

# WINNETKA TALK

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## THEATRE GUILD BRINGS ALL-STAR CAST DEC. 28

### New York Repertory Company to Produce "Arms and the Man" in Kuppenheimer Hall

Bernard Shaw's famous comedy, "Arms and the Man," will undoubtedly be given a most satisfying interpretation by the New York Theater Guild Repertory company in its performance, December 28, in the Jane Kuppenheimer Memorial hall, Skokie school, Winnetka.

The play concerns a Swiss mercenary in the Seberian army, who fleeing refuge in the bedroom of a Bulgarian from the victorious Bulgarians, takes lady. She hides him and later sends him away in her father's coat. At the close of the war the father returns with a Bulgarian major, the girl's fiance, and the Swiss returns to bring back the coat. Needless to say, Shaw, noble Bulgar involved so hopelessly in his inimitable manner, gets the that the Swiss gets the girl. This plot affords Shaw an ample vehicle for his characteristic, brilliant, thought-provoking discourse, and makes "Arms and the Man" one of the best-loved works of the great playwright.

#### Cast of Stars

For the leading roles the New York Theater Guild has provided an unprecedented cast. George Gaul, as Captain Bluntschli, and Florence Eldridge, as the daughter, are the featured players. The strong supporting cast is made up of Molly Pearson, as Catherine Potkoff; Hortense Alden as Louka; Frederic March, as Major Sergius Sarnoff; Stanley Wood, as Major Paul Petkoff; Erskine Sanford, as Nicola, and Leonard Loan as a Russian officer. These players have all won their spurs as performers of exceptional note.

The production of "Arms and the Man" was directed by Philip Moeller, and is played in a fascinating and colorful stage setting. It is one of the plays which makes Bernard Shaw rank as the outstanding English dramatist of his time.

#### First of Series

In bringing the famous New York players to the north suburbs, the North Shore Theater Guild hopes to initiate a series of annual programs, affording residents of this community the very best drama the American stage can offer, right at home.

## Scandinavian Church Has Christmas Program Sunday

The entire service on Sunday evening, December 18, in the First Scandinavian Evangelical church will be given over to the Primary department of the Sunday school for their Christmas festival. The service will begin at 6:30 o'clock. The parents of the children are especially invited.

Christmas Day will be observed with a sunrise ("Julotta") service at 5:30, with special singing as an important feature of the program. There will be no other services on that day except the big Sunday school festival for Junior, Intermediate and Young People's departments, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

## NEW CHURCH HERE

Christian Fellowship Established on Permanent Basis with Rev. A. E. Rohrbach as First Pastor

A new church, to be called the Christian Fellowship church, was formed at a meeting held Wednesday evening, December 14, at Christ church chapel, on Oak Street. This new organization is the outgrowth of the Christian Fellowship, a group that has been holding regular meetings since early in June. The meeting held Wednesday under the leadership of Prof. J. Olsson, president of the North Park college, Chicago, was very well attended. Those present unanimously elected the Rev. A. E. Rohrbach pastor of the newly-organized church. He has been serving since June as interim pastor of the Christian Fellowship, and has made many friends on the north shore while serving in that capacity.

There has long been felt the need of a church of this kind on the north shore, it is stated. This church is connected with the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America, which has large churches throughout the country. Some twenty-four of these are in Chicago, one of them having more than 1,400 members. This organization is conducting successful home and foreign mission work. Its foreign fields lie in north China, east Turkistan, and on the upper and lower Congo, in Africa. The Mission Covenant, to which the newly-founded church in Winnetka will belong, will thereby receive both spiritual and material help.

It is hoped that this new enterprise will be warmly supported by both the Scandinavian and English-speaking friends of the community. This church is the only one on the north shore that conducts at least two Swedish services every week, and thus, will appeal in a special way to the Scandinavian people and to newcomers to this country.

The services at present are being held in Christ Church Parish House, but the church hopes to erect its own building in the near future.

## WON'T YOU HELP?

Men of all sizes in the hospitals at Great Lakes and North Chicago need warm clothing. Maybe you can give an overcoat or a suit—or, perhaps, merely a union suit. Whatever you may give will be sincerely appreciated. Sizes that can be used range from 34's to 42's. All need nearly everything.

Readers of WILMETTE LIFE need only a suggestion of this nature and they respond enthusiastically. Take the clothes out to the hospital yourself, or phone Mrs. M. H. Dement, Kenilworth 1641, or Mrs. Joseph Joyce, Kenilworth 2134, and they will see to it that the men are provided.

Phonograph records, magazines, candy and cigarets are always fine for these war veterans at Christmas time.

Boxes will be packed all day Monday, December 19, at the Great Lakes and North Chicago hospitals and you are invited to join in with this task.

At any rate, don't forget the contributions!

## You Are Invited to Join Caroling Throng

The singing of the carols on Christmas eve on the Village Green will take place at 5 o'clock. Everyone is asked to make a special note of the change of time, the time given to WINNETKA TALK last week having been incorrect. The singing will be around the Christmas tree which was planted last year and which will be lighted for this event.

This custom has been observed for some years in the village, and preparations this season are being handled by the Music committee of the Winnetka Woman's club. "Come and bring your flashlight," the committee urges.

## Christmas Pageant Beckons to Cong'l Church Tomorrow

The annual Christmas pageant of the Winnetka Congregational Sunday school will be given Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the church. At this time the members of the school bring their gifts to be forwarded to poor children in Chicago. The church organist and choir provide the music to accompany the service, which is in pantomime. The church is lighted only by candles, the angels going about to all the windows to light the tapers. Then they proceed down the aisles to the platform where the tableau takes place, with Mary and the Child, the shepherds and the three kings.

Mrs. Sherman Goble is assisted by Miss Florence Canning in directing this year's pageant. Among those taking part are: Lawrence Norem, Dr. J. O. Ely, Alfred Freeman, Henry Hoehn, Holden Anderson, Everett Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bailey. The children in the pageant are: Virginia Taylor, Mabel Anderson, Barbara Atkin, Betty Jane Taylor, Allen Gass, Malcom Sharp, and John Muhleke.

Serving as angels there will be: Florence Taylor, Emilie Nell Simpson, Emma Rummel, Edith Clerk, Hazel Murphy, Caroline Case, Janet Marshall, Isabel Milton, Jane Philbrick, Lenore Lorimer, Louise Eckart, and Martha Etzbach.

## Police Target Range Nearing Completion

The new target range for pistol practice where members of the Winnetka police department will further develop their eagle eye and trigger finger and demonstrate the efficiency of the various pieces of small arms with which the officers are equipped, is nearing completion.

It is located in one of the buildings at the village yards, on Center street, where more than five tons of ship-plate steel have been used in the construction of this up-to-date and safe range for practice purposes.

## DEFER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Owing to the fact that the Skokie school is to be closed during vacation time, there will be no session of the religious school of the North Shore Congregation Israel, which is held at the Skokie school, Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. The next regular session will be held January 8.

## SUBSCRIBE \$400,000 FOR CHURCH IN WEEK

### Canvassers for Congregational Church Building Fund Greeted by Amazing Response

More than \$289,000 in signed subscriptions to the building fund of the Winnetka Congregational church was reported at a dinner of the canvassers last Wednesday night, and the total was expected to reach \$400,000 by the end of the week. The goal of the campaign is \$650,000.

It is by far the greatest money-raising accomplishment in the history of a village which has the habit of besting records and doing the unusual, according to Chairman Carl J. Easterberg, campaign chairman. Not even the Skokie School fund campaign of several years ago can approximate the returns received in the last week by the local church.

With a crew of canvassers organized like an army and working with deadly earnestness, it is evident that the church has finally determined to culminate its seven years of planning with a drive for funds which probably has no equal in a community of like size in the country.

#### Community Enthusiastic

"Wherever we go," reported one of the canvassers at last Wednesday's meeting, "we find enthusiasm for the idea of a new church. The inadequacy of the present building for the needs of the church, and the universal belief that the non-denominationalism of our Winnetka church is one of the great forward church movements of the country, have led the people to give with splendid generosity."

Beginning tomorrow, the canvass enters its second stage. Although calls were made last Sunday and all during the week, not half the homes of the parish have been called upon, and even a smaller proportion have decided upon their subscriptions. Tomorrow will begin the clean-up of the first calls.

#### None to be Overlooked

"No one should feel neglected or overlooked if he has not yet been called upon," reports the Finance committee. "Our canvassers are working as rapidly as possible, but there are so many things to be discussed that only a limited number of calls can be made on a single Sunday. We hope to give everyone an opportunity to subscribe, and plenty of time to decide what his contribution should be. The people of the community realize that this new church is not a temporary gift to themselves, but an investment in the future of Winnetka which will endure possibly for centuries. As a result, many of them are rearranging their budgets not only to give but to invest in the undertaking."

Every man in the village who is interested to hear the latest returns is invited to attend a dinner at Community House at 6:30 Monday evening, December 19, at which time zone captains will give latest returns. No date for the completion of the canvass has been announced, and it is expected that some subscriptions from those now out-of-town may come in as late as the first of the year.

#### Consider Plans Carefully

"We wish to make it plain to all of those who have made contributions," states the Church Building Finance committee, "that upon the completion of this canvass, we shall ask the

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