

COMPLETE CHURCH FUND CANVASS ON JANUARY 9

First Week of \$650,000 Congregational Building Campaign Nets \$407,670

Confidence that the total subscriptions for the new Winnetka Congregational church would reach a total of more than \$400,000 at the end of the first week of canvassing proved justified last Monday evening when Zone captains reported a total of \$407,670 subscriptions actually signed and in hand.

Without doubt, the total is most impressive and represents a tremendous spirit of earnestness on the part of the church members to bring the Winnetka church abreast of its opportunity. Never before in the history of Winnetka or of any suburb of Chicago has such a large sum been raised for a church or for any municipal purpose in so short a time.

Need \$243,000 More

There remains, however, \$243,000 more to be raised if the church reaches the goal towards which it is striving, and canvassers have now dug into their trenches, determined to put over what they realize is the hardest part of the work.

The growth of the building fund is most interesting. As reported at successive meetings of the canvassers, the totals were as follows:

Monday, December 12.....\$181,707
Wednesday, December 14 . 270,987
Friday, December 16 336,498
Monday, December 19..... 407,670

Wind-up Is January 9

Monday evening, January 9, has now been designated as the wind-up of the drive for funds, and no reports of totals will be made before that night.

January 9, a great church dinner is to be served to all the men of Winnetka, and at that time, Zone captains will report the final totals of their work and the sum with which the church will be able to build will be known.

To add zest to the work, a friendly spirit of rivalry has developed. Last Monday evening, William D. McKenzie, who is captain of one of the west side zones, arose at the canvassers' dinner and cast reflections upon the thoroughness with which the east side workers were covering their territory. There was a hint that their impressive totals were due to "high-spotting," calling upon the most likely givers first and neglecting many calls which may not increase the total so rapidly but which are equally important to all others.

Accepts Challenge

Such dire aspersions could not go unchallenged, and James Fleming threw down the gauntlet for the men of the east side by offering to wager that when final returns are made on January 9, the east side will report a larger percentage of calls made and final reports made than will the west side. The wager is a jollification dinner at the completion of the campaign.

Canvassers have reported a much clearer understanding on the part of the village as the canvass develops, upon the attitude of the Building Finance committee on plans for the new building. At the outset, there were many who thought that the church had voted definitely last May to adopt the plan proposed by the Church Building committee. That was not true, the resolution instructing the Finance committee to proceed with a subscription campaign for \$650,000, report back to the church, "at which time plans will be considered." The Finance committee's stand that it will vigorously oppose the adoption of any plan which does not receive an overwhelmingly favorable vote from those balloting upon it, has given the public confidence that the new church will be

NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA

December 25, at 6, a Tea for returned students, by the Board of Deacons of the Winnetka Congregational church.

December 27, at 6, at Community House, Indian Hill camp Reunion dinner.

December 27, at 4-7:15-9, at Community House, motion pictures.

December 28, at 8:15, at Skokie School, "Arms and the Man," given by the North Shore Theater Guild.

December 30, at 12:15, at Community House, Rotary club luncheon.

December 30, at 4-7:15-9, at Community House, motion pictures.

December 30, at 8:15, at Masonic temple, North Shore Congregation.

Council Orders New Proceedings on Sewer Project

A storm water sewer system in that section of Winnetka from Westmoor road north to Tower road, east of Hibbard, provided for by an ordinance passed about a year ago and on which action has been held up as a result of objections by certain property owners because of the cost, now promises to become a reality.

As the result of a request for the improvement, made by a considerable number of property owners at the meeting of the council Tuesday evening, the council reconsidered the matter.

The property owners claimed they have been greatly inconvenienced by the lack of storm water drainage, particularly since the village ordered the disconnection of down spouts and other storm water drains from the sanitary sewer, as required by the village contract with the sanitary district of Chicago.

The council voted to order the pending proceedings in court dismissed and to institute a new proceeding, eliminating the storm water sewer on Westmoor road and Laurel avenue.

Winnetka Wants Own Law to Battle Booze Cases

In the future when the Winnetka police arrest a person charged with the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor, they hope to be able to prosecute under a Village ordinance corresponding with the state law in such cases. At the request of Chief of Police W. M. Peterson, Trustee D. F. McPherson, chairman of the police committee, introduced an ordinance of that nature at the Village council session Tuesday evening, which was ordered engrossed and posted.

Winnetka Sunday Club Entertains Boys' Group

Fourteen members of the Winnetka Sunday Evening club journeyed to Onward Neighborhood House, 608 North Leavitt street, Chicago, last Monday to give a Christmas party to a boys' club, and after it was over the Winnetka young people said they had even more fun than the boys. The Sunday Evening club will not meet on Christmas or New Year, but will resume its sessions at 6 P. M. Sunday, January 8, in the Camp Fire room of Community House.

a great unifying force for the congregation. Without doubt, it marks the beginning of a new era of interest and influence for the church organization.

Boston Publisher Lauds Winnetka's Soldier Memorial

The following letter of praise was received recently from the Boston Transcript by Samuel S. Otis, designer of the Winnetka Soldier Memorial:

Boston, Mass.,
December 6, 1927

Samuel S. Otis, Esq.
801 Cass Street
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Sir:

In returning your photographs may I add a word of my personal pleasure in having been privileged to view, even in so inadequate a manner, so beautiful a memorial.

You have attained a dignity of reverence which one could scarcely believe possible on a modern village green. The tomb of the Unknown at Arlington has every advantage of solitude, distance, and grandeur of open space. Yet you have realized in a striking manner the same psychological values.

Mr. Mandell was deeply impressed, I am sure. One of his own sons was shot down and killed serving with an American combat squadron. On our military and veterans' page Saturday, December 10, we are publishing one of your pictures and a brief account of the memorial. I only wish we could publish them all for they gleam with the nobility of beauty.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Daniel Rochford.

In the issue of December 10, the Transcript not only printed a splendid cut of the Memorial, but also devoted more than half a column to a description of it.

Green Bay-Tower Intersection to Be Widened Soon

The Winnetka Village council last Tuesday evening voted to proceed with widening the intersection of Green Bay and Tower roads, a plan which was temporarily held up at a former meeting, because of objections from residents in that neighborhood.

Widening at that point, they averred, would serve to speed up traffic with the result of greater danger to pedestrians, especially children, who are compelled to cross the intersection in going to school.

Trustee H. L. Raclin, chairman of the streets, drainage and forestry committee, recommended that the Village proceed with the improvement, following which a study is to be made to determine what is needed in the way of rendering the crossing safe for pedestrians. It is possible, it is said, that "stop and go" lights may be installed there.

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.

JOIN CAROLERS TONIGHT!

The bells of all the churches of the village will ring at 5 o'clock this afternoon, Christmas eve, to summon the villagers to the Christmas tree on the Village Green. All will join in singing carols around this tree which was planted last year and will be lighted for the singing today. The Music committee of the Winnetka Woman's club is in charge this year, and urges all who come to bring flashlights.

VILLAGES DETERMINED ON GRADE SEPARATION

**Make Plans to Put Question
Before State Commission;
Would Confer With Roads**

That it will be necessary to go to the Illinois State Commerce Commission if north shore villages are to obtain action by the present administration of the Chicago and North Western Railroad company on the grade separation project, was viewed as the possible outcome of this matter by representatives of the north shore villages at their meeting last week.

It was decided, however, to first seek an interview with the railroad authorities for the purpose of informing them of any contemplated action, and to give them opportunity to join in such action before the commission.

President H. F. Tenney, of Winnetka, was requested to arrange a meeting of this nature with President Fred W. Sargent of the North Western road and President Britton I. Budd, of the North Shore line, at the earliest date possible after the holidays, preferably January 6, or the week following.

Perfect Organization

The second meeting of north shore representatives for this purpose was held at the Village hall in Winnetka, Thursday evening of last week, at which an organization was perfected. H. L. Woolhiser, village manager of Winnetka was elected temporary chairman, after which Henry F. Tenney, president of Winnetka was elected permanent chairman, and Paul A. Hoffman, member of the Wilmette Village board, secretary.

Others present were Arthur B. Adair, representing the village of Kenilworth; Elmer E. Jackson, village attorney of Kenilworth; W. D. Gerber, president of the Village board of Glencoe and, representing that village, R. H. Schell, member of the Winnetka Village council, and Robert Kingery, secretary of the Chicago Regional Planning association.

It was decided to retain Stephen A. Foster to conduct the presentation of the case before the commission.

There was some discussion as to the advisability of engaging an engineer to handle the technical problems arising, but it was considered not necessary to make such selection at this time.

Christmas Cantata Is Fitting Yule Inaugural

The tenth annual Christmas cantata given by the music department of New Trier High school Sunday, December 18, proved a fitting inaugural of the Christmas season. The combined choruses, glee clubs, and orchestra, under the supervision of Mrs. Marian Cotton, with Miss Winifred Mickey accompanying, gave a thoroughly delightful program.

The soloists were Ada Tilley Allen, soprano, and Barbara Waite, contralto. Often audience and choruses united in the singing of familiar old carols.

TO GIVE MOVIE PARTY

Lucille Blumenstock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blumenstock of 495 Willow road, Winnetka, will entertain a number of her friends at a moving picture party on December 29. The party will be one of the cleverest of the holiday season. The invitations were sent out as studio letters, and the guests are asked to come dressed as their favorite moving picture stars.

The much discussed alley, west of Linden avenue between Tower road and Merrill avenue, Hubbard Woods, was authorized by ordinance passed by the village council, Tuesday evening.