

## READY TO MAKE TAX COLLECTION

### Township Collector Hale Expects to Receive Tax Books Within Few Weeks

With the announcement this week that the last of the tax books for both real estate and personal property would be completed not later than February 20, and that the thirty country town tax collectors' books will be sent out first, New Trier township taxpayers, it is announced, may expect their bills in the very near future.

Collector Sanborn Hale, who has held this office in New Trier township since 1924, during which time he has garnered in about \$9,000,000 in taxes, has the collection machinery set up to receive the 1931 taxes now due.

In 1925, Mr. Hale recalls, there were only twelve books in the township listing, whereas today there are seventeen including the personal property books.

#### Prepare Own Bills

The collector must prepare his own bills from the books and mail them out to the taxpayers. Under the law the country town tax collectors are allowed to keep the tax books for three weeks, receiving a percentage of all the taxes which they collect during that period. The township by which they are collected receives all collector's fees above \$10,000.

This year, it is announced, the country town tax collectors will keep the books until two weeks after the penalty date, which is March 1, returning them then to the county treasurer who continues the collection. The books will again go to the country town collectors for another three weeks' collection period on the second installment of 1931 real estate taxes, on which the penalty date is announced as July 1. Personal property taxes are payable in a single installment as in the past, with a penalty date fixed at May 1.

#### Hasten Computation

The computation of the tax rate for 1931, it is expected, will be completed this week, following which the tax extension will be hastened so that the books may be sent on their way to the collectors.

While no definite figures are yet available, the opinion prevails that there will be approximately a ten per cent increase in the tax rate, due to the sanitary district and county levies.

The increase in the rate, however, should not be taken to indicate that there will be an increase in the 1931 taxes, it is pointed out. On the contrary, due to the reduction in property assessed valuation, it is estimated that there will be a material reduction in the taxes, amounting in some cases to 14 or 15 per cent.

The reduction in the assessed valuation is from 18 to 25 percent, it is pointed out.

### 13 Seniors Complete Studies at New Trier

Thirteen New Trier High school seniors, four girls and nine boys, are completing their high school courses this week, which is the last week of the first semester. The mid-year graduates are Genevieve Ellen Coley, Esther Lillian McKeighan, Mary Frances Rogers, Ruth Webster, Worthy Lovell Chambers, George F. Gon-salves, Jr., Edward A. Brackney Hanna, Jr., Marcel Peter Kneip, Paul Francis Miller, Robert Joseph Moran, John Ricksen, Robert Allen Ward and Thomas Brooks, Jr. The new semester at the high school starts next week.

### Harmony Convention Calls Public Meeting

Every citizen of Wilmette is invited to attend a public meeting Friday evening, February 10, at 8 o'clock at the Howard school auditorium called by the Wilmette Perpetual Harmony Convention which has been assigned the task of selecting a slate of candidates for Village offices to be voted upon at the annual Spring election.

The convention, which held its organization meeting this week (information in another column of this issue), invites individuals or groups to suggest candidates for consideration by the convention.

This meeting is open to all voters in the village and the convention expects a record turnout of representative citizens.

### John P. Steffens Gets Purple Heart War Service Award

John P. Steffens, 315 Fifteenth street, a Wilmette mail carrier, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart by the War department. He received the decoration this week, and it is to be presented to him formally at the meeting of the Peter J. Huerter post of the American Legion next Tuesday night.

Mr. Steffens during the World war was in the Thirty-third division, Company C, 129th Infantry. He saw service in France on four sections—the Somme, St. Mihiel, Verdun and the Meuse-Argonne. It was in the Meuse-Argonne engagement that he was gassed on October 5, 1918.

The Order of the Purple Heart was originated by Gen. George Washington. It was awarded originally to soldiers in the Revolutionary war who were wounded in action. Since that time it had not been awarded until recently. It has been revived and is now being given to World war veterans who were wounded in action.

### Fathers and Sons Hold Annual Dinner

The annual father and son banquet sponsored by the Men's club of the First Congregational church of Wilmette will be held Wednesday evening, February 8. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

All the fathers who can bring one or more of their own or neighbors' boys are invited, it is announced, but reservations must be made at the church office, phone Wilmette 1204, not later than Monday noon, February 6.

The Men's club is planning an evening that will open with a dinner to be served at a nominal price. Two movies will feature the program.

The first picture will be that of a dude ranch owned and operated in Wyoming by Mrs. Ruth Woodley of Evanston and Miss Elisabeth Stanwood, one of the teachers at New Trier High school. The second film will be provided by the United Air lines and will show a complete trip across the United States by Airplane.

#### ATTENTION, MR. WILLIAMS!

The editor of WILMETTE LIFE has a Public Forum communication bearing the signature "G. C. Williams," but lacking other necessary identification. It is requested that Mr. Williams communicate in person with the editor in order that such identification may be established.

### BUILD P. O. SOON

Postmaster Shantz Announces Government to Push Wilmette Project; Marshall Is Architect

Indications are that work will be started within a few weeks on the construction of Wilmette's new post-office. Postmaster Joseph E. Shantz said this week that work may be started on the project within sixty days.

As announced last month, the site selected for the building is located on the southeast corner of Central and Park avenues, facing on Central avenue from Park avenue to the alley midway between Park avenue and Main street and with a depth of 100 feet along Park avenue.

#### Marshall Architect

Announcement was made this week that Benjamin H. Marshall, Wilmette and Chicago architect, has been selected to design the new building. Mr. Marshall received formal notification of his appointment a few days ago.

Before any work can be started on the new building a complete topographical survey of the site must be accepted by the office of the supervising architect in the Treasury department, Washington, D. C. This survey is to be made within a short time, Postmaster Joseph E. Shantz said this week.

#### Push Project

The Treasury department has indicated that it intends to push the Wilmette federal building project to early completion. Making the survey of the site and other preliminary details are routine matters encountered in the erection of any similar building.

### Industrial League to Stage Benefit Program

A unique program by outstanding artists will be presented by the Christian Industrial league at the Elks' club, Oak Park, February 15. The offering will be vocal and instrumental, book-reviews, novelty numbers, oriental presentations in costumes, etc. Proceeds will go for relief work at the league. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. R. R. Marquardt, Wilmette 388, Miss Helen Fridman, Wilmette 2113, or Mrs. W. C. Gillies, Wilmette 3568.

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## OPEN SCOUTING FUND CAMPAIGN

### North Shore Area Council Starts Drive to Raise Funds to Meet Reduced Budget

At a meeting of the North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America, held Friday, January 27, at Boy Scout headquarters in Highland Park, the opening gun for the 1933 fund drive was fired. Representatives from the eleven districts in the area were present.

Gen. Robert E. Wood, honorary president, stated that Scouting must continue and this announcement was enthusiastically acclaimed. President Henry Fowler of Wilmette announced that, as the result of the work of a special budget committee, the amount to be raised for 1933 is materially less than in any former year of the council's existence. The executive personnel has been reduced by more than 50 per cent and the remaining executives have cheerfully accepted material reductions for their services, he stated. It is estimated that the cost per Scout for the coming year will be slightly less than \$6 as compared with \$10.33 as a national average cost, and is as low as possible to permit the work to be continued on an efficient and proper basis.

#### Plan Intensive Drive

Financial chairmen were appointed for each of the communities in the area and the two weeks drive will witness an intense campaign on their part to enlist the aid of all the friends of this movement.

Here is where your Boy Scout Dollar goes in the North Shore Area council. These figures are compiled from the audit for 1932, completed January 24, 1933, by Arnold, Himmelblau and company, public accountants. Capital investment in the camp is not included.

#### How Money is Spent

Budget Items	% 1932 Budget (net cost)	% of Reduct. in 1933
Operating Expenses:		
1. Executive Salaries	49%	54%
2. Office Salaries	12%	74%
3. Rent, Light, Heat, Telephone, Insurance	9%	52%
4. Office Supplies	5%	66%
5. Postage	2%	59%
6. Publicity	2%	84%
7. Transportation	9%	42%
*8. Camps and Hikes	5%	
*9. Sea Scouting	2%	
10. Leadership Training	2%	23%
*11. Rallies, Field Days Demonstrations	1%	
12. Miscellaneous	2%	53%

\*Note—To operate on self-sustaining basis.

### Select Cast for Next Play at Shawnee Club

The Shawnee Players are to present "The Ninth Guest," a mystery play Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 3, at Shawnee Country club.

Under the direction of Miss Dorothy Proesch, who has coached their plays in seasons past, the players are preparing for their first production this season. The complete cast for the play includes Mrs. Paul Cook, Waldo Fisher, Richard Howell, John Thornburn, Nelson Wettling, Miss Myrtle Torcom, Miss Carol Lawrence, Stanly Post, Gordon Huntley, and O. T. Turner.

Mrs. Richard Howell is designing the sets.

#### SUNDAY MUSICALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Loucks, 234 Sheridan road, Kenilworth, entertained twenty-five guests at a buffet dinner and musicale Sunday. The Italian tenor, John Penagasser, sang several arias from "Martha," "Il Travatore," and "I Pagliacci."