

The Whist Club met on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson.

Mrs. Munch, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. N. Harford, has been suffering from lumbago.

The postponed annual meeting of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society will meet this afternoon with Miss May Sieber. A large attendance is hoped for.

Owing to the reception given by the gentlemen on Wednesday in the church parlors, the regular midweek prayer-meeting was held on Tuesday.

The Skokie Country club proposes to retain its repute as the most enterprising organization of its class on the North Shore by the building of two large additions to the club house. The new plans are said by those of competent judgment to be particularly clever, and exceedingly well adapted to the purpose of suburban recreation.

SEWERAGE QUESTION.

Editor News-Letter: In reference to the article under the heading of "Improving Glencoe," in your issue of the 11th of February, relating to the question of sewerage in Glencoe, it seems to seem with that pessimistic spirit that has been the stumbling block in the history of the village. A recital of the experiences the village has had in the bringing about of a few absolute requirements necessary to meet conditions, will demonstrate how difficult it is to get away from the calamity howler.

With very few exceptions the water system is greatly appreciated, and the wisdom of its adoption conceded by its former most bitter opponents, and is now paid for. The village hall was a public necessity, and is a credit to the enterprise of those who conceived it, and is being paid for on easy terms to the taxpayers.

Our latest public improvement is a monument that our present school board can well be proud of, and will appeal to every parent in the village. The contracts were awarded on very low figures, a corporate bond required, and the village well protected; the result being that few contractors made much money, and the village got splendid value. The school and grounds can be readily completed within a \$20,000 limit, and \$1,000 for coal is pretty broad-minded in view of the very conservative position he takes, but it is in harmony with the other figures quoted.

Returning to the question of sewerage, the most urgent requirement of the village to-day, without which it is impossible to improve our roadways, drain our basements or cellars, your correspondent overlooks these necessities, and practically confines himself to house sewerage. It is true that we cover a good deal of space in our village, and home are pretty

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well scattered, but since the advent of water, the natural drainage is not sufficient. Those who are selected to look after the welfare of our village would be derelict in their duties if they failed to endeavor to solve this problem.

In the proposition submitted to the property-owners, the price per front foot is limited to \$1. A great deal of time has been devoted by the council and board of local improvements; competent engineers have made estimates and submitted their views. If complete plans and specifications were prepared, it would cost about \$1,000 to \$1,500, and where is this money to come from? At present we have good authorities who state that a good system can be constructed to the Skokie at the price mentioned. In payment village bonds would be issued to be retired one-fifth each year as the assessment was collected. This would not be burdensome on the tax-payers and the workingman, and the property-owner would reap good returns by the class of people who would seek homes in our midst, and who will not come if we can not offer them modern improvements, good roads and schools.

In conclusion I beg to make an earnest appeal to every property-owner in Glencoe to be prompt in signing the circular sent out by the board of local improvements, for the property frontage, and which has the approval of the village council.

In sewerage to the Skokie it will occasion no offense, and is simply forestalling what the legislature will compel all North Shore suburbs to adopt later on.
Markham B. Orde.

DRAINAGE IN GLENCOE.

Referring to the article in The News-Letter of February 11, and without wishing to repeat what has been said or to enter the domain of controversy, I beg to submit the following more exact statement of facts as to expense of present improvements. A statement that "One of the workmen, etc., is reported to have said that it would cost \$1,000 a year for coal" for the new school is hardly a fair argument, when the fact is that it may take 100 tons per year.

The total school tax now being collected is \$13,700, of which amount \$8,000 is for the new building. This year, instead of this amount (\$8,000), we shall only have to levy \$1,000 with which to pay bonds maturing next year. If we assume that the new school will cost us \$1,000 a year more than the old school (an extremely liberal estimate), then this year's school levy will be \$6,000 less than it was last year and \$2,000 less than the year before. Does this look like making the burden "heavy for the future?"

Winnetka, alas, is "held up to us on all occasions." The News-Letter of February 18 says that thirty-three new houses are about to be built in Winnetka. Does anyone hear of such a prospect in Glen-

coe? Though, if people build here on the same scale, we can now give them ample

Winnetka neighbors are in danger of being crowded in their new "little red school house." If you are, Winnetka, send us the Lakesiders, and we'll take good care of them.
Horatio.

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