

## EXPLAIN FUNCTION OF FEE SYSTEM AT BEACH

### Park District Head Makes Statement Appealing for Co-operation from Residents

Editor's note: The following has been submitted by the Winnetka Park District as a "statement to the public regarding operation of Winnetka bathing beaches." It is a matter of vital interest to every resident of the village.

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The Winnetka Park board provides two public bathing beaches in Winnetka, one at the Lake Front park and the other at Elder Lane park. At both beaches life guards and necessary equipment are provided and in addition, at Lake Front park, a well equipped bathhouse with facilities for storing clothing and with dressing rooms, is maintained, under the supervision of a competent matron. At both beaches playground apparatus has been provided, and an annual water carnival is held.

The expense of operating these beaches is about \$3,000 per year. Inasmuch as the annual tax income of the Winnetka Park district, available for the maintenance of the entire park system, is only about \$35,000, and because the Park board believes that as much money as possible should be used for increasing the park acreage to the west of the village while it is available, the amount of money which can be spent for the operation of bathing beaches is very limited.

#### Adopt Fee System

For this reason, two years ago a system of fees was adopted whereby residents of the village may have the privilege of the use of the beaches by the purchase of a season ticket at a price of \$2 if secured before July 1 and \$3 after July 1. For persons not holding tickets, a small fee is collected for the use of the beach and the bathhouse.

The revenue derived last year was sufficient to provide for an addition to the bathhouse and for the purchase of additional equipment, as well as to provide a lifeguard at the Elder lane beach.

The fee system has an additional important advantage for Winnetka residents, in discouraging the use of the beaches by undesirable out-of-town people, thereby rendering the beaches less crowded and more attractive for Winnetka taxpayers. There is no other legal method whereby the Park board can exclude non-residents from Winnetka beaches.

#### Seek Co-Operation

For the foregoing reason, it is felt that there should be universal co-operation with park officials on the part of Winnetka residents who use the beaches, by obtaining tickets. The record of tickets sold this season shows a reduction below the number sold last year, and this statement is therefore being issued as an appeal to Winnetka residents who have not already paid their share of the cost of beach operation, to do so at the earliest possible date.

Tickets may be obtained from Sanborn Hale, treasurer, Winnetka Park district, Winnetka State Bank, or from the matron at the Lake Front bath-house.

### Community House Staff Entertains Little Tots

The Community House staff gave another picnic for children of the Chicago Commons and their mothers Thursday of this week. There were about seventy in the party. Lunch was served at the Community House lawn at noon, and in the afternoon the party went to the beach.

## Men Will Promote Interest in Cause of Flower Guild

Interest in the work of the Chicago Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild will be promoted by a booth which will be erected at the Flower Show of the Men's Garden club to be held September 7 and 8, in the Hotel Sherman.

This will be the first downtown flower show to be held in Chicago during the summer, for amateur exhibitors. Exhibits will be invited from all amateur gardeners, and the show will attract garden lovers from throughout the Chicago region. Medals and ribbons will be awarded for the best specimens of every flower now in bloom; and there will also be prizes for floral arrangements.

Several extensive exhibits from commercial houses are promised, among them displays of named varieties of gladioli and dahlias of the rarest varieties.

The Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild wishes to interest the co-operation of all garden owners, in sending flowers, vegetables and fruit from their gardens, to the guild booths maintained at the North Western and Union depots, Chicago; from which they are distributed to the shut-ins of Chicago. The booth in the North Western station is open daily, except Saturday and Sunday, and that at the Union depot is open on Fridays.

## "Slow" Signs Will Warn Motorists at Linden-Willow Road

Still another measure of safety for auto traffic is being taken by the village this week in the way of erecting "slow" warning signs at Linden avenue and Willow street.

This is one of the busy corners in the village, due to the extensive through traffic on Willow, to and from Center street, and north and south on Linden to and from the business section of the village.

The signs are made of heavy metal, with reflective glass showing up distinctly at night with a red "bull's eye." The sign is one adopted by the standards committee of the United States department of commerce for highways.

The improvement was authorized by the Village council some time ago on recommendation of the Streets Drainage and Forestry committee, of which Trustee R. L. Raclin is chairman.

## "Boats and Boating" Is Community House Topic

"Boats and Boating" has been the general theme of conversation at Community House this week, with Miss Mary Williams and Mrs. J. D. Pierce leaders in the discussion.

Mrs. Pierce returned Monday from a pleasant three weeks spent on "Home Craft," the trim new house boat of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce which plies the Fox river and Fox lake, and Miss Williams returned Tuesday from her trip to Europe. She went over in July on the Steamer Ansonia and returned on the Berengaria.

There is much to relate about the pleasures of a trip on these well-known trans-Atlantic palaces, and likewise there are volumes to be told about the beauties and comfort of "Home Craft."

Miss Williams is secretary to "Chief" J. W. F. Davies, director of Community House activities, and Mrs. Pierce is assistant treasurer of Community House and the Winnetka Congregational church.

#### PLANS VACATION TRIP

Miss Kathryn Flynn, of the Community House office staff, leaves next Monday for a two weeks' vacation in Wisconsin.

## NEED MORE TROPHIES

Skokie Playfield Sponsors Would Interest Merchants in Presenting Cups for Next Season

Interest manifest in the various cup tournaments at Skokie Playfield this season has prompted the suggestion by some who are foremost in the management of golfing affairs here, that an early beginning of plans be made this fall for next season to insure an array of valuable cup trophies which, it is felt, will attract village-wide attention.

As a municipal course, it is pointed out, Skokie Playfield should have and does enjoy liberal support from Winnetka citizens.

Back of the suggestion for a greater number of trophy tournaments next season, is the belief that each of a number of business men of the village may be induced to post a cup trophy, or some similar award to stimulate interest in Playfield activities.

#### Play Important Events

Much interest is centering this season upon the Winnetka Park Board trophy event, the Fell trophy, as well as in the Roche trophy. Qualifying rounds in the latter will be played today, Sunday and Monday.

Tomorrow, in the finish for the Fell trophy event, will be played a 36-hole match between W. Washburne and H. Carpenter.

In the second round for the Park board trophy, Fred Johnson defeated John Whitaker, 3 and 2; R. Runnfeldt defeated Joe Franco, 4 and 3; P. Runnfeldt won from C. Waterton, 1 up; J. A. Belmont beat Jim Whitaker, 3 and 2; E. Barthell took honors from E. Hartshorn, 3 and 2; V. Eckart was winner over F. Belmont, 1 up; G. Rettie beat Ted Schultz, 3 and 2.

## P. T. A. Groups to Help Teachers "Feel at Home"

On the opening day of school, Monday, September 10, the social committee of the Parent-Teacher association of each school will serve a luncheon for the teachers of their school. During the week preceding school (next week) Mrs. Hubert Howard, the social chairman, and her assistants, will take the new members of the faculty for a drive around Winnetka, Indian Hill and Hubbard Woods. At the end of the drive tea will be served at the home of Mrs. Hubert Howard.



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## NORTH SHORE TO VIEW ART THEATER DRAMAS

### Ivan Lazareff to Bring Repertoire Company to Winnetka Community House

Ivan Lazareff, director of the Chicago Art Theater company, which is playing in repertoire at Winnetka Community House during September, was for twenty years an artist of the Moscow Art theater, as well as founder and director of the Maxim Gorky Studio in Moscow. Playgoers will remember him as the Mad Emperor in "The Miracle," a role which he created.

When the Moscow Art Theater company returned to Russia after its enthusiastic reception by American audiences, it left behind with regret one of its oldest and most important members, Ivan Lazareff, because Mr. Lazareff wanted to build in America a theater based on the method and ideals of this Russian group. After playing in "The Miracle," with Laurette Taylor in her New York production of the pantomime "Pierrot the Prodigal," and in a revival of the dramatized "Cricket on the Hearth" (Dickens) in New York, in order to learn the American audience and the American taste, he decided upon Chicago as the location of his theater which should represent perfection in art and a repertoire of the best in drama.

#### Actually "Live" Play

In the Chicago Art Theater company, as well as in the Moscow Art theater, it is explained, each actor is an artist, each play a unified entity. The idea which is its ideal is: "Theater is the life of the human spirit upon the stage, not the clever imitation of this life, but the actual living itself, upon the stage. The play, itself, we know, is fiction. But the interplay of human emotions in its situations, demands absolute truth if it is to produce the highest type of aesthetic pleasure to the audience."

How successfully this ideal has been achieved is attested by a statement made by Virginia Dale, dramatic critic of the Chicago Journal:

"The work of the Chicago Art theater makes evident the very things for which the Moscow Art Theater was admired—imagination, resourcefulness, and an engaging naturalness... I have never seen anywhere a less self-conscious group... Like the Moscow Art Theater company, Mr. Lazareff's players preserve and augment the value of the lines of the play by keeping in character, and their silences are filled with meaning."

#### Change in Schedule

A change in the schedule of plays to be given has been made since last week's announcement. The new and improved repertoire is as follows:

September 5 and 6—"The Cricket on the Hearth," Charles Dickens.

September 12 and 13—Sketches of Russian and American Life.

September 19 and 20—"The Marriage of Balzaminoff," Ostrovsky.

September 26 and 27—"Wife to a Famous Man," G. Martinez Sierra.

The date of the special children's matinee of "The Cricket on the Hearth" remains unchanged—Wednesday, September 26, at 3:30 p. m.

## Dean of Girls Invites Conferences Next Week

Miss Elizabeth E. Packer, dean of girls at New Trier High school, returned from her vacation in the east last Monday and is back at her desk in the high school. She will be there every morning until the opening of school on September 10. Parents or girls wishing to consult with her are advised to telephone the school office for appointments.