

Superintendent Washburne Emphasizes Need of New Winnetka School Building

"Make the teachers of Winnetka a part of the community life in your neighborhood; make the classrooms of your children home; and, above all, help people to realize how badly we need a new building, and how desirable our new school site is," said Superintendent Washburne to the grade chairmen of the Parent-Teacher association at their first meeting, held in the Horace Mann school, October 31. The meeting was called to consider the general activities of the Parent-Teacher association for this school year. Mr. Washburne was asked to address them, and to formulate plans. He said in part: "Mothers have been very hospitable to teachers, inviting them home for luncheon or dinner frequently. There is a difference however, between this type of hospitality, and the hospitality that makes the teacher a definite part of little neighborhood affairs. If you are giving a party, invite your child's teacher as one of the guests. She will make it a happier party, and will begin to feel herself a part of the neighborhood. If you are inviting a few people in for the evening, invite the teacher too. Let her mingle with them and meet them. Our teachers have been selected with the idea of their mingling with the people of Winnetka. You will find them the kind of guests that will make the evening pass more pleasantly for every one.

"The second thing which you can do is to use your home-making instinct in making the class rooms not mere class rooms. See what you can do to give them a homey touch, so that when the children or visitors come in, they feel in place of the rigid old style school room, a room which savors of the home, a pleasant place in which to be.

"But the main work for you mothers is to see that your children have room in which to be educated. Some of our class rooms are now bordering dangerously close upon 40 children. Your children can not get their share of the teacher's time, nor the individual attention which they need when the class rooms are crowded. You already know from the report of the President of the Board of Education that every possible makeshift has been resorted to in order to accommodate those children now in the schools. The enrollment in the Winnetka schools is due to increase by over one hundred children during this school year. Where we will put those children, I do not know. By next fall we must have a new building.

"There is only one place where this building can be erected. That is on the 12-acre site bought last year, four and one-half blocks west of the Horace Mann school. This site is within two blocks of the center of

school population. It is so situated that nearly half the children of Winnetka can reach it with a walk of less than six blocks. On this site, as you know, a departmental school is to be built. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade children from all parts of the Village will attend the new school. All three of the present buildings will be retained, and used for the lower five grades. Even with this school, both the Skokie and Greeley schools will have to be enlarged within the next four years. The Horace Mann school can not be enlarged, and will probably be large enough to take care of the lower grade children in that district for a number of years.

"The desirability of a departmental school is universally recognized. Every progressive school system in the United States is establishing such schools. Sometimes they are called Intermediate schools, sometimes Junior High schools, and sometimes are merely referred to as the upper grades with the departmental organization. Whatever such schools are called, they provide a step between the one-teacher lower grade work, and the highly specialized departmental work of the High school. They are fitted for children who are going into adolescence, with the varying interests and abilities of such children. They make it possible for each teacher to be master of the subject she is teaching, and by the economy which comes with centralization, it becomes possible to man and equip a departmental school much more adequately than the upper grades of an underdepartmentalized school can be.

"The big thing you mothers can do this year is to create so strong a sentiment throughout Winnetka in favor of erecting a building at once on the new school site, that no obstacles will prevent this work from being done. Last spring shortly after I came here I asked you to help in securing more funds for the operation of the schools, and for the paying of teachers larger salaries, by passing the Hicks Bill. You did not fail me. There was only one dissenting vote cast in the whole Village. The consequence is that our teachers are much more adequately paid than they ever have been before, and that we have been able to secure an unusually capable corps of teachers. I know you will not fail in this work, which is nearly as important. In order that our teachers can do their best work, they must have space in which to teach. I rely upon you mothers to put through the new school project."

HALLOWE'EN PRANKS
The morning after Hallowe'en presented a scene of havoc in the heart of Gross Point. There were

wrecked sheds, portions of damaged gates, fences and porch railings strewn along Ridge avenue in helter-skelter fashion. A raiding party of approximately thirty-five Gross Point and Wilmette youths were said to have perpetrated the offenses. Two policemen were on the job but left the scenes of action early in the evening, according to the residents in that vicinity.

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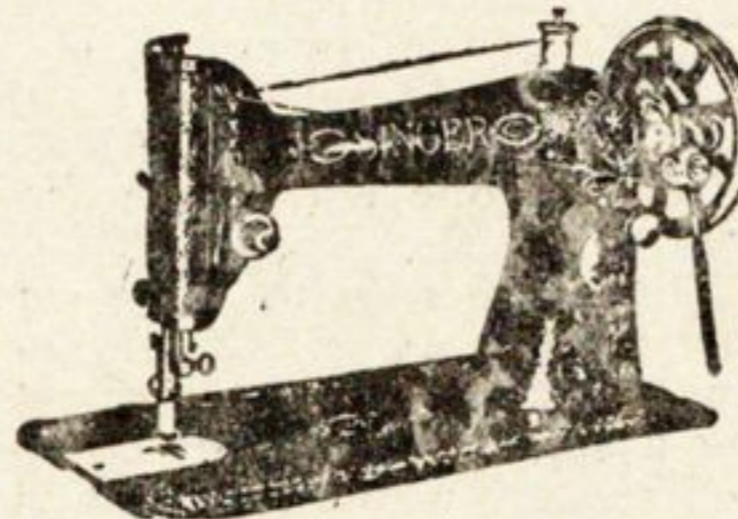
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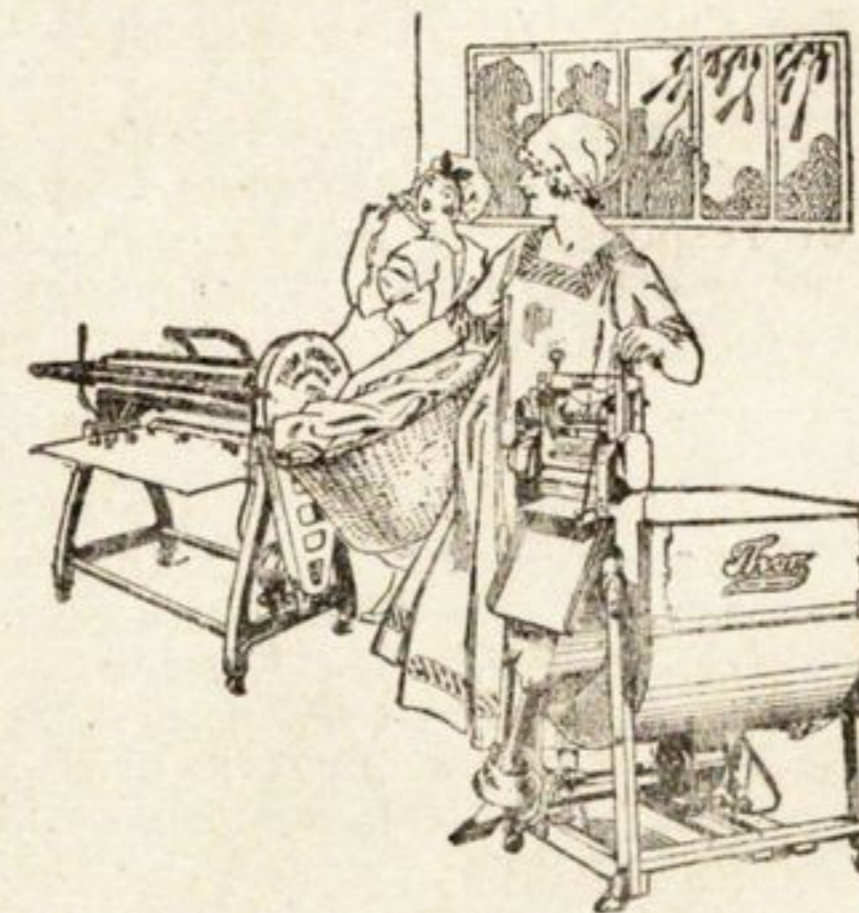
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