

# WINNETKA TALK

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## ALL NORTH SHORE JOINS IN SEARCH FOR CHILDREN

### Paisley and Teddy Rockwell Hike to Chicago; Frantic Searchers Comb Shore Villages

Perhaps the brightest ray of light that ever flashed over Winnetka was that of the police signal Thursday night at 10 o'clock, indicating to the hundreds of searchers who were at that moment scouring the vicinity for miles around in quest of two lost children, that they had been found.

Paisley Rockwell, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Rockwell, of 277 Chestnut street, taking her little five year old brother, Teddy, with her, had started out to walk to Chicago and failed to notify her parents.

#### Mother Discovers Absence

When Mrs. Rockwell called at the Horace Mann school at noon for her children and learned that they had not been in school during the forenoon, she notified the police.

As the day wore on and still no clue to the missing children was obtained, concern for their welfare increased.

The five troops of Winnetka Boy scouts joined the searchers and by evening more than three hundred men were scouring the village and far beyond its confines in organized search.

News of the missing children was being broadcast from radio stations.

Citizens of the neighboring villages of Glencoe and Wilmette were organized into groups, working in their respective territories.

#### Found Sleeping in Shrubs

Then, at 10 o'clock, word was received from the Rogers Park police station that the children had been found at 6981 Sheridan road, where, thoroughly exhausted from the ten mile hike, they had crawled under the shelter of some shrubs and had fallen asleep.

Sergeant J. G. Boyd and Chief of Police W. M. Peterson, who had spent hours at the telephone, answering calls and directing officers in their search, at 10 o'clock received the message and it was then the beacon light was flashed through the skies to call in the hundreds of searchers.

Glen C. Bull directed the volunteer workers who went out in four groups, the village and territory adjoining having been divided into that number of sections, with Elm street and the railroad tracks as the dividing lines.

Arthur C. F. Gedge was in charge of the northwest section; Dr. J. O. Ely directed the searchers in the southeast area; Martin Thorsen in the southwest section and A. R. Sutter in the northeast territory.

The five troops of Boy scouts worked under the general direction of Chief J. W. F. Davies and Scoutmasters Dr. George Eisenbrand and Robert Doepel.

#### "TREES," SERMON TOPIC

The sermon at the 11 o'clock morning service tomorrow at the Winnetka Congregation church, by Rev. James Austin Richards, will be on the subject, "Trees." At the Vesper service at 5 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin will preach on "Learning to Live."

## Legionnaires in Stinging Rebuke to Mayor "Bill"

Mayor William Hale Thompson's effort to secure the support of the American Legion in his stand in the suit to oust William McAndrew from his position as superintendent of Chicago schools, brought a stinging rebuke in a letter directed to the mayor by Winnetka Post, No. 10, of the Legion. The communication, which needs no further explanation, reads:

January 26, 1928

William Hale Thompson,  
Mayor,  
City Hall, Chicago.  
Sir:

We have received your letter of January 14, 1928, in regard to the suit to oust Mr. McAndrew from his position as Superintendent of the Chicago schools.

We recognize that the affairs of the Chicago schools must be settled by the people of Chicago, but, since you ask us to take action in the matter, we take the opportunity you have afforded us to register our admiration and esteem of the four school trustees, Mrs. Hefferan and Messrs. Otto L. Schmidt, Raymer and Mullenbach who have courageously and patriotically resisted your attempts to use the schools to further your own political ambitions.

We further resent your ill-advised attempt to use the American Legion for the same purpose in spite of our established policy to keep out of politics.

To us your 1927-28 ballyhoo reeks with the same odors as your 1917 brand of patriotism.

In view of the plight of Chicago schools as a result of your methods, we consider your reference to Winnetka schools impertinent and presumptuous.

Yours truly,

Winnetka Post No. 10,  
By Frederick L. Chapman,  
Adjutant.

## PLAN BUSY SESSION

Indian Hill Improvement Association  
to Discuss "Flats" Issue, Other  
Questions Monday, January 30

The meeting of the Indian Hill Improvement association, scheduled for Monday evening, January 30, in the Mess hall of New Trier High school, promises to be of unusual interest in view of the fact that numerous matters of vital civic concern are listed for discussion.

One of the subjects that will claim the attention of the Indian Hill residents is the proposed amendment to the Winnetka Zoning ordinance which provides for a material restriction of the code, limiting business, apartments and reducing the number of the residents permissible to the acre.

Other questions will relate more particularly to the Indian Hill neighborhood and President S. Nordburg of the association is urging an attendance that will at least approximate 100 percent.

The association officers, next Monday will urge Indian Hill patrons of the North Western railway to purchase their tickets at the Indian Hill station rather than at other points, in order that the railroad company may be justified in effecting material improvements in facilities at that station. Tickets are also on sale at the Indian Hill pharmacy, it is pointed out.

While the primary function of the Indian Hill association is the furtherance of the common interests of the residents with reference to civic development and mutual protection of their homes—all of which comes under the heading of "plain business" as distinguished from mere social fellowship—the officers are cognizant of the fact that "all work and no play makes Jack (or Jill) a dull boy (or girl, as the case may be). They have, consequently, provided for a social period to follow the business discussion. On the program are listed the following well known artists: Alice Feakins, dancer; a group of New Trier High school musicians, including Jean Paddock, piano; Jimmy Edmunds, drums; John Ouse, trumpet; Bob Hertel, banjo; Charles Smith, saxophone; Bill Hutchings, saxophone; Mrs. Florence Webb, dancer; and George W. Bartlett and Mrs. E. J. Flannery, in a musical specialty.

## Rev. Ralph Morphett to Preach Here Tomorrow

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Rev. Ralph Morphett will preach at the Christian Fellowship church, in the Parish House on Oak street. Mr. Morphett is a former Baptist minister, lives in Winnetka and is an active member of the Winnetka Congregational church. His subject will be "The Closed Door," and his previous addresses assure the congregation that his message will be of real spiritual help and profit. The church extends a hearty welcome to all its friends in the community.

#### AUTOMOBILE EDITION

This is the annual Automobile Edition of Winnetka Talk which is published in conjunction with the 28th Automobile Show held at the Coliseum, Chicago, January 28 to February 4, inclusive. News of the automobile industry will be found on pages 33 to 47.

## PREDICT REAL FIGHT ON ZONING PROVISION

### Owners of Commercial Property Prepare for Battle to Protect Vital Interests

When the Winnetka Village council meets in regular session, Tuesday evening, February 7, renewal of the apartment question, it is expected, will be uppermost in the list of matters for its consideration.

The Zoning commission, it is thought, will then have its supplementary report on this subject ready to submit to the council and, in the meantime, those favoring the proposed drastic amendment to the ordinance and those who are in favor of maintaining something approximately the present provisions, with perhaps a slight reduction in the number of families permissible per acre, are preparing for the fray.

#### Preparing to Fight

It is evident that the one hundred owners of "C" commercial property, who claim that a careful survey of the situation indicates the proposed change would represent a loss of more than one and one quarter millions of dollars to them, do not propose to submit without a fight.

Steps, it is said, are already underway for a thorough organization of their numbers for the purpose of making plans for their protection, by upholding the present ordinance provisions, under which their investments were made. Legal counsel is to be engaged, it is stated, and, if the Zoning commission and the Village council enact the alleged legislation, a bitter legal battle is assured.

This probable outcome was sounded as a warning by Max Murdock, of Winnetka, attorney for the Illinois Association of Real Estate boards, at a former hearing on the subject before the Zoning commission. With his wide experience in such matters, he counseled against such radical change, on the grounds that it threatens the very foundation of Winnetka's zoning laws, now regarded throughout the country, he said, as the most ideal that villages of this class have been able to conceive.

Four members of the Zoning commission recommended to the Village council that the ordinance be amended to reduce the number of families per acre from 72 to 36.

#### Makes Minority Report

Robert Kingery, member of the commission and also secretary of the Chicago Regional Planning association and expert in zoning matters, submitted a minority report, requesting that the matter be referred back to the commission for further study. He declared he was not satisfied with the manner by which the drastic cut had been arrived at, and his request, after two hours' heated debate by the council, in executive session, was complied with.

Trustee R. H. Schell, it is stated, was the outstanding opponent of the stringent measure at the executive session of the council and opposed the resolution, finally adopted, which sent the matter back to the commission with recommendation that still further re-

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