

### Report Toll Bridges on Increase; Warning to Motorists Given

The troublesome and costly toll bridges, which were generally believed to have passed away with toll highways, have recently been found to be increasing rapidly in numbers and a concerted effort to automobile owners is being made to stop their construction.

"The American Automobile Association," says Woman's Home Companion, "has branded the increase of toll bridges as a national disgrace. It has been discovered that 233 of such bridges operating in the United States, and 29 are under construction. Congress has authorized the construction of 122 new bridges and 78 more are projected. Three fourths of the present toll bridges are private ventures. The public builds the roads, encouraging traffic. But where the road meets a stream somebody puts up a bridge and makes the public pay to get across. In many cases the charges are extortionate. At one bridge in North Dakota which cost \$300, the toll is 50 cents. One in Maryland was called 'Gold Mine Bridge' because the owners made a million dollars in fifteen years. Another over a similar period, earned every year a gross income equal to three fourths of the original cost.

"Bridges as well as highways should be owned by the public. Congress has recognized this principle. Federal funds are provided as an aid to states on a fifty-fifty basis. This state can raise its share of the cost of a bridge by a bond issue with anticipated toll earnings as security. As soon as these tolls have paid off the bonds, the bridge is thrown open free to every wayfarer. Those who actually use the bridge pay for half of it and the other half is paid by the taxpayers of the nation because all benefit by a general ease of transportation."

### Glencoe Man to Head Northbrook Schools; Planning High School

Norman E. Watson, assistant superintendent of the Glencoe Public schools since 1925, has accepted the superintendency of the Northbrook schools. Mr. Watson's resignation from his present position was accepted at a special meeting of the Glencoe Board of Education two weeks ago, after the board had made overtures to him to reconsider his decision to leave Glencoe.

Mr. Watson has had the Northbrook offer under consideration for several weeks. He accepted it because of the financial inducement and the independent position it offers.

Growth in Northbrook is inevitable, Mr. Watson believes, and the town is desirous of a change in the administration and organization of its schools to keep pace with this growth.

Northbrook is now an elementary school district, but plans the organization of a high school within the next year, with the junior high school as the first unit. A gymnasium-auditorium addition to the present plant is to be built this summer.

### Coastguard Station May Move to Wilmette

Wilmette and other north shore yachtsmen, it is understood, are bringing strong pressure to bear upon Admiral F. C. Billard, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, to have the coast guard station located at the foot of University place in Evanston moved to Wilmette harbor.

The station was established in Evanston in 1876 by citizens, and for a number of years its personnel was

made up of Northwestern university students under the direction of a coast guard captain.

A commission of three, composed of coast guard captains at Buffalo, Milwaukee, and Louisville, which has been appointed to investigate the proposed removal of the Evanston station to Wilmette, last week discussed the matter with President Louis K. Gillson, of the Wilmette Park board, on whose property the station would be erected.

### Making Politeness

A friendly child is instinctively polite and needs only to see the forms of good manners to adopt them on his own initiative.—Farm & Fireside.

### Baby's Handicap

Generally the "only child" might be called the "too much" child; the child who has to endure too much training, who is subject to too much anxiety, too much interference and too much observation. — Woman's Home Companion.



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