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TRAGIC WARNING

The shocking tragedy in which two and possibly three young lives were sacrificed in a grade crossing accident at Winnetka avenue Monday night, offers solemn warning to pedestrians, automobile drivers and railroads that extraordinary precaution should be exercised to prevent a recurrence.

That this crossing is admittedly dangerous is but added reason for the most extreme care, especially upon the part of children, hundreds of whom use it almost daily. Parents should impress upon their boys and girls the absolute necessity of obeying the old rule, "Stop, look and listen," before attempting to cross either railroad tracks or street.

This is not an attempt to place responsibility for Monday's horror. Our interest is in preventing the loss of other lives.

THE ONLY WAY

In an address delivered before the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce Monday, Walter Walker of Chicago, gave a rather startling exposé of racketeering in Cook county, and its hookup with dishonest officials and crooked politicians. As traced by Mr. Walker the ramifications of this unholy alliance extend into almost every trade and business in the Chicago area, and has reached into the professions as well.

Mr. Walker was for several years chief investigator for the Employers' Association of Chicago, commonly known as the "Secret Six." He was also for three years in the United States department of justice, and an assistant state's attorney of this county. This varied experience, in which he was daily engaged in the work of uncovering the operations of the racketeers, gave him an intimate knowledge of the methods of underworld characters, how they accomplish their illegal purposes, and the manner in which they dodge conviction when brought into court.

The speaker did not mince words when placing responsibility for the present distressing situation at the door of the decent citizens of the community, who, he asserted, have helped to build up a system that constantly takes money out of the pockets of legitimate business men and consumers as well. First, he pointed out that evasion of jury duty on the part of so-called good citizens left the courts with nothing but the dregs from which to select juries, men without any sense of duty to society, serving merely for the small pay to be had.

Another class which, he emphasized, could not evade responsibility, is known as the "stay-at-home voters." The people, he added, get exactly the kind of government they demand, and as long as they vote for the kind of officials who will continue to condone or promote criminal combinations, just so long will the racketeer flourish and other forms of crime prosper. Party leaders, he

said, put up the kind of candidates who can pull votes, and it is a sad fact that the honest and conscientious voter has nothing whatever to say about the candidates for whom he shall vote. His choice is usually between two evils, and whichever wins he and the public loses. Even in such a situation, to vote is better than to not vote, because one bad egg may be preferable to another bad egg.

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

In developing and putting into execution an impressive program of expansion and improvement, the North Shore Golf club is setting a fine example for other social organizations, as well as to those devoted to commercial and civic advancement. Its action gives concrete evidence in a faith in the future that will undoubtedly "move mountains" of financial difficulties that have for so long a time obstructed progress toward greater achievements.

Confidence that increased and improved facilities will induce a greater use by members, and that additional memberships will be attracted is wholly sound, especially in view of the fact that additional dues or assessments have not been planned to pay the cost of the augmented facilities. That this policy of greater and more desirable service will result in increased net income has been demonstrated by industry and transportation, and the club has shown wisdom in emulating their example.

PAINLESS EXTRACTION

County Assessor John S. Clark has served notice upon all Cook county citizens that bank accounts are going to be assessed this year and that the taxes thereon are going to be collected. At first reading his words seem harsh and threatening, and cause the average man or woman to begin thinking up ways and means of getting rid of the old bank account without actually letting go of it—that is, in a manner of speaking, keeping a string attached to it. Of course, many people found a way to get rid of it in 1929, but if there was a string tied to it the string broke or failed to work.

However, citizens having bank accounts have no cause for apprehension that collection of the tax will be to them a disagreeable operation, or that it will entail physical or mental suffering. For in that soothing, finely modulated, "my friends" voice so effectively employed by all New Dealers, Mr. Clark assures them that he has devised a method whereby he can put his hands into their pockets and withdraw the money, and they practically won't even feel it.

Just how this is to be done is not made clear, but why ask foolish questions? Surmise, speculate, wonder if you will, but don't ask questions. Just trust the magician. Confidentially, we think it will be done, if at all, by administering laughing gas, and it may not be amiss to suggest to the assessor that it will take a tremendous lot of gas to get a laugh out of anybody over a boost in taxes—personal or otherwise.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A feast of music is in store for north shore residents in the diversified program to be given by the New Trier High school music department on Saturday, April 27. This annual spring concert will present numbers in contrast to those offered at the annual pre-Christmas event, in which sacred music predominates, bringing selections in a secular vein from both vocalists and instrumentalists.

Lovers of fine music who await this event as one of the best of the year's entertainments will find the coming program no less interesting and enjoyable than its predecessors. Infinite patience and almost endless effort on the part of the music department faculty and the students have resulted in a perfection of preparation that assures a rendition in which both will acquit themselves with great credit to the school and community.

NEWS-COMMENT

The world must be getting better—or is it worse? Over in dear ol' Lunnion they are prosecuting a duke for pawning his mother's jewels. The rights of royalty are being taken away one by one.

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"Nazis Order Smaller Flags," reads a headline. The idea, no doubt, being stolen from the Chicago daily which has gradually reduced the size of its Blue Eagle insignia until only a spot remains.

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Farmers near Elgin dumped fifty cans of milk in the road Thursday. The milk belonged to other farmers who were delivering it to an independent dealer. And thousands of babies are suffering for milk. Racketeer control of the milk supply should be stopped.

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Father Coughlin, the political priest, says that the New Deal, which he calls the "Raw Deal," has been "not two years of experiment, but two years of failure." And then he lauds the President. If that is not consistency, what is it?

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After eating the soil of Iowa, the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and other states, we have come to the conclusion that when man monkeys with Mother Nature he usually makes a mess of it. A long time ago, after "Buffalo Bill" and the rest of the boys had killed all the buffalo, and eastern settlers invaded the plains and plowed up the ground to raise crops, they were told that if the buffalo grass was destroyed the winds would carry the soil away. But they went right ahead, heedless of the warning, "sowing the wind," and now they are "reaping the whirlwind." Buffalo meat makes mighty good eating, too.



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"Will Senator Lewis Run Again in 1936?" queries a headline. Will Senator Lewis be alive in 1936?

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California legislators told the movie magnates who threatened to leave the state to avoid taxation to "pack up." What a howl would go up if the magnates took them at their word.

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That South Dakota lad who wrote to the war department for a team of horses—and got them—gives us an idea. We want half a team, just one horse, being modest in our requirements. But he must be free of spavin, ringbone, heaves and other horse diseases, be thoroughly house broken and trained to live without eating. And have a nice round back. We don't like to eat our meals standing.

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Patricia Maguire, the Oak Park girl who has been asleep since February, 1932, was 30 years old Monday. Here's hoping that for her morning will come soon.

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Congress is fretting because of a leak in the plans to spend relief money. "Someone has blabbed," they assert. We thought blabbing was all anyone in Washington did.

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A new Greek upheaval is feared over the trial of rebels. If not more successful than the first time, they won't upheave very much.

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A New York doctor has extracted enough moccasin snake poison to kill 150 persons, say the papers. He could have secured as much with less trouble from our former bootlegger, who specialized in the stuff—and maybe does yet.

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