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## Begin Main Street Widening Job in Three Weeks

### 1550 PUPILS PREPARE FOR NEW SCHOOL TERM

Sessions of Autumn Term in  
Public Schools to Begin  
Monday, September 10

Public schools in Wilmette will open Monday, September 10, or two weeks from next Monday—with an approximate enrollment of 1,550. The estimated number of students who will attend the six schools in the village is: Central, 230; Tenth street, 280; Stolp, 215; Laurel, 130; Howard, 415, and Logan, 280.

The first meeting of teachers has been set for Saturday afternoon September 8, at 2 o'clock in the Stolp school library. All teachers are expected to be present at this meeting.

#### Buildings Ready

The various school buildings are now being made ready for the opening of the 1928-29 term. Workmen have been cleaning them and making necessary repairs. Construction of the new addition to the Howard school has been delayed but is expected to begin about September 1. The paving work on 17th street, which is located in front of the building and on the driveway which runs up to the building, has been completed.

Supt. J. R. Harper, who has been spending his vacation on his farm near Hartford, Mich., is expected back about the first of September. Miss Mabel I. Park, his assistant, who is now on vacation in Wisconsin, will also be back at that time.

#### Most Teachers Return

Most of the Wilmette teachers of last year will resume their work here next month, although a few have transferred to other schools or have made plans to attend colleges or universities. The new teachers include: Miss Roena Mulford, of Chicago; Miss Nellie Moore, who has been with Dr. W. S. Gray at the University of Chicago; Miss Orrel Davis, also of Chicago; a new librarian not yet chosen, and a new second grade teacher to take the place of Miss Dorothy Nash at the Howard school. Miss Nash expects to attend the University of Illinois.

Miss Lulu Johannsen, who has been in Germany on a two years' leave of absence, will teach in Wilmette again this year. Miss Marjorie VanHorne, who has taught here before but was called away because of her father's illness, will also be back.

Following is a list of teachers in the Wilmette Public schools for the coming year:

#### Howard School

Lowell F. Todd, principal; Mrs. Elizabeth Hesse, kindergarten; Ruth Slown, first grade; second grade open; Marjorie VanHorne, third grade; Margaret Loftus, fourth grade; Lois Berry, fifth grade; Roberta Corcoran, fourth and fifth grades; Aleda Larson and Betty Scheldler, sixth grade; Mrs. Clara Groves and Violet Madsen, seventh grade; Mrs. Pearl P. Jones and Mrs. Lucy Stalling, eighth grade.

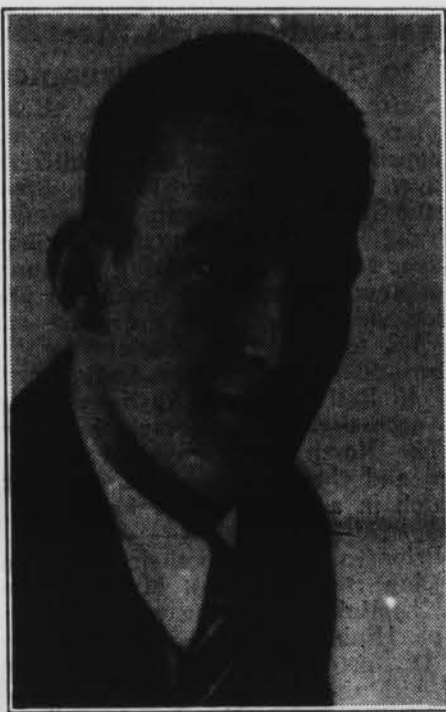
#### Laurel School

Mrs. Virginia Delana, kindergarten; May Whitmack, first grade; Mrs. Gladys B. Herron, second grade; and Mrs. Lena Butts, third grade.

#### Logan School

Mrs. Julia Davenport, kindergarten; (Continued on Page 7)

### Regular Go-Getter



Marshall C. Corns is the recipient of congratulations at the hands of his fellow bank workers these days in consideration of his achievement in excelling all others in the Wilmette State Bank "New Business Campaign" which terminated last week. Mr. Corns, on the employee list in the campaign, exceeded his original quota in the drive by more than 500 percent.

### Air Mail Now the Vogue in Our Town Says Shantz

The amount of air mail going through the Wilmette postoffice has increased one thousand per cent since the new rate of five cents for the first ounce and ten cents for each additional ounce went into effect on August 1, according to Postmaster Joseph E. Shantz. Mr. Shantz also stated that for the entire Chicago area there has been an increase of eighty per cent in the volume of air mail since the first of the month, postal department figures show.

### Board of Improvements to Hear Street Petition

A public hearing on the proposed widening improvement of Twelfth street between Lake avenue and Central avenue has been set for Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the council chamber at the village hall. Action on the matter was taken at the meeting of the Board of Local Improvements, Tuesday night.

### Police Chief Leggett on Vacation in Northwoods

Chief Charles W. Leggett of the Wilmette police department left last Thursday morning for a two weeks' automobile trip in the woods of northern Wisconsin. Mrs. Leggett and their daughter, Dorothy, accompanied him. Capt. Henry Brautigan will be in charge during Chief Leggett's absence.

### NEW BUSINESS GOOD

Wilmette State Bank Gathers \$591,035.34 in Recent Campaign; Marshall C. Corns Tops All Competitors

Listed under the heading of new business we have the sizeable sum of \$591,035.34, all of which has been garnered within the space of about three months or, to be exact, from May 22, 1928 to the fifteenth day of August.

Reference is, of course, to the "New Business Campaign" brought to a highly successful close last Wednesday at the Wilmette State bank.

Competition was keen and the results of the campaign encouraging beyond the fondest dreams of the directorate and officers of the local banking house, one learns from J. M. Budinger, cashier. Individual honors went to Marshall C. Corns, who topped all competitors by achieving his quota the most times and finishing more than 500 percent above his original quota of \$15,000.

The team of Carl E. Clifton and C. W. Schaefer also came in for special recognition for having made more than 300 percent of their quota. George Estes registered an individual record exceeding 200 percent of his original quota.

Startling as it may appear, every employee's team in the bank showed better than 100 percent over quota in the campaign.

"The remarkable success of the Better Business campaign is, of course, attributable largely to the splendid co-operation of the people of the village and vicinity," Mr. Budinger declared, adding—"we owe a debt of gratitude to all who by their help have indicated their continued confidence in our bank."

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### BOARD WILL GET BIDS ON HIGHWAY SEPT. 4

Court Confirms Assessment on  
52-foot Concrete Pavement;  
County Aids

What is heralded by Wilmette officials as the most important municipal improvement project since the installation of the electric street lighting system, is destined to become a reality within sixty days with all legal and other preliminary work having been cleared away for the widening and paving of Main street. Actual work on this project, entailing an expenditure of approximately \$200,000, is expected to be started about September 15.

The Village board Tuesday of this week made known the fact that sealed contractors' proposals for the Main street widening and paving improvement would be publicly opened at the meeting of the Village Board of Local Improvements Tuesday evening, September 4, at which time, it is expected, the contract for the work will be awarded.

#### Confirmed in Court

The assessment for the Main street improvement received court confirmation along with that pertaining to the Tenth street paving project (north from Chestnut avenue to the Village limits) all obstacles to both enterprises having been surmounted only after an extended legal battle.

The new 52-foot concrete pavement will extend from the south limits of the village to the south line of Elmwood avenue. The proposition to widen and pave the street throughout its length—or to the Kenilworth south limits—was abandoned several months ago when negotiations concerning the condemnation of the triangular so-called "Dempsey tract" at the north extremity of the street threatened to delay the improvement indefinitely. President Orner and the members of the Village board were determined to include Main street on this year's street improvement program and therefore resorted to the plan of terminating the widening at Elmwood avenue. The street is to eventually connect with Kenilworth's section of the proposed north shore highway extending throughout the township, paralleling the Chicago and North Western railway right-of-way on the west.

#### County Pays Big Portion

By pushing the present widening program, the Village will effect a great saving since 40 feet of the 50-foot width is to be paved by the County Highway department, the county to defray the cost of that proportion of the improvement, leaving a 12-foot strip to be paid for by assessment of the benefited property.

Should weather conditions be favorable the new highway will be completed early in the autumn, it was estimated.

The Main street improvement brings the total of completed and contemplated local improvements to approximately \$1,000,000 for the current season. (Continued on Page 4)