

W. A. HADLEY WRITES ABOUT OLD WINNETKA

Tells of Historic Chapel Which Served As Church and Schoolhouse

(Editor's Note—The following article was contributed by William A. Hadley, principal of the Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind, 584 Lincoln avenue. It is a chapter in a history of Winnetka; material for which is now being collected. Mr. Hadley has been a resident of Winnetka for twenty years and has lived in the state for a longer time.)

A LITTLE WHITE CHAPEL

The early settlers of Winnetka were members of the Unitarian church. They were led by Charles E. Peck, who obtained large holdings of land in what is now Winnetka and settled here in 1853. He built a large and comfortable house on the location now marked by Arbor Vitae road and occupied the entire block bounded by Elm, Maple, and Lincoln avenues.

Under his direction the rows of elm trees on east Elm street were planted. He induced a number of his friends to join him in the suburban village, where each family could have a house in a block of ground, and could keep a horse, a cow, a pig, and chickens. These people were in comfortable circumstances. Most of the men went to their business offices in Chicago, for the railroad was opened for traffic in 1854.

Build Chapel on Peck's Land

In order that there might be some place for the church services a small chapel was built on land belonging to Mr. Peck, on a spot near the northwest corner of Elm and Maple streets. The monument to the soldiers of the World War stands near the site of this building. The structure was erected about 1855. Shortly after its erection the school district was organized and the public school was held in the building for ten years. The complete record of this school is now in the hands of the writer, and it shows who the teachers were, how many pupils attended, the amount of the wages paid to teachers, and something of the general progress of the school.

In 1868 it was necessary to build a schoolhouse, for the growing population made it necessary to provide more room for the children. The village was organized in March, 1869, and in August of that year Mr. Peck gave a deed by which he conveyed what is now the Village Square to the village, the only provision being that no building should ever be erected on it.

Schoolhouse Moved

In order to comply with the letter and spirit of the bequest the little white schoolhouse, which had for a year or two been deserted by the school, was moved to the southwest corner of Cherry and Maple streets. It stood there until 1901, when it was pulled down and the available portions built into a residence on Willow street.

The usefulness of the little white chapel did not end with its removal. It continued to be the meeting place of the Unitarian society until that body was too small to keep up its organization. The Rev. Robert Collier, who was a frequent visitor in Winnetka and occasionally spent his summers here, conducted the services in the chapel.

Congregationalists Organize

By 1894 the Congregationalists had increased in number in the village and felt themselves strong enough to organize a church. Their plans were carried out and the meetings were held in the little white chapel for several years. In 1871 a white brick building, later used as the old village hall, was built. It was intended for use as an academy in connection with the old University of Chicago at Morgan Park. But for various reasons the plan of organizing the academy did not succeed, and a private school was held in

89—and for Hoover



Photo by Bernie

The Rev. W. W. Anderson, 719 Park avenue, Wilmette, will celebrate his 89th birthday Tuesday, November 6, by casting a vote for Herbert Hoover. Mr. Anderson voted for Lincoln on his 21st birthday. "Fine way to celebrate my birthday, don't you think?" queries the agile Mr. Anderson.

"Buddenbrooks" Discussed at Meeting of Study Class

By P. H.—

The Kenilworth Study class met Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Edwin Hedrick, on Melrose avenue. Mrs. MacClintock discussed the first book of the course, Thomas Mann's "Buddenbrooks." About twenty-five members were present and enjoyed one of the most charming of programs. Mrs. MacClintock talks with fluent ease and with real affection for books and authors. The intimate hour with her in these studies is valuable beyond words. The characters of the books seem alive and the members of the class have a thorough knowledge of the author, his style, his aims and accomplishment when she concludes her lecture.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7, at the home of Mrs. Bentley McCloud on Kenilworth avenue. She will discuss Wassermans, "The World's Illusion."

Kelso Farley and his daughter, Estelle, 300 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth, drove to Champaign Saturday for the Illinois-Northwestern football game.

the brick building for a few years. Then it was the home of the public school, which had outgrown the schoolhouse built on Elm and Walnut streets. In a few years, however, the academy building was too small for the schools, and the little white chapel again was fitted up to house one of the school rooms until the Horace Mann school was opened in 1899.

The days of the usefulness of the little chapel were now at an end. For more than half a century it had been the center of the spiritual and intellectual life of the village. Numerous were the changes which had gone on around it, many were the notable men and women who had gathered in its room. It had seen the pioneer days pass away. Whether the desk or the pulpit occupied the center of the platform, whether the teacher or the preacher was the leader, there was able leadership. The seats were filled by an assembly of people of more than ordinary ability, as the works which have followed them amply testify.

North Shore People Attend Homecoming of Illinois Graduates

Many north shore residents attended the Illinois-Northwestern game at Champaign last Saturday. Among the guests were H. J. Burt, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Henry Jackson Burt, former residents of Wilmette who are now living in Wheaton. Those who were staying at fraternity and sorority houses were: H. H. Rice '27, Wilmette, Delta Sigma Tau; R. M. Jones '24, Wilmette, and A. S. Benzing '24, Kenilworth, Sigma Phi Sigma; F. L. Streed and W. C. Yakel '25, Kenilworth, Alpha Kappa Lambda.

Florence Johnson '25 of Wilmette visited at Alpha Delta Theta house; Marjorie Smith of Wilmette, Pi Beta Phi; Kent Stuart '26 and H. R. Hedman '12, Winnetka, Sigma Nu; Miss Mary Smith, Wilmette, Theta Upsilon; Fay Reiner '28, Winnetka, Delta Phi Epsilon; Alice Jane O'Connell '28, Wilmette, Theta Phi Alpha; Ruth Rudolph, Winnetka, Kappa Sigma Tau; Duncan Farnsworth, Winnetka, Phi Kappa Sigma; Gertrude Brown '28, Wilmette, Delta Gamma.

Other guests were: Clayton Kentnor, Winnetka; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hagen, Jr. and Miss Amy Hagen of Winnetka; Frank Mellington of Kenilworth; Richard and Betty Sunderland of Hubbard Woods; Philip Hoffman, Ernest Griffis, Chris Schaeffer, and Al Kremer of Wilmette; Rev. Bernard Brady of St. Francis church; E. B. Crush, Wilmette; Mr. and Mrs. E. Burt Brown, Jr. of Winnetka; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson and Harold Nelson of Wilmette; Miss Marian Springer, Kenilworth.

Congregation Israel

Sunday, November 4

Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson to speak. Miss Tina Mae Haines to dedicate organ.

A Congregation dinner, given by the North Shore Congregation Israel, is planned for the evening of Tuesday, November 13. Indeed, this is to be a most interesting occasion. Dinner will be served promptly at 7.

The speaker for the evening is the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson from Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Goldenson is one of the outstanding Rabbis of this country. He possesses a rare personality and is splendidly equipped to speak on his most interesting subject "The Counterfeits of Liberalism." It will be a rare treat for those present, for this is an opportunity to hear expressions from one of the finest Jewish minds of the country.

An added pleasure will be an organ recital by Miss Tina Mae Haines. This is in dedication of our new organ. Miss Haines is well known for her musical ability, and her program will be one of much interest.

The Temple is at Vernon and Lincoln avenues, Glencoe.

Unitarian Church

Sunday, November 4

Sermon: "What Is A Free Mind?"

Wednesday, November 7

Regular meeting of the Woman's Alliance in the Church House. Sewing at 10 o'clock, luncheon at 12:30 and business meeting at 2.

Mrs. John Roberts, 328 Warwick road, Kenilworth, returned last week from the East where she went to visit her daughter Caroline, who is at Dana hall.

The Kenilworth Garden club members held their last meeting and luncheon of the season at the home of Mrs. John White, 270 Oxford road, Kenilworth, Tuesday, October 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Eastman, 255 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth, left Wednesday for Pasadena, where they expect to remain all winter.

Mrs. John H. Rathbone, 523 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth, entertained her bridge club yesterday.

JANE ADDAMS SPEAKS BEFORE SUNDAY CLUB

Founder of Hull House and Renowned Social Settlement Worker Here November 4

Miss Jane Addams will be the speaker at the Wilmette Sunday Evening club Sunday, November 4.

Miss Addams is one of the best known women in the world today. As a social settlement worker she established Hull House, Chicago, in 1899. She was president of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections in 1909; president of the Woman's International League for Peace; presided at conventions at the Hague in 1915; Zurich, 1919; Vienna, 1921; The Hague, 1922; Washington, D. C., 1924; Dublin, 1926. She is widely known as a writer and lecturer. She is the author of a number of books.

Within the past year Miss Addams received the honorary degree of doctor of laws at Lombard college in Galesburg, where she delivered the commencement address. In presenting her the degree, President W. Reese referred to Miss Addams as a "Citizen of the world, champion of peace, friend and servant of humanity."

Miss Addams has just recently returned from a trip to Honolulu.

Miss Anna Nyberg, will be the soloist this Sunday.

Girls' High School Hears Address by Rev. D. A. Lord

Daniel A. Lord, S. J., spoke to the students of Mallinckrodt High school Wednesday of last week on "The Progress of the High School Girl Within the Last 25 Years." Father Lord has been very active in organizing sodalities of high school students. Since his visit to Mallinckrodt High school this time was too short for him to accomplish anything definite in that line here, he expects to return in a few weeks when the sodalities of the school will be organized under his direction.

AT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Edward Phelps 328 Leicester road, and Mrs. John White, 270 Oxford road, Kenilworth, have returned from Lexington, Ky. where they went to a meeting composed of the presidents of the clubs of the Garden Club of America. Mrs. Phelps is president of the Kenilworth Garden club.

JOHANNA GROUP TO MEET

The next regular meeting of the Johanna North Shore committee will be held Thursday, November 8, at the North Shore Congregation Israel center, Lincoln and Vernon avenues, Glencoe, beginning at 10 in the morning. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock.

FIRST GEORGIAN MUSICAL

The first of an autumn-winter series of musicals to be held Sunday evenings at the Georgian is planned for next Sunday evening at 8. The program will be presented by Alvne Resseguie and Mrs. Malcolm MacHarg, soprano and violinist.

PLAN OVER-NIGHT HIKE

Robert W. Townley, athletic director at Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth, will take a group of boys on an over-night hike this Friday to the Cabin-in-the-Woods. The trip to the cabin will be in the nature of a Hallowe'en hike, Mr. Townley announces.

Billy White of 1126 Linden avenue entertained twelve little friends at a Hallowe'en party Saturday afternoon at his home.

Mrs. Edwin Hedrick, 304 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth, is entertaining her luncheon club today.