

Inklings from Neighboring Towns

Libertyville observed a "Progress Program" last week marking the rapid progress of the village. In spite of the depression period this town has emerged from the slump with all departments operating with a clean slate. Commemorating the occasion all business houses engaged in a "Progress Program" last weekend, while the local newspapers featured special editions.

A re-check of the preliminary Winnetka census figures as released from the Waukegan district office recently was undertaken last Monday at the instigation of Winnetka village officials.

The preliminary figures showed that the population of Winnetka had dropped from 12,166 in 1939 to 11,712 in 1940. A census of the school district taken by the Winnetka board of education in June gave a total of 12,605 persons. The school district, however, does not include the part of Winnetka south of Winnetka avenue but does include a few blocks in Glencoe.

The re-checking was begun on by order of George W. Schreech, census area manager.

The Glencoe playground water carnival, postponed from Thursday evening of last week, will be held tonight, August 8, according to Playground Director Howard Copp.

D. Melville Carr of the Red Cross will demonstrate newest methods of life saving, including the use of torpedo buoys and surf-boards for multiple rescues. Mr. Carr will also announce the start of a Red Cross school for those desiring to become Red Cross examiners.

George Scheuchenflug, "Mr. X of Highland Park," will give a canoe and life saving demonstration show.

The navy amphibian which crashed into Lake Michigan Friday morning was raised from its bed in twenty feet of water at 5:00 a.m. Monday. A dead calm at that time made the work of the sailors working on the craft comparatively simple, Great Lakes naval station officials said.

The plane was disassembled after being brought ashore and was shipped to the naval air base at Glenview, where it will be repaired and put in flying order.

Waukegan for the first time in its history is listed in the fifth class on fire insurance ratings as a result of the recent investigation conducted there by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The city was formerly listed in sixth class. The new rating will mean a noticeable reduction in fire insurance premiums on commercial and industrial buildings, although insurance men refused to hazard a guess as to what the savings in dollars and cents will be.

N. S. Hiking Club Takes Another Stroll Next Sunday Morning

"Given the planet, it is still necessary to add the impulse; so, to every creature nature added a little violence of direction in its proper path, a shove to put it on its way; in every instance, a slight generosity, a drop too much. Without electricity the air would rot, and without this violence of direction which men and women have, without a spice of

bigot and fanatic, no excitement, no efficiency." Thus we justify our call to the open road.

Next Sunday morning, Aug. 11, the North Shore Hiking club, sponsored by the Isaak Walton league, will, rain or shine, leave at 9 a.m. sharp the parking lot at the west end of Oak street in Winnetka to drive to the Winnetka Elm street railroad station park to pick up at 9:16 a.m. those walkers who care to come by the North Shore Electric from Lake Forest and Evanston and points between. A leisurely morning stroll with ample rest periods will be on the program. Back from this tramp through the woods by 1 p.m. Both men and women of all creeds and all ages are invited to enjoy the companionship of very pleasing people many of whom they will meet for the first time.

Ask the astronomer (professor at Northwestern) to explain his strange and fascinating job as manager of the giant telescope on public nights at the Northwestern University observatory. Ask the winner of medals in hiking races in South Africa all about that strange country. Ask Bosco, who eats 'em alive—we are getting a little ahead of ourselves at this point. But we do guarantee you something very unique from our fellow travellers if you have enough imagination to change your Sunday morning routine just the slightest bit and show up any Sunday morning 52 Sundays a year. Even you will expand like a balloon. See you Sunday.

Old Age Insurance Claims May Be Filed Any Time After 65

Workers can file their claims for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance at age 65 or any time thereafter, whether or not they plan to retire, Mr. Albert S. Lewis, manager of the Social Security Board's office at Waukegan, pointed out today. He explained, however, that insurance payments will not be made to any worker as long as he is employed—that is, the worker will not receive an insurance payment for any month in which he earns as much as \$15 on a job covered by the law.

Mr. Lewis stated that workers age 65 or older who are planning to file a claim for insurance payments should consult the Social Security Board office on two separate points. First, the employee may not have worked long enough to be eligible for benefits, but if he continues to work he may qualify later. Any worker who plans to retire in order to get his insurance payments should inquire whether he is eligible before quitting his job.

The second point on which Mr. Lewis advises workers of 65 or more to consult the Social Security office is concerned with the amount of the worker's benefits. He explained that

the amount of each employee's benefit will be determined by the monthly average of wages he has received under the system prior to the time he applies for benefits, whether or not he continues to work. In some instances where the employee continued to work, the amount of his benefit would be increased if he waits and fills his claim later. In other cases where the employee is working at a lower wage than formerly, it might be to his advantage to file his claim at once.

Radio Theatre Inc. Announces First Play Writing Contest

Radio-Theatre, Inc., of Chicago, today announced its first play writing contest, with two hundred dollars offered as prizes. The four best full-length plays selected by a play-reading board, will each receive twenty-five dollars and will be publicly produced by Radio-Theatre, Inc., during the 1940-41 season. At the end of the season, a grand prize of \$100 will be awarded to the best play chosen from these four winners. This award will be made at a playwright's dinner to be held in Chicago, on Saturday, May 17, 1941. Contest closes September 28, 1940. Rules may be obtained by writing to Radio-Theatre, Inc., 116 E. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

This organization is a non-profit theatre . . . maintained as an avocation by a group of professional actors, directors, and technicians from the legitimate stage, network radio, motion pictures, and television! This group has adopted a policy of searching for new talent and producing only new manuscripts. In the furtherance of this policy the present contest is being held.

Traffic Ducking Foolhardy Practice

Among all the faults we observe in motorists each day, none is so dangerous nor foolhardy as ducking in and out of traffic. In any traf-

fic line there's always a fellow who noses out of his lane, pushes the accelerator to the floorboard, only to squeeze into line again two or three cars ahead of where he started.

Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, says that the strain this fellow and his ilk create, both on himself and others and the wear and tear on brakes and tires, is a bit out of proportion to the gain he realizes. Mr. Hayes cites a case where two drivers were started over a 50-block course in Cleveland, one abiding by traffic rules, the other running amber lights and dodging in and out of traffic. When they crossed the finish line, Mr. Burnemup Speedemon was exactly one car-length ahead of the common sense motorist.

Another recent experiment was conducted along much the same lines, this time with several drivers who drove sensibly and another group who were told not to "spare

the horses." The speedy group covered the course in 28 minutes while those who drove within the law took 32 minutes. The speeders registered an average pulse of 112 while the calmer ones' rate was 80. The test showed that when a passing car cut in ahead of the test car, the driver's pulse jumped to 115.

This kind of "time-saving" is too silly to be tolerated by any thinking motorist.

Clean air every day for whole cities. Bad weather shut out where it belongs; no hay fever to rack victims, no more colds to cut down working hours, comfortable climate for everybody at maybe \$15 per person per year. Don't miss this interesting article in *The American Weekly*, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

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