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MISSION BOARD ACTS ON WINNETKA'S PLEA

Journey of Three Local Church Workers Brings Favorable Action on China Matter

Traveling a thousand miles to stand for a few moments before the Prudential committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions, Boston, Mass., three members of the Winnetka Congregational church recently presented to this governing body of the board a request that the board "petition the United States Government, through the State Department, that it make it possible for the missionaries of the American board who desire to live outside the concessions, legations and other 'protected areas,' to be given only such diplomatic protection as may be provided without the use, threat or show of military force and by such methods only as will promote goodwill in personal and official relations."

The members of this committee were Stanley H. Simpson, William McKinney, and Paul R. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds is a missionary supported by the Winnetka church and has been working since 1921 under the American board, which represents the Congregational churches of America in their foreign service, in Fenchow, Shansi, China.

The Prudential committee of the American board has now acted favorably on the above petition and is submitting it to its 200 China missionaries, including those on furlough in this country, in order to secure their full judgment before presenting this petition to the government.

Practical Suggestions

In writing its missionaries the board explains that it wishes to make its suggestions to the government practical ones. The board realizes, it points out, that missionaries living "within the concessions, or other protected areas, cannot be distinguished from other American citizens." This petition, therefore, will be primarily "on behalf of those missionaries who live outside the protected areas." It is hoped that all returns will be in by March 1.

The American board is also submitting a statement of its purpose to other missionary boards of America having work in China, through the Foreign Missions conference, in the hope that these boards will join in this petition to the government.

Ask Treaty Revisions

"The committee would express its earnest sympathy," continues the statement just issued from the headquarters of the American board, "with the hopes of the establishment of a stable and just government in China, and, acting for the American board will continue to seek through the State Department such speedy revision of the existing treaties with China as shall continue to better relations between the two nations."

SERMON TOPICS

"The Friendly Years" is announced as the topic of the sermon by Rev. James Austin Richards at the Winnetka Congregational church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic at the five o'clock service, by Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin will be, "Highway 1928."

RINK FUND BOOMING

Indian Hill Folk Crowd Park Rink; Association Solicits More Contributions as Goal Nears

Skating is proving the major sport just now in the Indian Hill neighborhood, thanks to the public spirited attitude of a large number of citizens in that vicinity who, by their generous contributions, have again made possible the establishment of the Indian Hill park rink. Christmas week, particularly, has witnessed "capacity" crowds on the rink, which is being maintained under sponsorship of the Indian Hill Improvement association.

In recent weeks the association has been soliciting the necessary funds to maintain the rink through the winter months. WINNETKA TALK has been happy to assist in this connection, and is also pleased to announce that the contributions have been far more numerous than was at first anticipated. As a matter of fact that has been the most gratifying feature of the fund "campaign." The large number of contributors has made it a thoroughly representative enterprise and indicates to the association that the entire neighborhood is enthusiastic over the rink project.

As has been explained in previous issues of TALK, the Winnetka Park board, which supervises the Indian Hill Park, has no appropriation for the building or maintenance of a skating rink, and it is therefore the concern of the Indian Hill association that the children, as well as the grownups, in that neighborhood shall enjoy the popular winter sport "right at home." The fund of \$950 provides for the shelter house and its heating, a full-time attendant, and the labor to keep the ice clear of snow or other obstructions. The flooding and lighting is taken care of by the Park board.

Well over half the amount necessary has been contributed to date, but more is needed. Modest enough contributions—but many of them—is the popular vogue. Those interested are invited to mail their checks to K. H. Hinrichs, treasurer, Indian Hill Improvement association, whose address is 363 Sunset road, Winnetka.

Contributors not previously announced follow: W. W. Darrow, George B. Palmer, J. S. Maguire, J. R. Gibson, Maurice Pryor, Marian Oeden Ball, G. A. Johnstone, Harry Herman, H. Edmund Sheerer, Mrs. Allen P. Gould, Dr. A. I. Bushey, Alice K. White, John Eliot Warner, F. C. Nason, Walter Jensen, E. J. Baker, Jr., F. W. Thackery.

\$1,371 FOR CHARITIES

The response for the Christmas charities of the Winnetka Congregational church came to \$1,371 this year as compared to \$800 of last year.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Winnetka Public library will not be ready to open on January 1, as had been hoped. Despite the remarkable co-operation of the various men under the contractor, Mr. Atherton, a steam fitters' strike has delayed the completion of the building.

Notice of its opening will be sent to all those holding books as soon as a day can be definitely decided upon.

—Carrie B. Prouty, president.

End of the "Beat"



Photo by Wilhite

Today as other residents of the Village are celebrating the passing of the old year and the arrival of a new one, Officer John Dehmow, 70 year old veteran of the Winnetka Police force will celebrate the close of a 28 year term of service and will quietly retire from active duty on pension.

Rotarians Visit Post Office to View Xmas Rush

Winnetka Rotarians enjoyed a visit to the Winnetka postoffice Friday of last week when Postmaster Joseph C. Braun permitted them to go behind the scenes and witness the actual handling of Winnetka's great rush of Christmas mail.

"To all of us it was a most instructive experience as well as an inspiration," writes Secretary H. L. Woolhiser in the current Rotary club publication. "Our first reaction to the postoffice visit in observance of Christmas was rather cold; after seeing the postoffice organization under full steam, however, we were impressed with the spirit of Rotary service shown. In addition, what could have displayed the spirit of Christmas more vividly than the thousands of letters and packages there seen, each bearing its message of friendship and goodwill?"

"Postmaster Braun is to be congratulated upon the splendid record made by his organization in handling the Christmas mail this year."

Christian Fellowship to Observe Week of Prayer

The Evangelical Alliance World committee calls anew to the week of prayer, which for 80 years has been observed in all parts of the world during the first week of each new year. These prayer meetings will be observed in the Parish House, Oak street, in connection with the Christian Fellowship church, services being conducted by the Rev. A. E. Rohrbach each night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. The services will be in the English language.

POST OFFICE ENJOYS BIGGEST XMAS RUSH

Postmaster Braun and Associates Do Efficient Job of Christmas Business

Postmaster Joseph C. Braun and his staff have been spending the greater part of this week cleaning up the odds and ends of business and compiling statistics on what he declares was by far the largest holiday rush in the history of the Winnetka office.

Conservative figures, he says, places the increase this year over the business of last year at one-third, and this applies to both parcel post and first-class mail, and to incoming and outgoing mail.

In dollars and cents, the receipts of the office for the month of December, he says, show an increase of \$1,000 over December of 1926.

Work Through Night

On Wednesday night preceding Christmas, Postmaster Braun and his regular force worked all night long handling only first class mail. Christmas greetings, which formerly flooded the mails in the form of cards, carried for one cent, are now almost invariably enclosed in sealed envelopes, and few, very few cards are handled, Postmaster Braun says.

Christmas Monday only one delivery was made, and that in the morning, at which time the office was cleared of parcels. But by Tuesday morning there was another batch which kept the force on its toes for another day, and that was practically the end of the holiday rush.

Parcels in Good Order

The Winnetka office reports that not over half a dozen parcels were received in bad order, the past year's campaign of the Post Office department in which it admonished its patrons to wrap their parcels well, address them plainly and mail them early, having had its effect.

But as much cannot be said regarding care given to the preparation of first class mail at this time, Postmaster Braun says. In the hurry and scurry of the Christmas rush at home, many people were guilty of posting some of their first class mail without affixing the necessary stamp, and in many instances without placing their return address on the envelope.

This not only means needless additional work for the postoffice employees, but likewise a delay which is not necessary in the delivery of the card, or letter, to the addressee.

Marked Improvement

But, in general, there has been such marked improvement in these matters that Postmaster Braun says he wishes to express his appreciation to the public for co-operation. And he is also grateful for the patience shown by the public during these rush times when the postoffice force is taxed to its uttermost. The public, he says, was very kind to the clerks and the force in general.

Monday, which is the official New Year's legal holiday, the postoffice will be closed all day. There will be special delivery service and one complete collection at 11 o'clock a. m., which mail will be despatched at noon, the same as on all Sundays and holidays.