

WHERE IS THE TRUANT OFFICER?

This inquiry can be heard almost daily by the close observer. As one passes along on any of our principal streets between the hours of nine in the morning and three in the afternoon he can see young boys, not yet out of their knee pants, and older ones, loafing around the different places of business or engaged in an earnest game of marbles. Now who is to blame for such a state of affairs as exists in our own community?

We'll take for instance the average father, who goes to his daily toil be it mental or manual, and the good mother, after she has vouchsafed the husband and father and bid him a hearty good-bye, puts about with her usual duties around the house. Then getting Johnnie's clean waist and other garments she starts him to school, little knowing that as he lingers up town he falls in with others and together, as the writer has often seen, they write "notes" called excuses, to the teacher, who accepts them in all seriousness possible and in a great many cases the "excuse" stops right there. If the school board would follow up these notes in every case the attendance at the school would be materially increased.

Let every parent see to it that if duties at home prevent them from constant watch over their children during their school days, that the Board of Education be enlarged by that one important auxillary, the truant officer. ALEX.

DEATH OF MR. WALDO.

A. W. Waldo, one of the leading citizens of Lake county, died at his home in Libertyville, Monday evening, April 6th, at the age of 73 years. He was a native of Randolph, Vt., but came early in life to Chicago where he had a successful business, accumulating a handsome fortune, during which time he was a loyal citizen always attending to his political duties, having served in the city council many terms with marked success and great satisfaction to the people. But his love of farming was so great that he sold his Chicago lumber business and bought a 600 acre farm midway between Libertyville and Halfday where he resided many years, a very successful farmer. Some eight or ten years ago he sold his farm and built him a fine home in Libertyville, where he spent the balance of his days.

He served with credit during the civil war.

He often represented his town on

the county board as supervisor from Vernon and Libertyville and was one of the ablest, most conscientious and highly honored members of that board. He was very active in the county agricultural society and gave it freely of his time and money. His funeral was held Thursday at his home and the interment in Graceland. A. W. Waldo, of this city, was his only son, There are several daughters and a widow.

Special Assessment Notice No. 73.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that Park Avenue in said city be graded, drained, paved with macadam and otherwise improved, from its intersection with the easterly line of St. Johns Avenue, thence easterly to the intersection of said Park Avenue with the westerly line of Ravine Place in the City of Highland Park, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the Twenty-seventh day of April, A. D. 1903, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in Ten (10) annual installments with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum, on all installments except the first. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

JAMES H. DUFFY,

Officer appointed by County Court of Lake County, Illinois, to make said assessment.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, April 10th, A. D. 1903. 20-22

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