

In the North Shore Country Day school's basketball games last Saturday, the Boys' team was defeated by the Milwaukee Country Day school team, 31 to 19, and the Girls' team was defeated by the Y. W. C. A. quintet, 28 to 23.

WINNETKA LIBRARY HAD HISTORIC BEGINNING

Launched 47 Years Ago as Out-growth of Small Social Club; Grows with Village

By Marjory Windes

"Don't forget the next meeting of the Winnetka Reading and Social club!"

"When will it be held?"
 "Tomorrow night at Charles F. Sedgwick's on Maple street. And did you hear, my dear, that Mr. Artemus Carter (you know he lives down there on Sheridan road), gave us his Classical library! Yes! There are about twenty-five volumes in it, and its just wonderful. Plato, and Aristotle and all those things"

This conversation took place 47 years ago, between two Winnetka residents, two young girls now well-advanced in years, and it concerned the formation of what is now the Winnetka Public library.

The Social club was formed for the purpose of exchanging books and magazines, and met in the homes of its members. However, when Mr. Carter so generously gave his gift to the club it felt that rooms must be procured. Charles F. Sedgwick, an Englishman with literary ideas, who lived on Maple street, just south of Cherry, offered one of his rooms. The club grew. Its members became interested in acquiring books and having a place to store their magazines.

Next door north to Mr. Sedgwick's home stood the first Congregational church. A room in the basement was converted into a reading room. The books increased. The members increased. It was necessary to move again. So in 1881 the Social club took

over two rooms in the schoolhouse, located at Walnut and Elm streets.

In this school house worked Winnetka's first librarian, Miss Mary Dixon, who kept the library open every Saturday night. (It has been said that in 1881, many a romance started by meeting at the library on Saturday night.)

Three years later after the state library law had been passed, a referendum vote was taken, a board of trustees elected and the Winnetka public library was created a municipal body under state law. The president of the first board was Sanford S. Burr, Mrs. Carrie Prouty's father, and serving on his board were Robert S. Moth, Max K. Meyer's father-in-law, and Mrs. Frank A. Windes' uncle. Another member of the board was Mr. Burnham, always interested in town affairs.

With the money coming in yearly now, toward the library cause, it was decided to make another move to larger quarters, so rooms were taken in the Dormitory Building, adjoining the Village Hall. Here it was that Miss Grace Sloat acted as librarian for twenty-five years. Miss Sloat's salary would make us laugh and groan, for she received the astonishing amount of \$25 a year for several years! And when the faithful Miss Sloat left Winnetka the generous library board wished to do something fitting and appreciative for her, so they awarded her a bonus of \$25.

Now the history approaches the present library. After the death of Henry D. Lloyd, a resident of Winnetka, writer, socialist and nationally known man, in 1909, his widow wished to erect a library in his memory. The lot was bought, and plans made and ready to be carried through, when she died. Following her death, her four sons, William Bross, Henry D., Jr., John Bross, and Demerest, carried out their

mother's wishes and in 1910 gave the village the lot and the library.

During the 47 years that Winnetka has had an organized library, there have been only five librarians, Miss Dixon, Miss Sloat, Miss Carolyn Aiken, Miss Jessie McKenzie (Mrs. Arthur Filkins) and Miss Mary Hewes, the present librarian. Among the assistants were Miss Fannie Hewes (Mrs. Walpole), and the Misses Gertrude and Bertha Thorne, (Mrs. T. G. Windes, and Mrs. Gertrude Ellison). These willing assistants received the handsome sum of 25c an evening with visiting and a social hour afterward thrown in.

This next week, the library will be open for the inspection of residents, the final changes in the building being nearly completed. The building is planned for twenty-five years ahead, arranged to accommodate 50,000 volumes. A staff of four librarians headed by Miss Hewes cares for the library. Two adult reading rooms on the first floor, a large children's room, and a large adult reading room on the ground floor will be used by visitors. A well-equipped, modern, yet homelike library Winnetka has now, while the memory of the weekly meetings of the Winnetka Reading and Social Club slips away with the growing community.

Father of I. J. Wilson Dies at Ripon, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Wilson, 325 Ridge avenue, Winnetka, were suddenly called to Ripon, Wis., by the death of Mr. Wilson's father, Fred J. Wilson, who had been failing rapidly since Christmas. While the Wilsons are away, Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. E. F. Holbrook, will remain with their daughter, Jane. Mrs. Holbrook is from Haddonsfield, N. J., and will stay with the Wilsons for several months.



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- Leg Spring Lamb, lb. 32c
- Lamb Shoulder Roast, lb. ... 25c
- Rib Roast Beef, Best, large cut 39c
- Sugar, pure cane, 10 lbs. 65c
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- Peacock silver polish, 2 boxes... 45c
- Old Dutch Klenser, 3 cans 25c
- Palmolive soap, 10 bars 75c
- Best Veal Stew, lb. 25c

SPECIALS, TUES., JAN. 31

- Pillsbury, Ceresota or Gold Medal Flour, 24 1/2-lb. sack \$1.19
- Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Post Toasties, pkg. 9c
- Swansdown Cake Flour, pkg. 35c
- Shredded Wheat, pkg. 10c
- Cream of Wheat, large pkg. 24c
- Quaker Oats, small pkg. 10c
- Best Lamb Stew, lb. 29c

SPECIALS, WED., FEB. 1

- Campbell's Tomato Soup, 12 cans \$1.00
- Alola Fancy Red Salmon, 1 lb. tin, 3 tins \$1.00
- Fanning's Bread and Butter Pickles, 3 pt. jars \$1.00
- Farm House sweet relish, qt. size, 2 jars \$1.00
- Sweetheart Chile sauce, 1 lb. jar, 3 jars \$1.00