

# WINNETKA TALK

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## SATIRE ON AMATEURS DRAMA CLUB OFFERING

**"The Torch Bearers" Promises  
Riot of Hilarity When Pre-  
sented November 9-10**

George Kelly's satire on amateur theatricals, entitled "The Torch Bearers," the season's first offering of the Community Drama club, to be presented at the Winnetka Community House, November 9 and 10, includes in its cast the names of many who have appeared before in local productions.

There will be Donald Morrison in the role of Frederick Ritter, a man who has been widowed by his wife's activities in a small town drama club. This is a part which should win great sympathy among similarly widowed husbands of Winnetka. The prodigal wife, who would rather have her acting appreciated than her biscuits, will be portrayed by Mrs. William Gold Hibbard, III.

### Typical Caricature

In the play within a play which forms the central episode of "The Torch Bearers," the usual characters appear that are familiar to everyone who has taken part in amateur productions. The heartless director, who spares no one's feelings when Art is at stake, the leading man, who has his moments of temperament, the stage manager who never finds anything when it is needed—all these will be pitilessly caricatured by people who are themselves the target of their own satire.

Mrs. William Ogden Coleman plays the part of Mrs. J. Duro Pampinelli, the major-domo of the proceedings, who thinks nothing of tearing up the furnishings in the Ritter home to get the proper atmosphere. The inevitable leading man and matinee hero of the local 400, Huxley Hossefrosse, will be undertaken by Barret Conway.

### Busy Stage Manager

E. J. Flannery will be the stage manager, whose responsibilities are heavier, for one night, than a prohibition director's. The parts of Messrs. Spindler, Twiller and Spearing, three enthusiastic thespians who contrive to add to the general confusion, will be taken by Alfred Freeman, Lyman L. Weld, and the Rev. Malcolm R. Ward.

Other members of the troupe are Mrs. Nelly Fell, a perennial ingenue, who is a constant worry to the wives of the neighborhood; Mrs. Clara Sheppard, deprived of the leading part by the untimely and ill-considered demise of her husband the night before the play, and Miss Florence McCrickett, the misunderstood wife, who is called upon for some "heavy" emotional work. These parts will be interpreted by Mrs. Getrude Thurston, Miss Mary Harding, and Mrs. Malcolm R. Ward. Emma Rummeler, as Jenny, the Ritters' maid, completes the cast.

### Mrs. John Marshall Directs

"The Torch Bearers" was a huge success when it appeared on Broadway, and should be a happy selection for the Community Players. Mrs. John Marshall directs the local production.

## Guild Player



Mrs. S. P. Perry of Wilmette is to have the leading feminine role in the forthcoming North Shore Theater Guild production of A. A. Milne's comedy, "The Romantic Age." Mrs. Perry has had a broad experience in the dramatic field and has appeared with impressive success in previous Theater Guild presentations.

## Pass Ordinance Permitting Manus Subdivision Zoning

The village council Tuesday evening passed an ordinance providing for the zoning of Manus Indian Hill subdivision, lying between the railroad tracks and Ridge road and south of Winnetka avenue and which was annexed to the village last year.

The amendment has been pending several months in order to obtain an agreement of property owners affected by the commercial zoning along Center street, to restrict the type of architecture to that approved by the village.

The necessary restrictions are embodied in the deeds. The lots affected front east on the west side of Center street and also include the two lots on the north side of Winnetka avenue west of Center street.

## Judge Jarecki to Set Time of Skeeter Vote

The North Shore Mosquito Abatement association met at the Wilmette Village hall Monday evening, at which time plans were discussed for the publicity campaign to precede the special election to be held at a future date to vote on the proposition of forming a mosquito abatement district under the state law.

The necessary petitions for this election have all been signed and filed with County Judge E. K. Jarecki, who has set November 10 as the date for a hearing on the petition, following which the date of the election will be announced.

## Winnetka Schools Observe National Education Program

National Education Week opens Monday, November 7, and Miss Hazel M. Hartwell, principal of Horace Mann school, is to go to Denver to give a series of talks to the Colorado State Teachers' association. During her absence some of the mothers of Horace Mann children will be in her office all week to direct visiting mothers and fathers to their children's rooms.

Parents are asked to note that a big meeting at Skokie school will be held the evening of November 16 at 8 o'clock where twenty minute talks will be given by S. R. Logan, principal of Skokie school, Frederick Clerk, principal of New Trier, Parry D. Smith, principal of the North Shore Country Day school, and Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of the Winnetka schools.

## Professor From Chinese School to Speak Sunday

The Rev. Arthur C. Lichtenberger, of Boone University, Wuchang, China, will be the preacher at Christ Church on Sunday morning, November 6. Mr. Lichtenberger, who was Professor of Economics at Boone, was present during the siege of Wuchang in the summer of 1926. At the time of the outbreak in January 1927 he was forced to leave after he had lost all his earthly possessions. At present he is taking a degree at Harvard and expects to return to China as soon as he is able. His position as a teaching missionary in the field of political economy qualifies him as a speaker of interest on the present situation in China.

Mr. Lichtenberger will address the Young People's Fellowship at a supper meeting Sunday night, and will also be the speaker at the Woman's Guild luncheon on Monday, November 7.

## Winnetka's War Trophies to Be Mounted by Nov. 13

Bases for the erection of Winnetka's war trophies are to be installed immediately, in order that the guns may be mounted before November 13. Two of the cannon will be mounted in the village commons, one at Lake Front park and one at Skokie playfield. The work was approved by the village council Tuesday evening, upon recommendation of R. H. Schell, chairman of the public building and grounds committee, the action being an approval of a request of Winnetka Post No. 10, American Legion, under whose supervision the work is to be done.

### NOTICE

The dedication of the Winnetka Memorial on the Village Common will take place Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 3 o'clock. Complete details of the dedicatory program will appear in the issue of Winnetka Talk of Saturday, November 12.

## CHURCH SEEKS TO HAVE CHINA POLICY ALTERED

**Winnetka Congregational Church  
Asks National Board to Confer  
With State Department**

It is generally known that for some time the Winnetka Congregational church has been considering what it can do to help improve the conditions of missionaries working in China. Last Sunday morning the Rev. Paul R. Reynolds, who is the church's representative in China, came from New York and spoke at the morning service, and in the afternoon at a special meeting the church passed the following resolution:

"To the Members of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions:

"The members of the Winnetka Congregational church, believing that a crisis exists in our missionary work in China, and that without radical changes in the conditions governing this work, its success is greatly hampered, if not made impossible, submit herewith the following requests:

### Seek Altered Policy

"We ask that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions associate itself with other missionary societies having headquarters in this country to ask of the Government of the United States such a modification of its practice in the affording of diplomatic protection to its citizens in China as that those who desire to work in the interior of China and who also desire to avail themselves of this modification may be given diplomatic protection without the application or the threat of American military force, but with the use of only such methods as promote good will in personal and official relations.

"In case that the American Board finds it impossible to secure the joint action here suggested, we ask that the American Board itself and without delay request such change of practice on the part of the government.

### Oppose "Toleration Clauses"

"Furthermore, we ask that the American Board, jointly or alone, express again to the government of the United States its earnest hope for a speedy revision of the treaties existing between this government and China, and particularly for an abrogation of those portions of previous treaties generally known as the 'toleration clauses.'

"Adopted at a meeting of the congregation of the Winnetka Congregational church, October 30, 1927."

## Winnetka Music Club Holds Guest Meeting Nov. 14

The Winnetka Music club will have its second meeting of the season on Monday afternoon, November 14, at the home of Mrs. R. Redheffer, 411 Lake avenue, Highland Park. As this is a guest program, each member is privileged to bring three guests with her.

Mrs. Redheffer will play two groups of piano solos. Mrs. C. A. Karstrom, mezzo-soprano, and Mrs. Valona Brewer, violinist, will each give a number of selections. Mrs. Dwight Orcutt, president of the club, will accompany both of these.