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## WINNETKA SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 8

Many Improvements in and about Buildings Have been Made for Comfort and Convenience

### FIND CROWDED CONDITION

Growth of Village Population Will Cause Congestion in Classrooms, Plan New Structure

School opens Monday, September 8. The children will go back to the schools newly decorated and to a remarkable fine corps of teachers. Horace Mann school has been retinted throughout, the basement painted, and the sidewalks repaired. The comfort rooms have been painted, made more sanitary, and been provided with ventilating fans. The Skokie school has been retinted where necessary. The grounds have been drained and the trees trimmed. Every room, corridor and dressing room at Greeley has been re-calculated and all necessary repairs have been made.

### New Playground Equipment

Supplementary reading books and playground apparatus have been provided for all the schools. A general Science laboratory has been equipped at the Horace Mann school for the use of all 7th and 8th grade children in Winnetka.

The only serious want of the schools now is more space. The congestion in all three schools this year will be unprecedented and severe. Winnetka has grown at a startling rate, and the increase in the school enrollment last year was nearly double the average increase of the preceding three years. This crowding will seriously interfere with the best work of both teachers and children. The only relief possible will be the erection of an upper grade school during this coming year. To this end every effort of the Board of Education and all civic bodies will be directed.

## Soldier "Missing" Is Reported Dead

Word has reached Winnetka announcing the death of Pasquale Salerno, Winnetka fighter, in an army hospital in France on October 20, 1918.

Salerno had been reported missing following a terrific engagement at the front late in the war. Salerno joined his regiment in April, 1917, and left for France in July, 1917. He was wounded in September of that year, recovered and was sent back to the firing line. Several months later he was again wounded, the injury this time proving fatal. He died on October 20, 1918, according to word from the War department and the Red Cross. The record of his death was found only a few weeks ago, it is said.

Salerno's Winnetka home was at 948 Willow street.

### No Party for Soldiers

Announcement of a party at the home of Mrs. Pauline C. Clark, 769 Linden avenue, for wounded men from the Fort Sheridan army hospital, as published in last week's issue of the Weekly Talk, was untrue, according to Mrs. Clark. The information was given a representative of the Weekly Talk by friends of Mrs. Clark.

### Car Kills Village Pet

A fox terrier dog, the property of Thomas Enright, Hubbard Woods, was run over and killed by an automobile last week. The dog was a general favorite in the vicinity of Mr. Enright's residence especially with the children. He has been in Mr. Enright's possession over 13 years.

### Glenview Defeated

Winnetka Triangle A. C. defeated Glenview Sunday at Winnetka 21 to 6. Lucchasi pitched a good game for the locals.

### Back at Postoffice

Charles Dehmlow, of Elm street, returned to his position as a clerk at the Winnetka postoffice this week.

### Visits Winnetka Friends

Everett Hiler, former manual training teacher at the Horace Mann school, returned to Winnetka this week for a brief visit with friends.

## Malone, Constitutional Convention Delegate Candidate, Foe of Corporation Tax-Dodgers

Qualifications of William H. Malone, of Park Ridge, candidate for delegate from the 7th district to the Constitutional Convention, have been set forth in the accompanying extract from the Cook County Herald.

Mr. Malone, who was president of the State Board of Equalization just prior to and at the time of its dissolution, has, according to the Herald article, been highly commended by the Chicago Real Estate Board, civic organizations throughout the state and by many of the larger newspapers.

The endorsement of Mr. Malone's candidacy follows:

If the Republican voters of the 7th Senatorial District once realize "why" Mr. William H. Malone, of Park Ridge is a candidate for the Constitutional Convention, he will be accorded the biggest majority ever given any candidate in this district. The so-called "invisible" government of this state, controlled by corporations and big moneyed interests ordered the elimination of the State Board of Equalization. Last winter it started the wheels of the legislature to turning for the sole purpose of sticking the profiteering knife of the corporations deep into the pocket-books of the farmers and property owners of the state.

For 40 years the State Board of Equalization equalized the taxes in favor of the corporations, then Mr. Malone became a member. Mr. Malone was a clean-cut Republican and no one had any strings tied to him or his. He immediately saw the rotten deal that was being handed to the property owners of the state. He soon convinced a majority of the other members of the State Board of Equalization, and the invisible control of the board by the corporate interests was ruthlessly cut, with the result that the corporations and notably the Pullman Company and various railroads were called upon to pay their just share of taxes.

The corporations turned to the courts to prevent such a "robbery" as they termed it. The highest class of legal profession could do nothing to lower their taxes and they soon realized that unless the State Board of Equalization was wiped out of existence they would be forced to

pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes that were heretofore paid by the farmers and village land owners.

Their first step was to pay large retaining fees to "political" lawyers, then the legislative machinery was set in action, with the result that it ground out of existence the Board of Equalization in the middle of its term. It did not dare to wait until the present members had completed their work. Instead, it ordered the payment of salary to the members for the next two years and kicked them out.

In the place of these 25 men, elected by the people, and responsible to the people, the work will be done by three men politically appointed and responsible to the invisible government that appointed them.

The State of Illinois is to have a new constitution, framed by the men who will be chosen at the primaries September 10. These men are supposed to consist, not of politicians, but men of real ability, who after great study will present to the voters a constitution that will be supposedly perfect. The old Board of Equalization by a resolution passed at its last meeting asked that their president Mr. Malone become a candidate and if elected as a member of the Constitutional Convention, be in a position to acquaint that body with the needs of taxation reforms in Illinois.

Mr. Malone is recognized at a tax expert. During his political career, he has been fearless and has repeatedly fought to give the people a square deal. Not even his enemies can claim that in becoming a candidate, he has any personal interests to serve. His spectacular fight at Springfield last spring brought him to the attention of the entire state. Civic organizations of large cities have approved of his course, the Cook County Real Estate board has openly commended him and some of the large Chicago and state newspapers have voiced their approval and insisted that he should be a member of the Constitutional Convention.

Vote for him September 10. Last name on ballot.

Mr. Malone is a member of the Hamilton club, Cook County Real Estate Board, Park Ridge Country club.

—Cook County Herald

## National Allied Relief Committee Makes Appeal to Winnetkans for Contributions

The accompanying article is in the nature of an appeal for aid issued from the headquarters of the National Allied Relief Committee in New York City. The article comes under the heading, "Germany's Worst Crime", and describes "the brutal treatment of war prisoners in a manner beyond all human conception." The Weekly Talk reprints the story by special request of leading Winnetka residents interested in the work of the Allied Relief Committee. The article in full reads:

Many repatriated prisoners from Germany are at this time in a most deplorable condition. We refer to French, British and Belgian prisoners, some of whom were held for years in the German dens of horror that, for infamy, heartlessness and diabolical practices, were horrible beyond the conception of honest-minded, God-fearing people. And these hapless, wretched captives included women and the aged, children and babies in arms, as well as men, formerly strong and able-minded, but now broken in health and feeble because of the dastardly, dishonorable treatment they received as prisoners of war.

Nine months (since the Armistice of November 11, 1918) have sufficed to see the vast majority of prisoners held in Germany repatriated to their several countries. This means that thousands upon thousands of utterly helpless people have streamed back through Switzerland, and across the borders into France and Belgium while many have been transported to England. History holds nothing equal the record of criminal enormity established against the Germans with these prisoners as living evidence upon which to base indictment.

Bear in mind that these sufferers have been returned by the thousands, and let us repeat that the overwhelming majority are absolutely helpless and in pitiable condition. Perhaps the most appalling fact, and the fact to arouse greatest indignation, is that numerous of these people have

returned home hopelessly insane. This number includes men, women, young girls and little children. Think of it—helpless, unoffending little children who, from brutal persecution and constant terror, have lost their minds!

Children and those of maturer years alike were subjected to the indignities and persecution of their German captors. They were herded together like cattle, without regard to sex or physical condition, in revolting filthy quarters. They were given substances, nauseating and devoid of nutriment under the name of food. Prisoners in name, but slaves in fact, they were made to work, even when they were sick or at the point of exhaustion. And when their failing strength, due to over-exertion and lack of nourishment, made it impossible for them to continue at labor, they were subjected to the brutal punishment of their German guards. In fact, it was a never failing source of amusement to the Germans to use the lash, bayonet or rifle butt upon these helpless, wretched people, or to encourage their police dogs to attack them.

Let us add a word about the children. Many were dragged away into captivity and, at their tender age, the conditions under which they lived are bound to have had a terrible effect upon their developing lives. They suffered from hunger and brutal treatment, they lived in deadly winter weather, clad only in the thin summer clothing they wore when taken prisoners. Not only did the condition breed disease, but these children contracted disease from the afflicted ones with whom they were forced to live. Tuberculosis and typhus are among the scourges against which they battled and survived, only to return home with health undermined if, indeed, they are not insane. Many children were born in captivity and they, with these other children, have gone back

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## NOTED WAR WORKER HOME FROM FRANCE

Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, North Shore Physician, Returns After Many Months in War Zone

### AIDED WAR REFUGEES

Established Preventorium and Hospital for French Children whose Fathers Died in Battle

Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, Winnetka physician, who for three years was engaged in relief work among the French war refugees and particularly among the children in the devastated sections of the French Republic, returned to the United States Monday with a group of hospital workers.

Dr. Brown is in New York temporarily but expects soon to return to Winnetka and the north shore to resume the practice she relinquished in the days of the great war to devote all her time to relief work in the war zone.

### Aided Starved Children

Dr. Brown was particularly active in the region of Chavaniac where she was principally interested in the establishment of a hospital and Preventorium in the Chateau Lafayette under the direction of the American Fund for French Wounded. Her splendid work was successful in great measure because of voluntary contributions from residents of Winnetka.

Residents of Winnetka are preparing plans for a reception upon Dr. Brown's return to the north shore. The plans, it is expected, will be under the direction of the Winnetka women in charge of the Dr. Brown Gift Shop, an institution established during the war for the express purpose of establishing a fund from proceeds from the sale of furniture, books, china, glassware, silver and jewelry donated by Winnetka.

### RECKLESS MOTORIST ASSESSED \$25 FINE

Sunday morning witnessed a string of 200 autos moving along Sheridan road in parade formation. The passengers were all members of the International Order of Vikings on their way to Waukegan to spend the day at a picnic.

Near the William Bross Lloyd home, at 830 Sheridan road, Alexander Nelson, 935 Belden avenue, Chicago, driving a large touring car, left the line to look at his tires thinking there was a puncture. He pulled to the left side and by doing so crashed directly into a south bound machine being driven by W. B. Taylor, Jr., of 5538 Kenmore avenue, Chicago.

Accompanying Taylor in the machine were his mother, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Baumann, 1815 Farwell avenue, Chicago, and their daughter Mary, two and one-half years old.

Mrs. Taylor and the girl were considerably injured about the fact and limbs. Beyond a shaking up the rest of the party were uninjured. Both machines were badly damaged, Taylor receiving the brunt of the collision.

Nelson was arraigned before Judge Nelson Monday afternoon, charged with reckless driving and fined \$25.

### MRS. MARY J. WILMARTH WILL BE BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary J. Wilmarth, who died early Thursday morning, will take place Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold L. Ickes, in Hubbard Woods. Brief services were held today at the Lake Geneva home of Mrs. Wilmarth. Burial will be private at Graceland.

Mrs. Wilmarth, widow of Henry D. Wilmarth, was one of the oldest residents of Chicago and one of its most generous philanthropists, public and social leaders, she was long associated with Jane Addams.

Mrs. Wilmarth had been confined to her home at Lake Geneva since August 8 as the result of a fall in which she sustained a fractured hip.

### Washburne Returns

Superintendent C. W. Washburne and family returned Tuesday from Michigan where they visited at a summer resort.

### Goes to California

Mrs. Stella Winslow, Village clerk, is spending a month's vacation with friends at Long Beach, California. She will return about September 1.

## HOUSING OF TEACHERS NOW SERIOUS PROBLEM

Fear Schools May Lose Several Excellent Instructors If Conditions Are Not Improved

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS HELP

Woman's Club, Board of Education, Community House and Parent-Teachers' Body Assist

Winnetka still faces a serious problem in the matter of housing its teachers for this school year. Unless some of the public spirited citizens take it upon themselves to make homes for these young women, who are coming to educate the children, there is danger that Winnetka will again lose some of its best teachers on account of unsatisfactory housing conditions, according to Superintendent Washburne.

### Seeks Real Homes for Teachers

In selecting teachers for the Winnetka Public schools, their personality, culture, and refinement are taken into consideration as much as their technical training, he says. None have been selected who could not grace any home in the Village. The Teachers' Housing committee, representing the Board of Education, Woman's Club, Community House, and Parent-Teacher association, is earnestly appealing to all people who have any room at all in their homes to open their doors to Winnetka's teachers. Those who are willing to consider such an arrangement should communicate immediately with Mrs. M. H. Lieber, Winnetka, 570, or with Superintendent C. W. Washburne, Winnetka 850.

## DACHSHUND PROVES NIL AS POLICE DOG

The Dachshund breed of the canine family is in general disrepute since it came to be attached to everything that savored of Germanism. One wonders not then, that Winnetka's policeman, after catching one of the elongated specimens of dogdom, held it under surveillance for further investigation prior to the inevitable trip to the Village Pound.

The Dachshund might have gained absolute liberty and even become a real pet about the station house but for a sad turn of affairs Wednesday night.

Policeman Edward Cummings, while traveling his beat on that night, came upon a prowling negro. The man was immediately taken to the station house for some pertinent questioning. He volunteered the information that his name was James Hopkins and that he called Glencoe his home. He could give no satisfactory street address and was about to be placed in the lock-up.

Motorcycle policeman Flaherty comes into the story at this juncture. Cummings had to get back on his patrolling job, so he placed his prisoner in charge of the speed demon and departed.

Flaherty continued pressing his charge for more definite reasons for his prowling habits. He turned his back on the captive for an instant at a yelp from the Dachshund, and did an "about-face" just in time to see the negro gallop out of the station door.

Flaherty started in hot pursuit calling loudly to the Dachshund to assist in the chase. The Dachshund started out as if in earnest, described several wide circles about the fugitive in mock attempt to cut off his flight, suddenly turned and dashed back to the station house. The negro escaped.

Dachshund will be executed. The exact time has not been set. "German treachery," says Flaherty.

## JOHN CORDNER WEST DROWNED WHILE ON VACATION TRIP

John Cordner West, 937 Gordon Terrace, Hubbard Woods, was drowned Saturday at St. Joseph, Michigan where he was spending his vacation with Mrs. West and three children, John, Jessie and Roy.

Mr. West was caught in a strong undertow and although an expert swimmer, was unable to save himself and rescuers were also helpless.

The remains were brought home for burial Wednesday at Graceland. Services were held from the Graceland chapel by the Reverend Douglas Cornell of Glencoe.

### Back from Long Tour

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carlson of Hubbard Woods returned this week from a 2,800 mile automobile trip in the eastern states.