

School Board Head Explains Location and Type of Winnetka's Proposed New School Site

The annual report of the President of the Board of Education in Winnetka has just been issued. It shows an appallingly rapid growth in the Winnetka School population, and a corresponding need for more adequate building facilities.

After a tabulation of the expenses of the schools for the past three years, and an analysis of these figures, President Bell presents graphically the relative rates of growth of school buildings and school enrollment. His chart shows that while in 1914 there was room for every child enrolled in the schools, that in 1915, although the Skokie school provided for an increased attendance of 100 children, the attendance actually increased by 140. From that time on the growth in school population has steadily outdistanced the building growth, until this year the school enrollment has broken all records, and crowded the schools to the breaking point.

Mr. Bell explains how the Board of Education has contrived to house a number of pupils which is nearly double the proper capacity of the school buildings. He says: "The assembly rooms in all the schools are used as class rooms. In the Horace Mann school the assembly room has been cut up for use as two class rooms. There is no general assembly place except the corridors. Even part of corridors in this school have been partitioned off for rooms. A former dressing room at Greeley school is used for classes. At Horace Mann classes are held in the basement and attic. Rooms without windows at Skokie school, intended for manual training and domestic science, are used as class rooms. The Horace Mann kindergarten has been moved to the Parish house, and so on. Comprehensive relief gauged by our future as well as our present needs is imperative. We have exhausted the temporary expedients. Our schools are far better than the average, but they will run down hill rapidly unless relief is forthcoming."

President Bell then goes on to sketch the building program of the Board of Education to relieve the congestion. He says that the three present schools, the Horace Mann, Skokie, and Greeley, will continue to be used, but for the smaller children only. Two rooms will eventually

be added to Skokie and two or four to Greeley when the need arises. But the 8th, 7th, and probably the 6th grade from all parts of Winnetka will be housed on the new school site. This site, he reminds us, was purchased a year ago after securing the advice of the best available experts. It is located on West Elm street, six blocks west of the station and contains 12 acres with an excellent site for the school building proper, and exceptional possibilities for playground and other facilities, which a modern school requires. On this new site it is planned to build a modern school of the best, but not most extravagant type which can be designed. It will be operated on the departmental principle, that is, one teacher especially equipped for the work will teach geography to all three grades in turn, one will teach history, and so on, instead of the "little red school house" system of having one overworked and irritated teacher teach all subjects. The plan is already in operation in the three buildings.

Answering the possible objection of the distance of the new school site, Mr. Bell points out that it is the nearest available site to the center of school population. "It is," he says, "also positively the only site where anything like adequate playgrounds can be secured. No site can be picked out in Winnetka, regardless of expense, to which some students would not have to go at least one and one-half miles. Almost half of the students will have less than six blocks to go to the new site. They would have had to go as far if the Board could have secured a site in the exact center of the Village."

To fortify this somewhat surprising statement Mr. Bell presents three maps, showing the location of every child in Winnetka, and demonstrating beyond the possibility of doubt that the region between the present Horace Mann school, and the proposed new school is the most thickly populated part of Winnetka from the standpoint of school children.

Mr. Bell closes his report with an expression of appreciation of the constant and intelligent assistance of the Parent-Teacher association and the Woman's club in many of the problems which have arisen.

Parent Teacher Activities

Mrs. Arthur Dean will be chairman of the Jolly Tar hostesses for the coming year, assisting her this Sunday evening are Mrs. N. K. Anderson, chairman of the seventh grade and Mrs. Charles M. Thomson, chairman of the second grade of Greeley school.

Look over your fruit shelves and see if you can spare a glass or two of jelly or jam for the sailors at Jolly Tar. Contributions are to be sent to Mrs. Dean.

This is the time to thin out shrubs. If you are doing so will you save the discarded ones for our school grounds and communicate with Mr. Washburne who will have them called for.

BOY SCOUT MOVIES

Motion pictures which are shown each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Community House under the Boy Scouts are meeting with much success. It is the aim of Community House to show clean, wholesome and enjoyable pictures to the children. To this end these pictures are censored each week by a committee before being shown. The following Winnetka women have volunteered to serve on this committee: Mrs. Ayres Boal, Mrs. John R. Dickinson, Mrs. Gus Haas, Mrs. Sylvan Hirschberg, Mrs. William D. McKenzie, Mrs. M. L. H. Odea, Mrs. Franklin Rudolph, Mrs. Harry Seymour, Miss Helen Seymour, Mrs. Philip Sadtler, Mrs. E. W. Wortley.

CHIMNEY HALF COMPLETED

Work on the new chimney at the Village power plant is progressing rapidly and has reached the 50 per cent stage of completion.

RETURN FROM VACATIONS

Lawrence Schaefer, carrier, and Joseph Brown, assistant postmaster, returned to their positions this week at the local postoffice after enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

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TRAINED INSTRUCTOR OPENS KINDERGARTEN

Committee in Charge Announces Set of Rules For Mothers, Governing Kindergarten

The afternoon kindergarten-nursery opened up this week with every promise of success. Miss Winifred Weedon of Wilmette is the teacher in charge. She is a graduate of a Kindergarten college, and has had experience in kindergarten teaching on the north shore, and in settlement work. Many parents have taken advantage of this opportunity to have their children cared for and educated at the same time for a very nominal amount of money.

"The only danger that I can see," Superintendent Washburne said regarding this work, "is that those mothers who are not registering their children at the beginning will be left out in the cold. Miss Weedon cannot take care of more than 25 youngsters. This quota is almost reached. Any parent wishing to have the privilege of leaving their children in this afternoon kindergarten should register them at once. Should the demand become great enough, of course, it may be possible in the near future to employ two teachers, and take care of a larger number of children. But there is likely to be a considerably lapse of time before that can be handled.

"The project has been given much stability by the decision of the Board of Education to back it."

Announce Rules

The following rules have been adopted by the committee in charge of the afternoon kindergarten:

1. The afternoon kindergarten will be open every school day from 1:30 to 5:30.

2. There will be three classes of membership in the afternoon kindergarten. a. Term membership for those who guarantee a dollar a week for the full school term, payable in advance.

b. Weekly membership for those who wish to enter their children from week to week, at the same rate of tuition—one dollar per week.

c. Day membership for those who wish to leave their children in the kindergarten occasionally for an afternoon. The fee for this is 40 cents a day.

3. Term members will have precedence over either of the other two classes of members. Thus, should the full quota of term members be received, week and day members would be replaced by them. Similarly, week members will take

PLAN 15 MILE BRIDLE PATH FOR NORTH SHORE

Would Extend From Wilmette South Limits Along Canal and To Lincoln Park

A bridle path extending along the canal banks and connecting the north shore with the Lincoln park path, is the latest project of the Evanston Community Recreation association. At a meeting Sunday of the directors of the association it was decided to bring this project to the attention of the association.

Through the courtesy of the sanitary district officials the Evanston Recreation association has the use of the canal bank for a great distance. This land will be used for the great community recreation project now planned and which will include a golf course, an amusement ground, a football field, a baseball diamond and, if the latest plan succeeds, a bridle path. This path, according to the plans, will commence at Sheridan road, in Wilmette, lead down the canal bank and join with the Lincoln park bridle path at Lincoln park, making a stretch of pathway about fifteen miles long. This proposition will be considered at the next regular meeting of the association.

DANCE IS SUCCESS

The dance given Tuesday evening at the Jones' Hall by the Evanston Steppers, under the leadership of "Baumy", proved a great success, a large crowd attending. The Steppers will hold another dance at a date to be announced later.

precedence over day members. Day members will, therefore, only be admitted when the full number of week and term members is not present.

4. Any week or term members who do not reach the kindergarten by 2 o'clock and do not notify the director that they are coming will be considered as absent for that day, and will be replaced for that day by a day member.

Voluntary Attendance

5. Parents are at liberty to bring their children at any time of the afternoon they wish and to take them home at any time they wish. Regular attendance is not required, but those parents who wish to secure the full educational value of the work will obtain this to a much greater degree if their children are allowed to attend regularly.

6. All payments must be made in advance, and may be made either to the director in charge or to Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Washburne.