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"Locking The Stable"

Winnetka is about to "lock the stable after the horse has been stolen."

Twice within a month Winnetka fire officials have appealed frantically to Wilmette to save sections of the Village threatened with total destruction by fire. In a Village of many homes and much valuable property there is not the adequate fire apparatus to take care of a blaze in the smallest countryside.

Up-to-date Winnetka should have the very latest improved facilities for fire-bombing property-destroying and life-endangering conflagrations. As a matter of fact we have a second-hand, improvised firetruck scarcely adequate to extinguish the blaze of a good sized bon-fire.

Village officials and councilmen are not entirely to blame. When a few years ago there came a request for a new fire truck much objection was apparent in the Village to the expenditure of \$4,000 for fire apparatus. Since that time Village officials have been hesitant about going into further expense for fear of serious objection upon the part of the tax-payers.

We are glad to note however that action upon the proposition of purchasing modern fire fighting equipment is soon to be taken by the Village Council and that at the last session of that body the matter was discussed following a report of an investigation made by the Village Manager.

It is hoped the lesson of this week's series of fires will have the effect of prompt action at the Village Hall and that a modern booster pumping engine will be included in the apparatus to be purchased so that firemen will not have to depend entirely upon the fluctuating pressure supplied through the water mains.

Winnetka has an experienced fire chief and a splendid corps of men who assist him. Give them the proper facilities for fighting fires and the danger of fires in the Village will be reduced to a minimum.

We, Toc, Might Be Free

Yellow fever, that plague of the canal zone, has been entirely eradicated by the application of proper principles of sanitation and the insistence upon their use by all the people. Yellow fever as a menace to mankind is gone, never to return.

This concerns the people of the northern countries little in a personal way. Few have had experience with the terrifying fever of the south, few know that it was in the past to be in the vicinity of the "plague", and so we in the temperate zone have no full appreciation of what it means to have the danger all removed.

We might call upon our imagination a little, however, and think how much the burden of life would be lightened if we could say of tuberculosis, of typhoid, of hydrophobia, for instance, that never again would they raise their ugly heads to threaten our peace and happiness. And this might be realized if only the public of this country would devote itself to the carrying out of the health regulations that are recommended.

If everyone were to be protected against typhoid by modern scientific means, if everybody were to do what he knows he ought to do to prevent his infection with tuberculosis or to

prevent the infection of others, if every dog should be muzzled for even one year, we should realize our freedom from these three ills that bring in their train every year stricken home, months of suffering, and a great financial burden. It is as easy as that to do and, in the present state of the public mind, as impossible as it is to control the winds that blow.

The Swiss Commission

A large commission from Switzerland is visiting the United States for the purpose of studying the industrial systems of the country. Certainly an unfortunate time has been chosen for the journey, for there is little in our industrial conditions today that invites emulation.

In the days before the war the conditions that prevailed in American industry would have excited wonder in the minds of representatives of the same industry in the old world. American working men were better paid, better housed, better provided for in every way than those of any country on the other side of the sea. The American working man's home would have been a revelation to those accustomed to the standards that prevailed in Europe in the days before the war.

Today every industry in America is suffering from the paralyzing effect of the conditions that are breeding greater and greater under-production. How little may we do, seems to be the watchword of those who are producing the necessities of the general public. Selfish proprietors have little interest in increasing their profits beyond a set point because of the revenue law that requires the payment of a large proportion into the coffers of the government under the excess profit tax. The devastating effect of the "cost plus" plan, originated and followed by the departments of war and the navy during the period of production of war materials, is felt everywhere. The more the output of the materials could be made to cost, the greater would be the per cent of profit allowed. It is the habit of mind that it is not easy to dissipate now that conditions are different.

So far as organization and system in the operation of the great industries of America are concerned, the Swiss delegation will no doubt be impressed by what they see in their tour of the great industrial centers of the United States. This country has produced men of genius in that respect and their works are marvelous as a background of our industrial life. But the more superficial conditions of the operation of the great systems that have been evolved are bewildering enough to the student of economic conditions who is familiar with the American character. To the men of foreign birth and old world standards there must seem to be no explanation of the conditions that they find to be existent.

Seeing America Without Ceremony

It is a compliment that the American people should appreciate which the King of the Belgians pays to the American President in the cancellation of all engagements arranged for his entertainment and amusement, because he has no heart for such activities when the chief executive lies stricken with illness.

King Albert, his queen and his heir will have an opportunity to see America under circumstances that are seldom accorded to distinguished guests, circumstances that will reveal to them the real people and the real country in a way that no official demonstrations and functions would enable them to discover. It is more than possible that a man of the democratic nature that the King of the Belgians appears to possess is more than ready to welcome the opportunity to see America as a private citizen would see it, regretting, of course, the misfortune that has brought that opportunity to him.

The first annual convention of the Better Community Service association was held at Champaign, Ill., last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Ira Couch Wood formerly of Winnetka, was one of the principal speakers. James B. Densmore, formerly of Winnetka.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Adult

Hubbard—Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great.
 Adams—The American Spirit.
 Wheeler—Yesterdays in a Busy Life.
 Dick—The American Hoyle.
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 Henderson—Practical Nursing.
 Page—The Modern Gasoline Engine, Automobile.
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 Crofe—Electrical Machinery.
 Hogarth—The Penetration of Arabia.
 Hapgood—Paul Jones.
 Mahoney—First Steps in Americanization.
 Fitch—Plays.
 Phelps—Advance of English Poetry in the 20th Century.
 Yard—Books of National Parks.
 Sinclair—Mary Oliver.
 Conrad—The Arrow of Gold.
 Mundy—The Ivory Trail.
 France—The Amethyst Ring.
 Locke—Far Away Stories.
 Ashford—The Young Visitors.
 Van Dyke—The Valley of Vision.
 Tarkington—Ramsey Milholland.
 Lockhart—The Fighting Shepherdess.
 Bartlett—Joan and Company.
 Marshall—The House of Merriles.
 Pryce—Christopher.
 Clifford—Miss Fingal.
 Rinehart—Dangerous days.
 Deland—The Promise of Alice.
 Johnston—The Gay Dombeyes.

Juvenile

Hart—School History of the United States.
 Malory—The Romance of King Arthur; illustrated by Arthur Bachham.
 Caryl—The Admiral's Caravan.
 Brown—At the Butterfly House.
 Gregor—Running Fox.
 Burgess—Adventures of Bob White.
 Colum—Boy Who Knew What the Birds Said.
 Vetrill—Harper's Gasoline Engine Book.
 Darrow—Boys Book for Young Naturalists.
 Smith—Good Old Stories for Boys and Girls.
 Altsheuler—Master of the Peaks.
 Mr. William M. Hoyt has very kindly donated to the library fourteen volumes of Elbert Hubbard's "Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great." At his request these books have been placed upon the reading table where they are accessible to the general public.

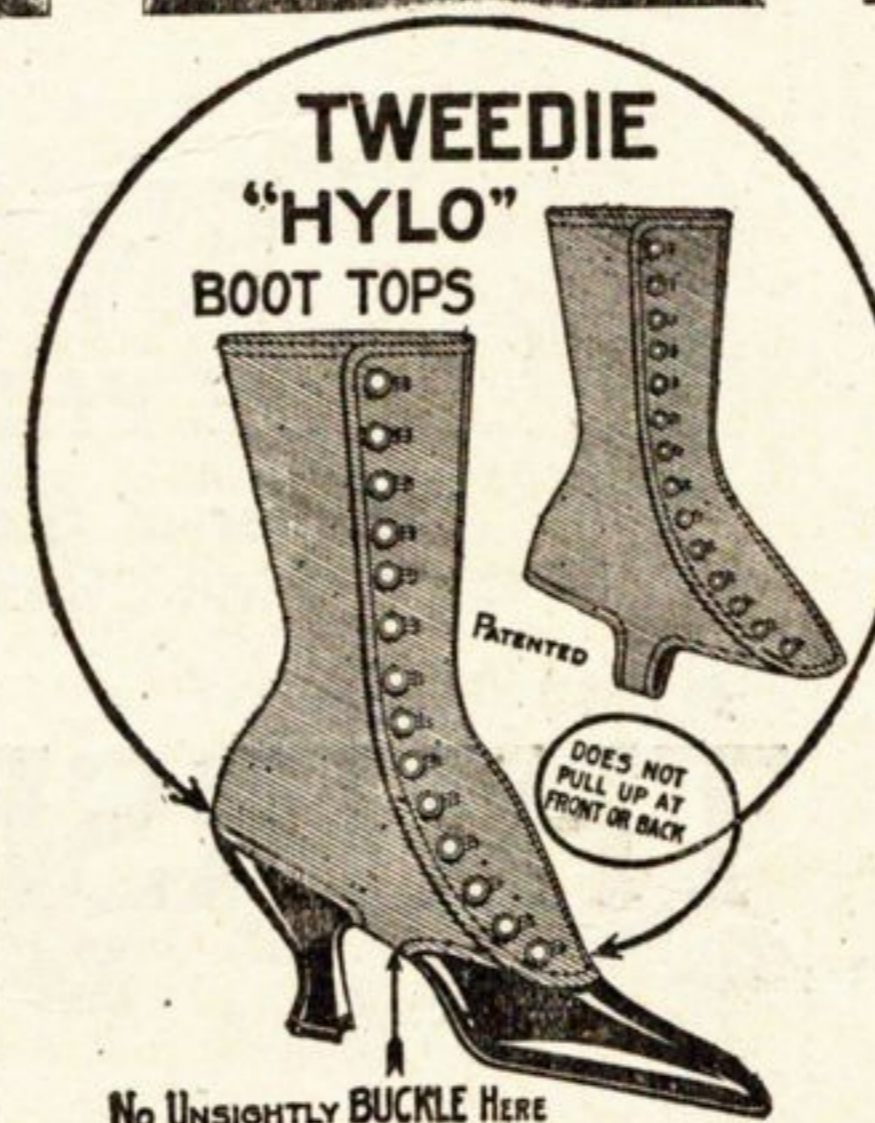
BISHOP ATWOOD AT CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

At Christ church, Sheridan road and Humboldt avenue, the preacher next Sunday morning will be the Rt. Reverend Julius W. Atwood, Missionary Bishop of Arizona.

Bishop Atwood has visited the parish on several occasions in the past, and he has an interesting story to tell of his work in the west, of which has been in charge for the past 8 years. At the present time he is attending the General convention of the Episcopal church, which began its three weeks' sessions at Detroit last Wednesday.
 A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

JEWISH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Winnetka Jews are opening a Sunday school at the Winnetka Women's club. The first session of the school was held Sunday, October 6. There was a good attendance and present indications point to a successful school for Winnetka.

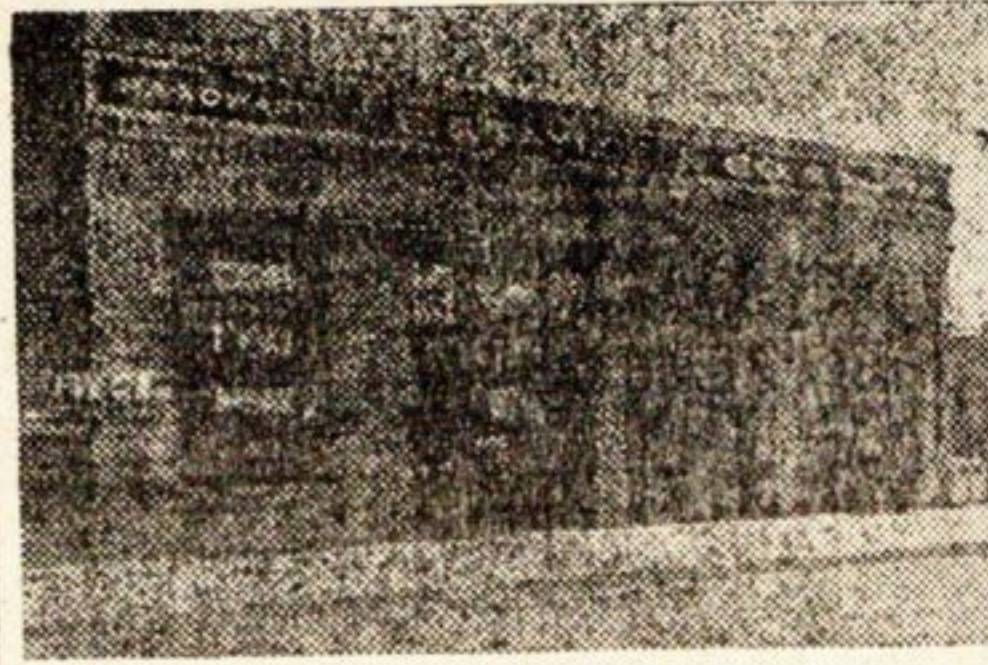


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NEW FIRE APPARATUS?
 Village Manager H. L. Woolhiser, Tuesday evening presented to the Village Council the result of an investigation relative to new fire ap-

paratus for the Village. No definite action was taken by the Council following the report. This week's series of fires is expected to hasten action at the Village Hall.



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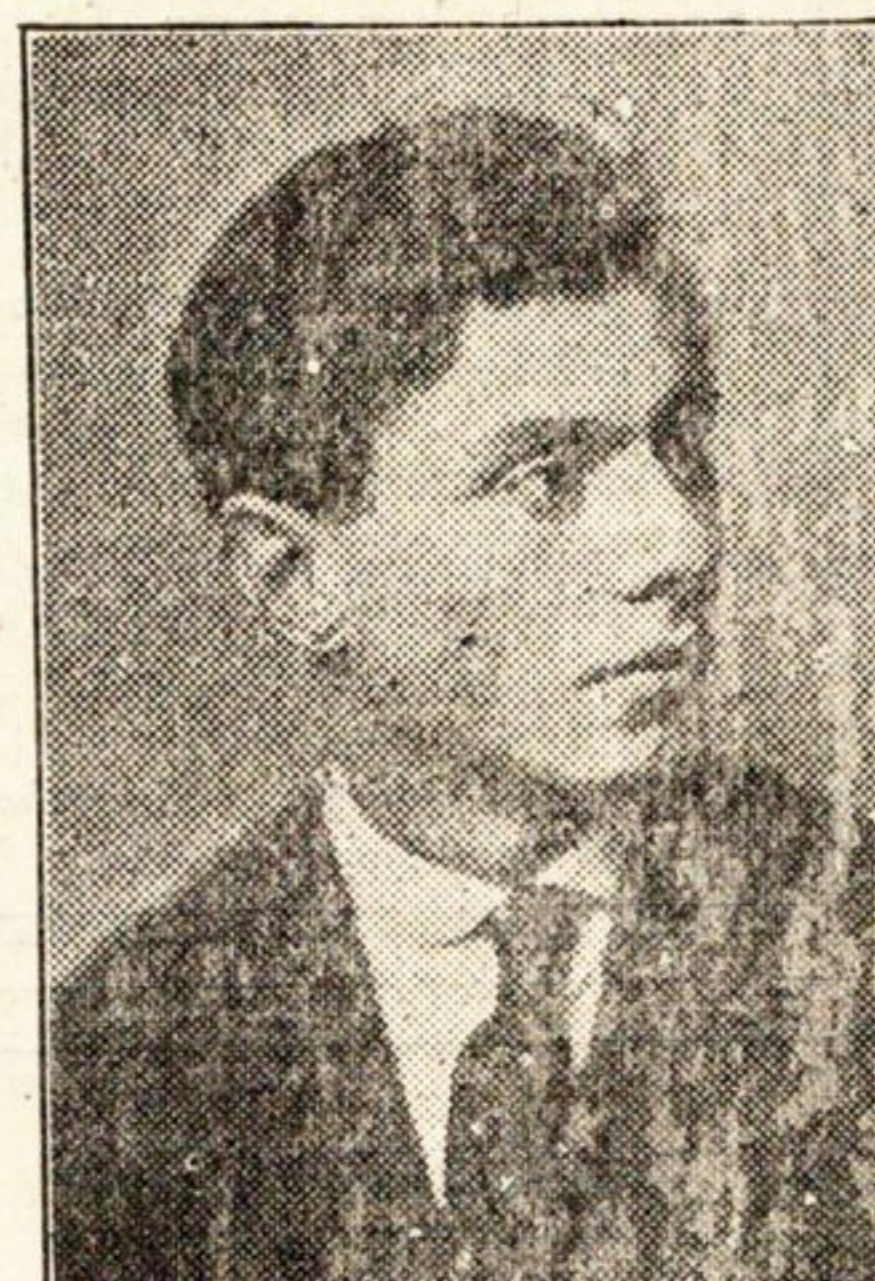
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