

CIVICS**Fifth Grade Children Describe Village Institutions**

The following articles were written by the children of one of the fifth grades of the Wilmette schools following their study, as part of their work in civics, of various Wilmette institutions and enterprises. They are presented below, exactly as the children wrote them.

PREFACE

Mrs. Turner's fifth grade is studying Wilmette because we wanted to know more about the village we live in. We found we could not get much reading material, so we decided to take trips to places of importance. After these trips we wrote articles on what we saw and learned just like newspaper reporters would do. Then we decided to put the articles into book form. We hope you will learn something from our articles.

—E. Lloyd Jager.

GOVERNMENT OF WILMETTE

There is a president of Wilmette, a village clerk, and six trustees. Board meetings are held every month in the council room. The meetings are opened by prayer. All the laws have to go before the president. Some laws are not passed. When a law is passed and somebody does not obey it, they are taken to court.

When some person wants to build a house they have to have the plans okayed by the engineering and police department. If someone has had a disease they go to the health department to have a permit to go out. Court is held twice a week at the village hall. The people of Wilmette are proud of their government.

—Nancy L. Porter.

POST OFFICE

The post office has been located on the corner of Wilmette avenue and Park avenue since 1934. There is always some one in the post office from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

One of the rooms on the main floor is the bank department where the people get money orders and bonus money. On the same floor near the top of the room is the inspector's band where the inspector can see everything that is on that floor.

In the basement of the post office it is very clean. There are a swing room, a boiler room, and some storage rooms. The mail carriers use the swing room when they are off duty.

The postmaster's name is Mr. O'Connell.

There are about 43 people working in the post office, 18 of them are mail carriers who have to know all the addresses in their district. The people working in the post office have a very responsible job.

—Donald Neukranz

THE HARBOR

The coast guard station was built in 1933. The coast guard force is made up of nine men with an officer in charge. These men are from 18 to 25 years old. Men enlist for three years and live at the coast guard station all the year around. They are on call 24 hours a day. Men in the tower change duty every four hours each day. At night, two men are on duty, one in the tower and the other in the station.

The men have one day off every eight days. The government allows the men one dollar a day for food. One of the boys does the cooking. The station has four boats—three power boats and one large pulling boat that will hold 34 people. The boat can be launched in one-half a minute. There have been no serious accidents lately, just some capsized crafts. There were 59 cases of assistance since July. There were 173 boats in the harbor this summer.

I got my information from one of the coast guards men, when I visited the coast guard house.

—John Elias

FARMING OF WILMETTE

The farms in Wilmette are very small. The products they raise are brought to market and sold. Things they raise on farms are chickens, ducks, hens, grain, corn, vegetables, and pumpkins.

The way they kill the chickens is by

SPEAKING OF SAFETY

YOU MAY FORGET TO MAIL YOUR WIFE'S LETTERS...



OR YOU MAY BE ABSENT-MINDED



--OR YOU MAY HAVE A POOR MEMORY

BUT WHEN YOU START A CAR INSIDE A GARAGE, MISTER, YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER TO LEAVE THE DOORS WIDE OPEN!



—National Safety Council

taking a long stick about as long as a broom stick with a loop on the end of it and catch them by the neck.

At the fall of the year they plow the ground and scrape it; then it is ready to plant grain, corn, and vegetables in the spring. The horses are used for plowing and the cows for milking.

—Joan Savage

VISIT TO THE BAHAI TEMPLE

As we entered the Baha'i temple, I noticed it was very dark with the exception of a few dim lights. Our guide came forward and led us in to the room of worship. He told us the room we had just entered was the room of worship until the Baha'i temple is finished. It is a large room with over 70 beach chairs of one color. In the front of the room there was a large table with rugs on it and behind it. On the table there were two lamps. I also forgot to mention the rugs came from the Orient.

After the guide answered a few questions, we went out in the what you would call it, and saw a model of the temple as it will look after it is finished. Next we went up stairs and saw the main floor. It is not finished yet but I can imagine how beautiful it will look when it is finished.

—Ruth Ratny

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the time Wilmette was started the people didn't have a library because there weren't enough people—also there were not very many learned people in Wilmette at that time.

Later Anna Law started a place where people could buy books. She called it the Elmwood library but it wasn't what we would call a library now because you had to buy the books.

In 1901 the public library was started by Anna Law. She was quite an important person then; also she was the first librarian. Andrew Carnegie gave \$10,000 to have the building made. They found out later that they needed \$1,000 more, so he gave that, too! Later when the population grew they established a children's room; this was in 1906.

—Barbara Kieft

WILMETTE PARKS

Wilmette parks have been taken good care of. Washington park has the Wilmette bowl in it. The Wilmette bowl was a junk pile until the WPA came. They cleared the junk away; then they built the band shell. Next, they brought rocks and built the seats. Red-

gases. They are also called in case of drowning.

One day the fire department took a picture of it and put it in Chicago Sunday Tribune, hoping owner would see the picture and come for the goat. I saw the picture in Tribune and recognized him and my chauffeur after him.

—Rose Marie Chamal

CHRISTMAS SEALS

A total of 109,900 Christmas seals amount of \$1,099, were sold by the children of the Joseph Sears school, Kenilworth, it was pointed out this week. Last week's edition of WILMETTE credited the youngsters with only 10,

HOME FROM MICHIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoadley and their children returned Monday from Flint, Mich. The Hoadleys were the village over the New Year week-end visiting, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kreusch of 1734 Forest avenue and several other Wilmette people.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. N. Sweet are newcomers to Kenilworth, having moved from Evanston to their new home at 609 Ridge road last month. Their daughter, Shirley, has transferred to New Trier High school where she is a junior.

RETURN FROM ST. LOUIS

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Roberts of 1517 Forest avenue returned home Monday from St. Louis after spending Christmas and the holidays with Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. J. V. Morrill.

FLYING LESSONS

Capt. Frank Hawks, famous aviator and ace flyer who is starred in the Columbia new-type serial, "The Mysterious Pilot," is bringing to the screen a series of flying lessons designed to give the average theatre audiences the high spot fundamentals for an aviation career.

LORRE GETS NEW TERM

As a result of Peter Lorre's remarkable success in bringing a new character to the screen, that of 'Moto,' Darryl F. Zanuck, production chief at 20th Century-Fox, has ordered his option exercised.

NEW CHURCH CHAPTER

Bob Thybony explains the ideals of the recently organized "Brotherhood of St. Andrew" group at St. Augustine's Episcopal church to the members elected as officers.

The group is organized for a twofold purpose, first, as a training for adult church membership, and second, for social fellowship and sports among the younger church members. Reading left to right in the picture are: James Wal-

worth, member; David Walworth, director; Bob Thybony, sponsor; David Leach, treasurer; Chuck Haley, assistant director; and Paul Clauson, secretary.