

# WINNETKA TALK

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## REGISTRATION TODAY FOR NOVEMBER VOTE!

### County Clerk Sweitzer Advises Voters They Must Register or Make Affidavit

"All who wish to vote at the next presidential election must register or make an affidavit."

That was the word sent out this week from the office of Robert M. Sweitzer, county clerk of Cook county. The registration dates for all north shore towns are Saturday, October 6, and Tuesday October 16. Polling places will be open both dates from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Every voter must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state for one year, of the county for ninety days, and of his own district for thirty days. Anyone wishing to vote, but who is unable to come to the polling place for registration, may mail to the judges of the district in which he lives the names of each voter in his family on or before October 14.

Following are the polling places in Winnetka:

- District 6 (formerly 4)—Frank A. Reid office, 954 Linden avenue.
- District 7 (formerly 5)—Glenetka garage.
- District 8 (formerly 24)—Ilg Florist shop.
- District 9 (formerly 6)—Community House.
- District 10 (formerly 7)—556 Center street.
- District 11 (formerly 8)—Christ Church parish house.
- District 12 (formerly 25)—Winnetka fire station.
- District 13 (formerly 9)—Number 8, Carlton block.
- District 14 (formerly 11)—E. E. Stults Realty company.
- District 15 (formerly 10)—North Shore Country Day school.

### Orchestra to Play for Chamber of Commerce

The Vagabond orchestra for a month past has been rehearsing the splendid musical program which it will render at the first dinner meeting of the season given by the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, October 8.

The dinner and meeting will be held at Community House. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock. A short business session will follow, but the greater part of the evening is to be given over to entertainment.

Ralph Seabury, the well known comedy cartoonist, will be present to give a number of comic sketches. It is hoped every member of the Chamber will be present at this meeting.

### Informal Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Richards

Friday evening, October 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Ferry, 391 Sheridan road, there will be an informal farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. James Austin Richards. All their friends in the village are invited to come and wish them God-speed.

## CLERK OFF TO EUROPE

### New Trier Superintendent to Study Educational Methods in Six Months' Tour of Continental Countries

Dr. Frederick E. Clerk, superintendent of New Trier Township High school, leaves this Saturday for New York, whence he will sail for Europe on the "Carmania" October 12. Mr. Clerk's family and Miss Ruth Johnson of Kenilworth will accompany him to Europe. They expect to land at Le Havre, France, and go via Paris to Geneva, Switzerland, where the children in the party will attend the International school.

Superintendent Clerk's trip to Europe has been authorized by the board of education of New Trier High school. He will make a study of college preparatory work and physical education in the high schools of several European countries, and will also investigate the functions and management of Ministries of Education in these countries on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Education of the United States, which is interested in the establishment of a Department of Education as one of the regular departments of the United States cabinet.

It is Mr. Clerk's plan to visit the Alps for the winter sports during the Christmas vacation. He will be back at New Trier about the first of May, or in time for the spring graduation exercises.

### Prof. Olgoth Olson to Preach Here Tomorrow

Prof. Olgoth Olson, president of North Park College, Chicago, will speak at the Christian Fellowship church at afternoon and evening services Sunday, October 7. Professor Olson is a graduate of Harvard and has taken his post-graduate work at Yale. Previous to his taking charge as president of the school he was engaged in the active ministry.

## Our Police Chief Inspects Varied "High Explosives"

A stick of dynamite, the kind with which the Chicago Sanitary district has been blowing mosquitoes to perdition, opening up the main ditches through the Skokie valley, and jarring foundations of all north shore buildings, was picked up in the Skokie swamps last Monday by twelve-year-old Willard Page of 1485 Scott avenue, Winnetka, who carried it home for all the world as though it were but a giant fire-cracker.

The police were notified and Officers Ralph Rayburn and Lester Barker promptly detailed to bring the high-powered missile to police headquarters, where it was turned over to Chief W. M. Peterson.

Until the dynamite could be taken down to the lake by Officer Harold Lewis and hurled far out into the watery depths, it reposed on the chief's desk in his private office, between two small bottles of liquid "dynamite," seized as evidence in a raid, and the collection of sample explosives were appropriately labeled, "three of a kind."

### Supt. C. W. Washburne Confers with Parents

The publicity chairman of the Winnetka Parent-Teacher association wishes to correct a mistake in the announcement made last week in the WINNETKA TALK about the meeting of October 9. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Skokie school, instead of at Mann school, at 8:15 p. m. Supt. Carleton W. Washburne will address the meeting. It will be an explanation of the system by him for the new parents, and for any parents who wish to have a clearer concept of the school program.

### Winnetka Legion Post Will Meet Next Monday

Winnetka Post No. 10 American Legion will hold a regular meeting next Monday, October 8, at the Community House club room at 8:15 p. m. The nominating committee will make a report on the candidates for offices for the coming year. The election of officers is scheduled for the meeting following, on October 22. There will also be a report at next Monday's meeting on the results of the play, "Polly With a Past," which the Legion post presented last week.

### RICHARDS TO PREACH

Service at the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. James Austin Richards, whose sermon topic will be "The Marks of Jesus."

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## NEXT WEEK IS ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

### Fire Chief Houran Prepares Circulars to Convey Message to Local Households

Next week is Fire Prevention week in Winnetka and in other villages and cities of Illinois. It is an annual observance encouraged and sponsored by the National Fire Protection association and other fire prevention organizations.

Governor Len Small has issued a proclamation designating the week of October 7 to 13, inclusive, as Fire Prevention week, and, in accordance with this proclamation, Fire Chief Houran has prepared circulars concerning fire prevention which will be mailed to residents of the village. He has also posted in the schools, the Community House, the business sections, and other public places of the village the governor's proclamation, together with fire prevention posters.

"Eighty-five per cent of all fires are preventable," Fire Chief Houran said in a statement issued this week. He warned residents of the village to clean out their attics and basements, to remove rubbish, to see that there is no defective wiring on their premises, to keep floor mops and oily rags in metal containers, and to beware of the use of naphtha and other highly inflammable materials for home cleaning.

The loss from fires in Winnetka last year was much less than in the previous year, according to Chief Houran. From April 1, 1927 to April 1, 1928 the percentage loss on the total value of property involved in fires in the village was only nine-tenth of one per cent, he stated, while from April 1, 1926 to April 1, 1927, it was more than double that amount. For the year ending April 1, 1928, the total fire loss was estimated as \$11,245 on property valued at \$1,317,985.

### Loss Heavier This Year

This year, Chief Houran states, the fire loss probably will be heavier, since there has already been heavy loss from fires in two unoccupied houses, where the fire department was not notified in time to check the blaze at its inception.

Not only in Winnetka, but in every other village and city of the state, the necessity for the removal of fire hazards is to be emphasized during Fire Prevention week. Governor Small in his proclamation stated in part:

"This is an appropriate time to see that heating plants and flues are cleaned out, inspected and put in safe condition for winter use; that premises are thoroughly cleaned up and rubbish burned; that electrical wiring and gas connections are checked for hazards; that gasoline, oils, paints, varnishes and similar inflammables are safely stored.

"Business men and manufacturers should see that their places are kept free from unnecessary fire hazards, that inflammable materials are safely stored and that hazardous processes are strictly safeguarded.

"Those in charge of schools, theaters, hospitals, churches, hotels, public halls and other public places are required by law to maintain satisfactory fire escapes and exit facilities and keep their buildings safe from fire. Fire drills should be conducted, especially in the schools."