

# WINNETKA TALK

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## PLAN UNITED FRONT TO GET GRADE SEPARATION

### Municipal Authorities at Winnetka Session Agree Upon Unified Action of Towns

More than a decade of individual municipal negotiations with the Chicago North Western and the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railroads in an endeavor to effect a separation of grades throughout the north shore having proven fruitless, 31 representatives of the villages and cities from Evanston to Highland Park gathered at the Winnetka Village hall Thursday night at the invitation of Winnetka Village President H. F. Tenny for the purpose of organizing for joint and positive action and, if necessary, appeal to the Illinois Utilities commission project.

As the direct result of an evening of discussion of the attitudes and interests of the various towns concerned and possible plans of procedure, the members of the meeting voted unanimously in favor of a proposal to form a committee composed of one representative from each interested municipal governing body. This committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, December 15, for the purpose of planning the formation of a permanent board composed of as many representatives from each town as deemed advisable to handle the project for the communities as a unit.

#### Consider All Issues

Probably no other gathering held on the north shore in recent years for the purpose of considering a proposition of common civic interest has been attended by such a large percentage of the municipal officials. Interested primarily in getting to a solution of the problem that would be satisfactory to all concerned, the group, called to order by Mr. Tenny, discussed the situation from every angle. In his introductory address Mr. Tenny reviewed the history of Winnetka's attempt to solve the riddle and pointed out that, while it may be a number of years before the project is finally placed on a working basis, the joint efforts of all communities would result in the elimination of much preliminary work and the quicker realization of the desired end.

He then called upon Judge Stephen A. Foster of Winnetka, who spoke on the various problems involved. Mr. Foster asserted the purpose of the meeting was not necessarily to force the project upon the railroads, but to consider possible ways of co-operating with them in making the needed improvement. He expressed the opinion that the financial status of the companies would have to be taken into consideration, plans would have to be drawn up, estimates of the cost made and the proportion of the cost that would be born by each contracting party settled.

He expressed the opinion that eventually the project would have to be taken before the Illinois Utilities Commission for a proper division of cost and settlement. He then discussed the legal aspects of the project, summing up his remarks with the opinion that every effort should be made to get the railroads to co-operate from the outset.

## Camp Fire Food Sale Beckons to Local Housewives

Winnetka Camp Fire girls in their blue service costumes will be on hand to serve the housewives of Winnetka this morning, December 3, in Community House. They will offer the most delicious home-cooked cakes, pies, biscuits, bread, salads, desserts and goodies—a beautiful array, and all their own work, for which they receive Camp Fire honors.

The food will be judged by a committee from the Camp Fire council before it is put on sale to the public. Each Camp Fire group will have its own table. Local honor beads will be awarded to the groups which are 100 percent in effort—every girl contributing—to the group having the prettiest table, and to the one having the greatest variety. Mrs. Taliaferro Milton is chairman of the judging committee, assisted by Mrs. Knode and Mrs. Arthur J. Boynton. Mrs. Frederick Thomas and Mrs. Bob Anderson will have charge of the pricing. Mrs. J. R. Montgomery and Mrs. Fritz Wagner will serve as cashiers. Mrs. E. E. Stults is general chairman.

The following guardians and assistant guardians have groups taking part: Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. Guilford Windes; Mrs. George Eisenbrand; Mrs. Philip Fisher, Miss Allison Koch; Mrs. J. M. Winscott, Miss Isabel Laing; Miss Mildred Olsen, Miss Gwendolyn Addenbrooke; Mrs. Isidor Lang, Mrs. Robert Meloney.

The sale opens at half-past ten, Saturday morning, in the Neighborhood room of Community House, and lasts until noon.

## Make Canvass December 11 for Church Building Fund

Sunday, December 11, is the day when the Winnetka Congregational church will begin its canvass for the new Church Building fund. This is the canvass that the Church Building Finance committee was directed to make by vote of the church last May. For a time it was expected to have the canvass at a somewhat earlier date but December 11 was finally chosen in order that the regular canvass for church support and benevolences might first be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Merrick of Abingdon, Ill., left Tuesday after having been the guests of Mrs. C. E. Cleveland, 828 Foxdale avenue, Thanksgiving week.

#### ADDRESSES BANKERS

John S. Miller, 700 Rosewood avenue, former Winnetka Village president, member of Miller, Busch and Boyden, spoke on "Land Trust Certificates" before the Chicago Mortgage Bankers' association at luncheon Tuesday, November 29.

In the discussion that followed, Mayor Charles H. Bartlett of Evanston, President Earl E. Orner of Wilmette, President E. E. Jackson of Kenilworth, President Winfred D. Gerber of Glencoe, and representatives of each of the other communities stated the eagerness of their respective communities to join in the project and discussed phases related particularly to their communities.

#### NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA

December 3—2 p. m., Girls Card party—New Trier. 10:30 a. m.; Camp Fire Girls' Food sale—Community House. 6 p. m., Church school dinner—Community House.

December 5—8:15 p. m., Symphony concert—New Trier. Lunch and All-day meeting, Women's Guild Christ church—Parish House.

December 6—2:30, Woman's club meeting—Woman's Club.

December 7—7:30 p. m., P. T. A. meeting—Greeley school. 12:30 a. m., Woman's society luncheon—Community House. 11:30 to 5, Woman's society auxiliary bazaar Community House.

December 8—12:15, Rotary club lunch—Community House.

December 9—2, Christmas party, Pine street circle—Community House. All-day bazaar—Skokie school. 8, Entertainment—North Shore Country Day school. 4:15, 7, 9, Motion pictures—Community House. 7:30, Basket ball—Lindbloom at New Trier. 8:15, North Shore Congregation—Masonic Temple.

December 10—8, Play—New Trier.

## Greeley Parents to See Play, Observe Book, Toy Exhibits

Wednesday, December 7, bids fair to witness one of the most interesting Parent-Teacher meetings of the year in Winnetka when the association of the Greeley school gathers for an evening of diversified interest that includes on its program a play by fifth grade children, exhibits of books, displays of especially selected toys and a talk on the most acceptable toys for smaller children.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock with the presentation by Miss Neechack's fifth grade pupils of the Greek drama, "Theras and His Town." The hour for the production is placed at the inception of the program so that the little fellows may not be too late for their bedtime stories.

At 8 o'clock there is to be a brief talk on "Books for Children" by Miss Luhrs of Evanston, as well as a discussion concerning "Toys for Little Children."

Following the talks, the parents will be invited to examine exhibits including especially selected children's books taken from Chandler's shelves in Evanston, arranged to suit the various childhood years and, for the most part, suggested by Greeley teachers; also, an exhibit of toys sent out from Carson, Pirie, Scott and company's new toy department, and which have been especially approved by the National Kindergarten and Elementary college.

Mothers of kindergarten and lower grade children are particularly urged to visit the toy exhibit.

The Greeley school teachers will be in their rooms to talk to parents at the conclusion of the program.

This is announced as an open meeting to which all parents of the village are cordially invited.

## PERENNIAL "FLATS" ARGUMENT RESUMES

### And Our Zoning Officials Find The Customary Pros and Cons in the Ring

According to opinions expressed at a meeting in the council chamber at the Village hall, Tuesday evening, arranged to discuss the advisability of amending the zoning ordinance relating to apartments, to reduce the number of families permissible to the acre, an apartment dweller in Winnetka appears about as welcome as a mouse in a wren's nest.

Most of the speakers were pronounced in their opposition to the building of apartments in the village, one even suggesting that Winnetka should build a sort of wall around the village, and "viewed with alarm" the encroachment of apartment dwellers, whom, he said, if they were not checked, would soon have the voting power and control of Village affairs.

#### Offer No Remedy

Most of those speaking were owners of residences in the village, and, in nearly every instance, explained that prior to moving to Winnetka, a few years ago, they had resided in apartments either in Rogers Park or Evanston, and their coming to Winnetka was for the express purpose of getting away from apartment districts.

They are opposed, they said, to enlargement of the apartment zoned area, though admitting they had not given the matter enough thought to be able to make an intelligent suggestion to the commission, which is seeking advice on the subject.

The chairman of the meeting informed these objectors that it appeared, from the trend of the talks, there was an erroneous impression relative to the subject under discussion, and further explained that the Village has not been asked to extend the apartment zoned area, but was merely seeking opinion as to whether the present ordinance should be amended, so that, in future building, the number of families per acre may be reduced.

Some thought the present number permissible, 72, should be reduced to 36, but, when asked by the commission on what basis the reduction is suggested, admitted it was not founded on any carefully thought-out plan, "but the number should be reduced," and a resolution to that effect was adopted for the guidance of the Zoning commission and the committee on plats and zoning of the village council before whom the hearing was conducted. Stanley P. Farwell, chairman of the zoning commission, presided.

Those who spoke in favor of reducing the number of families permissible per acre in the apartment zoned area, by reducing building in "C" Commercial districts from three to two stories, and who "viewed with alarm" the present encroachment of apartments, were:

Phillip Wyatt Moore, 1031 Fisher lane; John Cecil Black, 1174 Tower road; Morris K. Wilson, 429 Sheridan road; William Brooks Moulton, 1161 Pine street; Willard F. Hopkins, 1141 Tower road; J. Williams Macy, 966

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