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SURVEY SHOWS HOUSE REAL VILLAGE MECCA

Community Center Serves Surprisingly Large Number of Villagers in a Week's Time

by E. W. W.

While the usefulness of an institution is not always to be measured by the number of people coming to it, yet it has a bearing on the measure of the whole, and is one indication of its fulfillment and of its place in the community.

This is true of Community House. Hour after hour, day time and evening, youth and adults are coming to this center of village life. Perhaps it is only for a small committee meeting, or for a study group, gymnasium work or dancing class; it may be for a lecture, a musicale, a group luncheon or dinner, or the movies; for young people's activities such as Boy Scouts or Camp Fire Girls, or other interests; but, whatever it is that brings them—the aggregate is a constant stream of people. Few realize just how great is this number. In fact, one needs to be in Community House constantly, six days out of the seven, to gather its full import.

Survey of Typical Week

To grasp something of its influence in the village, one has only to try to imagine Winnetka without Community House. Figures taken at random in an average week, give some indication of the extent to which the House is used. Attendance the first two days of this week just passed is typical. In conservative figures: on Monday, one hundred and eighty-one used the House during the day time, and two hundred and fifty in the evening, a total of four hundred and thirty-one; on Tuesday, two hundred and sixty-three used the House during the day, and three hundred in the evening, a total of five hundred and sixty-three, making a total for the two days of nine hundred and ninety-four people using the House.

Work such as Community House is doing needs not only its regular staff of workers, but volunteer helpers as well. Winnetka residents have always given service generously here. It is largely because the people of Winnetka have believed in Community House and have put themselves into it in one way or another that it is able to serve the village as fully as it does.

Many Volunteers

Among the many volunteer groups is one known as the "hostesses." These are women who are pledged to come one evening a month, regularly, and serve as hostess. The evening activities in the House are many—sometimes every room is taken, from attic to cellar. It is necessary to have a hostess in the building from 7 o'clock until ten—one who, in addition to ability for certain office duties, has judgment and tact, who is capable of handling emergency situations, of greeting strangers, explaining the work, etc., and who is sympathetic with the purposes of the work. The group of twenty-five women who are giving the regular volunteer service are doing a most helpful bit in promoting the usefulness of Community House, and their generous effort counts for much in the work. The following women are serving as hostesses this year under Mrs.

Cast in "No. 17"



When the North Shore Theater Guild presents the play, "Number 17," in its initial performance at Lake Forest on January 17, listed in the splendid cast of local talent will be Mary A. Harding. The play, which is to be given in each of the north shore villages sometime during the next two weeks, is a fascinating mystery melodrama of the "Cat and the Canary" or "The Bat" type. It is excellently staged and directed and in view of the well rounded cast that has been selected, should warrant the attention of all north shore theater goers.

Day School Head Master Addresses Evanstonians

Perry Dunlap Smith, head master of North Shore Country Day school, gave a talk at a meeting of the Mothers' club of the Miller school, in Evanston, on January 9. His subject was, "The Locarno Conference on New Education."

CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

Contributions to the Indian Hill Ice Rink fund have been received from the following people in addition to those previously mentioned: Ruth Kreger, Charles E. Anderson, Milera M. Wittbold, Dudley F. French, Donald Gillespie, C. H. McNie and George W. Perrigo.

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NEXT WEEK IN WINNETKA

January 17—Woman's club, 2:30, Woman's club meeting. (Art committee in charge of program)

January 17—Community House, 4-7:15-9, Motion pictures

January 18—Community House, 7, Congregational annual church dinner

January 20—Community House, 12:15, Rotary club luncheon

January 20—Community House, 4-7:15-9, motion pictures

January 20—Morton, 7:30, Basketball, New Trier at Morton

January 20—Skokie school, 8:15, North Shore Theatre Guild

January 20—Masonic temple, 8:15, North Shore Congregation

January 21—Skokie school, 8:15, North Shore Theatre Guild.

Congregational Church Dinner Next Wednesday

The Annual Parish dinner of the Winnetka Congregational church will be held in Matz hall, Community House, Wednesday evening, January 18, at 6:30. The dinner is in charge of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Woman's society and will be followed by a program arranged by a committee appointed from the Church council. These dinners are looked forward to as a high water mark in the fellowship of the church and those who attend will have opportunity to learn not only of the progress of the last year, but also of the thoughts and ideals of the church about the year ahead.

The fact so many will be served makes it necessary to obtain tickets just as early as possible and certainly by Monday. They are on sale by Mrs. Bowman in the church office, Winn. 539.

COUNCIL GETS "FLATS" PROBLEM NEXT TUESDAY

Zoning Commission Expected to Present Recommendation: 300 Attend Hearing Monday

When the Winnetka Village council meets Tuesday evening of next week, it is expected that it will have as one of the foremost matters for its consideration, the recommendation of the Winnetka zoning commission relative to the proposed amendment to the ordinance relating to the building of apartments in the village.

The recommendation of the commission, it is thought by many, will be that the number of families permissible to the acre in territory zoned "C" Commercial, be reduced, rather than favoring the more drastic amendment proposed, by which only two-story buildings would be permitted, instead of three, and the second story limited to only fifty percent apartments.

At present, 72 families per acre are permissible, a number, it is said, much larger than in most villages in the same class as Winnetka.

The commission will make its report and recommendation to the Village council committee on Plats and Zoning, of which Mrs. Doris D. Benson is chairman, and the committee, in turn, will report to the Village council.

Make Careful Study

The finding of the commission, whatever it may be, will come as a result of a comprehensive study of the situation, covering a period of several weeks and after an informal public hearing on the subject a few weeks ago, and a formal public hearing last Monday evening before an audience that packed the Council chambers at the Village hall, the attendance being estimated at over 300.

It had been anticipated by the commission that subsequent hearings of this nature would be necessary, but the subject was so thoroughly discussed Monday evening, by both proponents and opponents, that the commission felt additional data was neither available nor necessary, and announced there would be no further hearings.

Offsetting the resolutions from the Hubbard Woods Improvement association and the Indian Hill Improvement association, favoring the drastic amendment, presented and filed with the commission, were equally strong and forceful resolutions and addresses by the opponents.

Find Strong Opposition

The latter included the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, the North Shore Real Estate board, and eighty-eight of the one hundred ten owners of the property affected, the latter representing that the proposed amendment would result in a depreciation of their property to an amount conservatively estimated at one and a quarter million dollars, attendant with the consequent loss to the village in taxes, which, it is pointed out, would follow.

There were also numerous talks on the subject by others who are in no wise interested in property which would be affected by the proposed amendment, but who urgently counseled against the proposed drastic change on the grounds that it would be confiscatory, unjust, and that its enactment would jeopardize the present zoning ordinance of the village, which, it was pointed out, is regarded as a model of its kind, throughout the country.

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