

## SCHOOL BOARD MAKES CUT IN NEW TAX LEVY

**New Trier Sets 1936 Figure at \$610,000; Drop of \$80,000 From Last Year**

A sharp cut in the 1936 tax levy under that of recent previous years was made, Tuesday evening, by the board of education of New Trier Township High school, when it approved the proposal of John P. Ballman of Wilmette, chairman of the finance committee, to set the amount needed to be raised by taxation at \$610,000, nearly \$80,000 less than the 1935 figure.

The 1935 taxes, which will go into collection in about a month, provide for \$688,812 to be raised for the high school.

The 1936 figure represents not only a substantial cut from 1935 but even more from the peak levy, at the height of the depression in 1932, when the board of education was forced to ask for \$768,207, more than \$150,000 in excess of the new figure.

### Improved Collections

The reduction was made possible, high school officials explained, in making the announcement of the new levy, mainly through improved collection of taxes, over 70 per cent of the 1934 taxes now being in.

A few years ago, when the board was unable to sell more than 50 per cent of its tax anticipation warrants, it was necessary to levy to the limit in order to keep the school open at all. Even then, expenditures were cut far below the minimum necessary to maintain the school and for some time teachers were paid partly in cash and partly in warrants.

Since last fall, all tax anticipation warrants have been called in. It was revealed however, that more than \$3,000 is still on deposit waiting to be turned over to the holders of the warrants.

### Rapid Growth

The board declared that the levies should continue on the lower level with the improvement in tax collections, in spite of the rapid growth in enrollment, which has gone up about 15 per cent since 1932.

The new levy, it was added, will probably not cover the costs of running the school, but it is expected that the collection of back taxes will make up the difference.

Running expenses of the school, it is expected, will be somewhat higher this year, since part of the pay cuts imposed some years ago are to be restored, while maintenance work, abandoned during the severe financial period, has been piling up and must be taken care of. There will be, too, a number of bond maturities this year.

### Compare Levies

Credit for the improved financial condition of the school was given to the tax committees of the four New Trier villages, which reduced the number of delinquencies, and lead to the elimination of the tax anticipation warrant expense.

Comparative levies for the past few years for the high school are as follows:

1931	\$759,346
1932	768,207
1933	707,272
1934	680,442
1935	688,812
1936	610,000

## Infant Welfare Society Reports on Work Accomplished This Year

### Beneficiary of Wilmette Chest Gives Accounting for Period

One of the charitable organizations to which the Wilmette Community Chest devotes a part of its funds is the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. Money given to this society is used entirely to provide medical care and home health education by nurses, doctors, and nutritionists and a mental hygiene supervisor for expectant mothers, and children up to six years of age. The work is carried on in the poorest districts of Chicago where children are most exposed to the hazards of poor housing, inadequate food and sub-standard living conditions.

### Report on 6-Month Period

During the first six months of 1936 the Infant Welfare society had 11,347 prospective mothers, infants and pre-school children under its care. The Wilmette Community Chest funds are given to the society through its Wilmette center for the support of Alice H. Wood station at 1964 North Halsted street. A report of the use which has been made during the first half of this year of

the money received from our Community Chest discloses that at this station from January 1 to June 30, 1936, the society cared for 1,303 mothers and children; there were 3,846 medical examinations and conferences with doctors in the station and the nurses and nutritionists made 5,288 home visits.

### Only 2 Deaths

An indication of the success of the Infant Welfare society in assuring health to its children is contained in the infant death rate. At Alice H. Wood station during this six-month period there were only two infant deaths or a death rate of 2.7 per thousand babies cared for compared to a death rate for all Chicago babies in 1935 of 40 per thousand live births. By the same token it is safe to assume that the children who survive are benefited and the health level of the whole family raised to a marked degree.

The cost to the Infant Welfare society is only \$12 a year for each child whom it keeps in health—an insignificant sum compared to the cost of allowing children to become sick and then trying to effect a cure.

## Complete Plans For Series of Night Concerts

As the date approaches for the first of the series of five symphony concerts to be given by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra on the esplanade of the Wilmette waterworks, the attention of General Chairman Robert E. Rickson and his various committees is turned to the completion of arrangements for this important free musical event. The concerts, five in number, are to be given on Wednesday evenings during August and the first week in September, the dates being August 5, 12, 19, and 26, and September 2.

This being an affair in which Wilmette will be host to all north shore villages, opportunity is being given to all citizens to share in defraying the incidental expenses, which must be taken care of locally. The services of the seventy-five men composing the orchestra are to be paid for by the Federal Works Progress administration.

Among the expenses incident to the concerts is a sound amplifying system. Walter C. Farrar, chairman of the committee on arrangements, caused the system to be installed for a tryout Monday night, and found it entirely satisfactory. No matter how large the crowds may be, all will be enabled to hear the excellent music which the orchestra has a reputation for rendering.

Mr. Rickson emphasizes the fact that contributions are still required to make up the amount pledged when the concerts were booked. The funds should be promptly subscribed, he stated, because this is the most important civic event that Wilmette has staged in many years, and there should be no question of raising the small sum required.

Negotiations are under way for a large number of chairs, so that citizens and their guests may listen to the music in comfort.

## Three N. T. Graduates Are Granted Awards

Three New Trier graduates have been awarded scholarships to Dartmouth college, it was announced recently.

The three students are DeWitt Jones, 325 Richmond road, Kenilworth, Sydney Craig, 592 Provident avenue, Winnetka, and Richard Campbell, 1141 Sheridan road, Wilmette.

Jones, who was co-captain of the track team and president of the student council, was also state champion in the 200-yard low hurdle event. Craig was prominent in debate and oratory, as well as in publications, and was a member of the honor society. Campbell, co-captain of football, was also the winner of the tri-ship award for all-around leadership. All three were members of T.N.T., general activity honor group.

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## 'ALL OR NONE' CHEST SLOGAN FOR THIS-YEAR

**Failure of Campaign This Fall Would Throw Village Open to Numerous Drives**

"All or none" was the decision made by representatives of the agencies of the Wilmette Community Chest at a meeting called by Harry C. Kinne, president of the Village Thursday of last week. It was decided to recommend to the directors of the Chest that the campaign this year be based upon the minimum requirements of the agencies and that unless the entire amount is subscribed, all the fund be returned to the donors and the Chest disbanded, each of the nine agencies organizing separate campaigns for their necessary support.

### Suggest Early Drive

It was also the opinion of the representatives that the intensive campaign should be scheduled early in the fall so as to come ahead of the Chicago Community fund campaign. The dates suggested are September 28 to October 7.

The enlistment of 350 workers for the campaign has been started. Each of the beneficiary agencies has been asked to enlist a quota of men and women who agree to contact ten prospects during the ten-day campaign. There are approximately 3,500 homes in Wilmette.

### Campaign of Education

Necessity of an educational program among the citizens acquainting them with the social and welfare needs of the village was also stressed. Each volunteer worker will be asked to attend a special training conference to be held for those who are to assist in making the canvass. Chairman Henry Fowler said, "I am still of the opinion that Wilmette citizens will respond generously when they know the real need and we are going to make a special effort to acquaint them with the human needs of our neighbors." A special meeting of the board of directors of the Chest will be held next month to consider budget needs of the agencies and make preliminary plans for the campaign.

## Trustee George Iliff

### Undergoes Operation

Village Trustee George F. Iliff, 924 Linden avenue, is a patient in Evanston hospital, where on Saturday he submitted to an operation. Monday he was given a blood transfusion, his condition now being considered satisfactory. Mr. Iliff went to the hospital on Sunday, July 12, for examination. He returned home on the following Tuesday, after the operation was decided upon by his physicians, going back to the hospital Friday for preparation.

## Townsenders to Hear Convention Reports

The Townsend Club No. 1 of Wilmette will meet in the Wilmette Village hall Friday, July 24, at 8 o'clock. A feature of the session will be reports by delegates to the recent convention at Cleveland, to which all members and their friends are invited to listen. Information and literature may be had at 1125 Central avenue, and 440 Prairie avenue, Wilmette, and 839 Elm street, Winnetka.