July 1, 1928.

—Harry C. Holloway, president.

—Janet S. Gordon, secretary."

The above signed statement was given to the editor of WINNETKA TALK this week with the request that it be published.

The development of the high school under Mr. Clerk's supervision has grown along so many lines that it is impossible to include all changes in a few brief statements. Some of the outstanding features have been chosen as representative of the objectives desired and the results already attained. They may be listed briefly as follows:

Student Council Effective

Student Council and Student Attitude:—The students of New Trier high school are now represented in a council which meets weekly to consult with the principal on matters of policy affecting the student life of the school. Through this representative organization elected by the students, the administration of the school keeps in close touch with student opinion and attitude, and conversely, student opinion can be molded to keep in sympathy with the administrative necessities of the school management. The leading members of the student body are in this group, which numbers about fifty-five students, each member of the council representing an adviser room. By way of its influence in the school, the student council has produced an attitude on the part of students of wholesome, friendly cooperation in the management of the school.

All Location of Entering Students:—Some of the reduction in failures at New Trier high school is accounted for by the fact that before students enter New Trier in the Freshman year, they are visited in their grammar school by the principal and some of his associates. A careful investigation is made of each pupil's grammar school record, and his parents are consulted with respect to his academic or vocational plans for the future. On the basis of this information, together with psychological examinations where necessary, students are now placed in New Trier on the basis of their individual ambitions and abilities. This plan has resulted in great economy of time for the students, and stimulation of interest in the school.

1950 Population 75,000

Scientific Study of Population Trends and Building Plans—New Trier High school, through its department of reference and research has recently completed a scientific study of the population growth of the township in order to plan as far in advance as possible the building needs of the high school. This study says that in 1950 New Trier township will have a population of about 75,000, which will make a high school of twice the size of the present one necessary. Plans for future building in view of these facts are now being studied.

Parent-Teacher Association — Four years ago, a Parent-Teacher association was formed at New Trier High school

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