

HOLD LAST OF FOUR CHILD CONFERENCES

More Than 300 Residents Attend Last of Conferences Conducted by Woman's Club

(Contributed)

The last of the series of four child study conferences conducted by the Education Committee of the Winnetka Woman's Club was held Thursday afternoon March 22, and was attended by a group of 300 or more vitally interested women. The subject was "Parents' Mistakes" and was treated from four points of view—those of the teacher, the psychiatric social worker, the physician and the mother. The speakers were Mrs. Julia Childs, Miss Frances Dummer, Dr. C. A. Aldrich, and Mrs. Alfred Alschuler.

Mrs. Childs, dean of girls at North Shore Country Day school, presented the teacher's viewpoint. She said that most of the mistakes that parents of the average child made were under two groupings: 1. Mistakes in relation to the school itself, and 2. Cases where the parents' relation to the child has something amiss.

Miss Francis Dummer, psychiatric social worker in the Winnetka schools, was the second speaker. The following is a condensed summary of her remarks which were illustrated by striking examples. There seem to be two major reasons for the large number of mistakes made by parents, Miss Dummer stated. The first we are all liable to, as human beings; the second is specifically traceable to the conception of parenthood and the upbringing of children as natural functions whose fulfillment can be left to instinct without training and forethought.

The latter aspect was discussed first. Every other profession has its schools and training courses, but parenthood, one of the most complicated of all human occupations, is left to instinct and the common sense, to the trial and error method which characterizes the primitive stages of any activity, she said. The physical care of children is one phase of the parents' job which is an exception to this neglect. Up to the present there has been very little opportunity for parents to get the information they need.

"Now for the other cause of mistakes, —the one which is operative for all human beings, but for parents in particular because their feelings are bound up with their jobs in an unusual degree. In the language of the street it is called, 'kidding yourself'; in the clinic it is known as 'rationalization.' How many of us really know what we are doing or why? How many of us are able to face ourselves squarely enough to try, honestly and freely, to understand our own behavior? To review what we have done or have wanted to do with the object of finding where we are at fault, will not help us. Neither will the comforting idea that we were doing our best make us more able to face ourselves. We must be as free from preconceived ideas of what the results will or should be as the research scientist. The undertaking requires courage, the willingness to see what we least like to see in ourselves, the part we try to repress and so get rid of but which stays with us and expresses itself in devious substitutive channels just so long as we refuse to

deal with it openly. "But what has this to do with parents' mistakes? Just this: Until parents (for that matter all of us) are strong enough and free enough from feelings of dependence and guilt and fear to be able to face themselves and their actions as individuals and parents, to see them for what they really are, not veiled by what they would like them to be, they will continue to make mistakes without knowing they are making them. What is far more important than child study, or a background of psychological information, is that parents themselves are fundamentally poised and happy, emotionally mature enough to face themselves as well as their problems squarely."

Thirteen Winnetka Artists In Evanston Exhibition

Winnetka boasts thirteen artists showing work in the Evanston Woman's club annual exhibit of north shore artists, which closed yesterday. The exhibit this year was marked by the number of excellent paintings and unusually interesting sketches, lithographs and photographs.

The Winnetka list included: Miss Catherine Murphy of New Trier high school, who showed "Pine, Colorado;" Mrs. Edna May Johansen, character sketch and "October Fog;" Mrs. J. W. F. Davies, portraits of Mrs. Arthur Dean and Miss Carolyn Case; Mrs. George Engelhard, "The Artist," "New Baby," "The Bath," and "The Rattle;" Mrs. Anita Willets Burnham, "Ann and Rags;" Coral Lou Burnham, "White Mountain" and "How Many;" Mrs. H. McClure Johnson, "Milk Street;" Hazel Bell Risk, "View from Thunder Mountain" and "Charley's Pumping House"; "Kate Bacon Bond, miniatures; Allen Philbrick, "The Beach;" Pauline Graf Davis, "Drizzle" and "Speak;" Ruth Calef, "Library Window;" and Mrs. Felix Boldenweck, "Portrait" and "The Red Chair."

RETURNING FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo O. von Hofsten and their daughter, Miss Polly, will return on April 15 from a winter in California and will spend a few weeks in Winnetka before going up to their summer home at Leland, Michigan.

CIRCLE TO REHEARSE PLAY

Basketball will be omitted from the program of the Girls' Friendship Circle, Tuesday evening, April 3, at Community House. The members that evening will rehearse a play to be presented in the near future.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Fuller Lane circle will meet Monday, April 2, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. B. Ryan, 170 Fuller lane.

A large number of Winnetka members of the Chicago Woman's Musical club were present Thursday at the musicale at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Fergus Hoyt for the benefit of the scholarship fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ripley, 29 Indian Hill road, have been in Florida visiting different points of interest for two months. They will return to Winnetka shortly after Easter. Their daughter, Beatrice, who is a junior at Vassar, and their sons, Hampton and Wilder, who are in eastern schools, will be with their parents for a short spring vacation.

Walter Marx, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marx, 522 Essex road, Kenilworth, is spending his vacation with a professor of Physics in his laboratory observing some of the professor's experiments.

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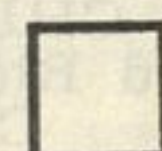
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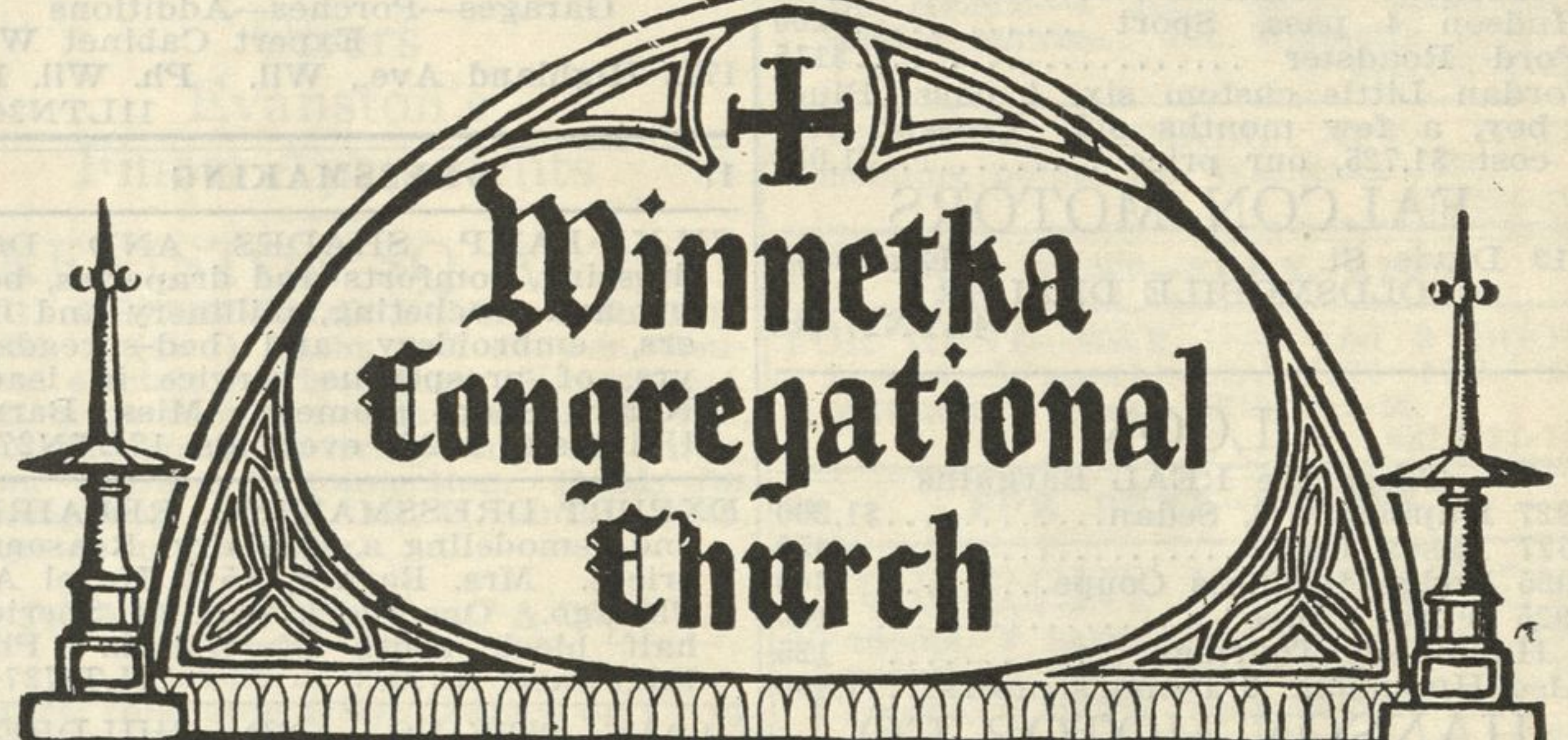


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Sunday, April 1st

MORNING—

9:30 All departments of the Church School
 9:30 The Men's Class
 9:45 The Woman's Class
 11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon, Mr. Richards. "Immortality"

VESPER—

5:00 Singing of Stainer's "Crucifixion" by the Choir and Quartet

EVENING—

6:00 Meeting of the Winnetka Sunday Evening Club
 7:00 Meeting of the Young People's Club

TUESDAY—

8:00 In Christ Church. Union Service. Mr. Richards will speak

WEDNESDAY—

10:00 Meeting of the Woman's Society
 8:00 In our church. Union Service. Mr. Gerhard from Christ Church will speak

THURSDAY—

8:00 Christ Church joins this church in observance of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY—

8:00 Special service of reading, meditation and silent prayer

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