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CONGREGATIONALISTS PLAN BUDGET DRIVE

Carl J. Easterberg Is Chairman of Annual Fund Canvass Committee

The annual financial canvass for the support of the Winnetka Congregational church will be held a month earlier than usual this year. It has been the custom to have the canvass on the first Sunday in December. This year, however, the Congregational church is preparing to conduct a campaign for a new edifice, and in order that the regular expenses may be cared for before this extraordinary effort is undertaken, the annual canvass for the church budget has been pushed ahead a month. Sunday, November 9, will therefore be the day on which the canvassers make their rounds this year.

Among the many things done so well in Winnetka that their fame travels abroad, this annual church canvass must be included. For many years it has been under the direction of Merritt Lum, chairman of the finance committee of the church. So widely known did the value of what was sometimes called the "Winnetka system" for raising church funds become, that Mr. Lum was asked to write the method up for general use. As a result, he wrote a large booklet on "How to Raise Money for a Church," which was published by the commission on missions of the Congregational churches of America, and has been widely distributed.

Carl Easterberg Chairman

Mr. Lum is out of town this year. His place at the head of the canvass will be taken by Carl J. Easterberg, who speaks of himself as a "pinch hitter." Mr. Easterberg says that the plans developed so successfully in previous years will be again followed. These plans are, in the main, familiar to all residents of Winnetka. They make it certain that every member of the constituency of the Congregational church shall have full information as to the financial needs for the coming year with every item in the budget carefully explained. Arrangements are then made whereby every person on the church's constituency list is canvassed on or before Sunday, November 6. In order to cover so large a parish in a single afternoon, the entire territory is divided up into districts. There is a captain in charge of each district, with from six to a dozen individual canvassers working under each captain.

Covers Many Items

The Congregational church budget for 1928 has not yet been finally adopted, so it is still impossible to know what the amount to be raised will be, it is explained. The budget for the present year was \$65,000. Since there is a regular rise in costs of some of the items included, it is probable that next year's budget will show a slight increase over the figure for 1927. This budget includes the contribution of the church to the support of the Winnetka Community House, the Onward Community House in Chicago, and the foreign missionary enterprises which the church supports in China and India, as well as the full running expenses of the local congregation.

Marjorie Hartless, Dancer, to Present Program at Association Meeting Monday

The Indian Hill Improvement association, for its general meeting to be held Monday evening, October 24, at 8:15 o'clock in the New Trier High school auditorium, feels that it is very fortunate in being able to present Marjorie Hartless in a repertoire of solo dances, in costume.

Miss Hartless, who has been entertaining professionally both in Chicago and New York, conducts her own studio of dancing in the Chicago Fine Arts building.

No doubt her ability is well known in Winnetka, where she distinguished herself in the coaching of the New Trier High school girls for the minstrel show given last winter at Skokie school.

Mrs. Edward J. Flannery, a distinguished pianist, will be accompanied by George W. Bartlett on the banjo and they will lead the club in community singing. Mr. Bartlett will also render a comic English monologue.

Mrs. Valona Brewer, violinist, will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robert Kingery. Irving Christian and Edward J. Flannery, two aces of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce glee club will also entertain.



Miss Marjorie Hartless

Glencoe to Receive Water From Winnetka Until April

The Winnetka village council Tuesday evening approved an agreement with the village board of Glencoe to furnish that village with water service from September 1, 1927, the expiration of the five year contract, to April 1, 1928, at which time Glencoe expects to have its new water works plant completed. The rate is to be that now prevailing, 12 cents per thousand gallons. It is also being planned to continue the connection of village mains at Scott and Linden avenues, after the completion of the Glencoe plant, for the purpose of providing reciprocal emergency service, it was explained.

Legionnaires Add Fish to Annual Dinner Menu

In view of the fact that Armistice day this year comes on Friday the members of Winnetka Post No. 10, American Legion, who are planning to hold their annual dinner out at Wheeling on the night of November 11, have decided to include fish on the menu. The big annual event is always featured with a chicken dinner, and this year will be no exception to former years, it is said. There will be an abundance of chicken, as usual, but there will also be plenty of fish, too.

Glencoe Girl to Direct Music Appreciation Work

Miss Pauline Manchester of Glencoe has been appointed as director of music appreciation work in the Winnetka schools, it was announced this week. Miss Manchester, who was a graduate of New Trier High school previous to specializing in music, takes the place of Mrs. Elizabeth Starr who resigned recently. She will have charge of the musical appreciation work in all three of the lower grade schools.

Residents Object to Oil Station at Scott-Linden Aves.

A large delegation of property owners from that section of Hubbard Woods in the vicinity of Scott and Linden avenues attended a meeting of the Village council Tuesday evening to voice their protest against a proposed improvement at that intersection in the form of an oil filling station which the Pennsylvania Oil company plans to erect.

The company, it was stated by a representative, has acquired the necessary property and desires to proceed with building operations. The opposition said the question was not one relative to proper zoning, the objections being made largely on the grounds that an oil filling station would increase the danger from automobiles to children who are compelled to pass the corner on their way to and from school, and also to adults who are daily compelled to pass this point on their way to the village or to the railway station.

On motion of Trustee Raclin the matter was referred to the plats and zoning committee of which Trustee Doris D. Benson is chairman.

The committee will meet Tuesday evening, October 25, at which time there will also be present the Zoning Board of Appeals, representatives from the Pennsylvania Oil company and a committee of three representing the property owners in the vicinity.

BOARD APPROVES PLAT

The plat of the North Shore Country Day school sub-division, the former playground of the school between Church road and the new through highway, or Center street, was formally approved by the Village council of Winnetka Tuesday evening.

NAME LOCAL CHAIRMEN FOR GUILD CAMPAIGN

Sale of Season Memberships in Various Shore Towns Now in Progress

The general committee on memberships for the coming season of the North Shore Theater Guild will be in charge of Mrs. Sherman Aldrich, of Winnetka. This was announced at a recent meeting of the Guild's board of directors, when the names of local chairmen in each north shore suburb were announced, and plans laid for an intensive drive to fill the annual quota of members before the opening performance at the Highland Park Woman's club on November 8.

Local committee chairmen are as follows: Winnetka, Mrs. Merritt Lum; Wilmette, Mrs. Robert Stoddard; Kenilworth, Mrs. Harry E. Weese; Glencoe, Mrs. Dorothy K. Ross; Highland Park, Mrs. W. Allan Wolff; Lake Forest, Mrs. Clifford P. McCullough.

Plan Variety of Plays

This year, as in season's past, the guild plans to offer a wide variety of plays in the four productions that make up the annual schedule. The first play this year, soon to be announced, is to be a romantic English comedy. The second, a melodramatic farce. The third play, usually the most spectacular production, will have strong dramatic appeal, while the fourth may possibly be a musical show. In such a repertoire it is considered likely that the majority of tastes will be well suited.

David Owen, new director of the Theater Guild, comes to the north shore from the University of Michigan, where he was for several years supervisor of dramatics. He has been on the stage in stock companies both on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, has toured the country as a principal in a number of leading road companies, and has appeared in New York City with such well-known artists as Louis Mann, Margaret Wycherly and Sidney Balackner. With his work as director of the guild he will act as head of the Dramatic department at Northwestern university.

Season memberships, entitle the holders to eight seats at Theater Guild performances. Memberships will be on sale until the season opens, after which single tickets only will be available.

Perry Dunlap Smith to Address Chicago Group

Perry Dunlap Smith, headmaster at North Shore Country Day school, addressed the Friday club of Chicago, October 21, on the subject of the Locarno Conference. Next Monday he will give a talk at the annual meeting of the Mental Hygiene society on "mental hygiene from the point of view of schools and the educators represented at Locarno."

RESUMES RHYTHM CLASSES

Mabel Katherine Pearse has returned from a successful season at her camp on Washington Island. She has resumed her classes in the Bentley Rhythm work, at the Winnetka Woman's club. Classes for adults and children have been formed and are meeting on Thursdays from 3:30 until 6 o'clock.