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Coal Situation And Schools

The schools of Illinois and the Nation have been so disturbed by the war and by the influenza for the last few years that it would be most unfortunate should they be forced to close their doors on account of a failure in the supply of coal. Every effort should be made by boards of directors and boards of education to conserve the supply on hand and to secure from other sources a sufficient amount to keep the schools running. It is hoped that when the coal mines are again in operation that the coal dealers and those in control of transportation will give the right of way to those school boards who must have immediate supply in order to avoid an enforced vacation.

Winnetka School Problems

The following questions received during this past week are answered by the Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Washburne:

Q.—Is there any danger of the Winnetka schools having to close down on account of the coal famine?

A.—All school bins were filled to their full capacity last summer. Two of the schools probably have enough coal to last through until next summer, and the third one enough to last until the latter part of February.

Q.—Is Skokie school under a system of pupil government? If so, what does this mean?

A.—Skokie school is not under a system of pupil government. The government there as in all the schools is in the hands of the teachers entirely. The teachers allow the pupils to elect certain committees for handling certain pieces of work in order that the children may feel a sense of responsibility for the welfare of the school, but the authority of the teachers is as absolute in Skokie school as in any other school in Winnetka.

Q.—Do you feel that the attitude of children under the present system of education is as respectful as it was a generation ago?

A.—I do not know. Some of the external forms of respect are certainly less noticeable now than they used to be. Whether this is due to an increase in frankness and honesty, or a degree in the internal attitude of respect is a difficult question to answer. There is at the present time an unrest on the part of children everywhere, which apparently reflects something of the social unrest in the world. I believe that every critical period in the world's history had reflected itself to a greater or less degree in the attitude of school children. Having its origin outside of the school it is not easily corrected within the school. A serious effort is being made, however, both to increase the sense of responsibility on the part of the children by giving them some control over part of their own affairs, and to make the classroom discipline calm, controlled, and effective.

Q.—Why are there unlevelled piles of earth left all over the Greeley school yard?

A.—At the request of the residents in the Greeley district the Board of Education took advantage of an offer by the paving contractors to fill in the Greeley lot up to sidewalk level. A shortage of labor prevented the paving contractors from finishing their job this fall. It will probably be spring before the full amount of earth can be dumped on the Greeley lot. In order to have a good surface for the grounds much of the good black soil which was already there was scraped up and piled and is now waiting to be spread out over the new stuff when that shall have been all put in and leveled. It is unfortunate that the grounds should be left in this condition, but there seems no way to get the paving company to complete their part of the work before next spring.

Parent Teacher Activities

There will be a Community Sing Wednesday evening at Greeley school at 8 o'clock with Mrs. P. B. Kohlsaat in charge.

The mothers of the First grade were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. W. B. Forrest, 485 Willow street, Thursday to meet Miss Shaw.

The Kindergarten mothers met Tuesday morning at Greeley school.

Mrs. R. E. Durham was hostess at the Jolly Tar club last Sunday, "Winnetka Day", and was assisted by Miss Margaret Amoretti who entertained the boys with singing.

Mrs. Sadler kindly took the Thanksgiving collection of fruit from Skokie, Horace Mann and Greeley schools to Fort Sheridan the day before Thanksgiving. The contribution consisted of four bushels of apples, one case of oranges and two dozen glasses of jelly and jam.

RETURN FROM WISCONSIN

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Starbuck, 797 Willow street, returned this week from northern Wisconsin where they spent several weeks in an unsuccessful deer hunt.

"IN HIS CARE"

The passing of little Anne Hathaway, the three and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Greeley, leaves a beautiful memory of a sweet, merry little soul, left with us for a short time, to cheer us with her winsome smiles, and then spirited away to finish her mission in paradise.

The warm place she had won for herself in the hearts of the Winnetka Community was made manifest by the throng of loving and sympathizing friends that gathered at the home of "little Anne" to pay a final tribute. Mr. Gerhard, in his usual impressive manner, rendered the beautiful Episcopal service for children.

While we bow in humble submission, comforting is the thought that He who has said: "Let the little one come unto me", hath called her to himself to join the heavenly throng who sing His praise about the throne.
"Beautiful spirit, free from all stain,
Ours is the heartache, the sorrow and pain.
Thine is the glory and infinite gain,
Thy slumber is sweet."
"Fidelis."

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NOTICE

To the Citizens of the Village of Winnetka Concerning Restriction of Coal Consumption

The following requirements of the order of the Public Utilities Commission of Illinois to public utilities under its jurisdiction, restricting the use of electricity for light, heat and power, are equally applicable to Winnetka and must be observed strictly:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said public utilities, until further order of the Commission, shall govern themselves, in furnishing and supplying their service, by the following rules and regulations, and shall enforce the same in their dealings with their customers:

- (1) All unnecessary interior and exterior illumination, including signs, display lights, and show windows, shall be entirely stopped.
- (2) Work shops, industrial establishments, wholesale businesses, mercantile establishments and storage warehouses, (cold storage warehouses and plants excepted) shall receive service not to exceed six and one-half working hours of the day between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Where the nature of the business requires continuous operation, an equivalent reduction must be accomplished by refusing service at least two working days a week.
- (3) Retail establishments of all kinds in the down-town districts shall receive service not to exceed six and one-half hours a day, namely from 11:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.; the stores in the outlying districts may receive service from 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. and on Saturday night until 9:00 o'clock p. m.
- (4) Office, banks, and other places of business—all office buildings included—shall receive service from 9:00 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. only. Every possible economy in light, heat and power, including reduction in elevator service, must be effected within these hours and the heating during closed hours be reduced to the lowest margin of safety. Newspapers shall exercise every economy consistent with the nature of the business and the publication of their papers.
- (5) In all buildings of whatever character, including factories and stores referred to above, service lighting shall be reduced to a minimum, elevator service outside of the hours specified for operation shall be reduced to one car, and heat must be cut off except in such degree as will prevent damage by freezing.
- (6) Drug stores, meat markets and grocers, bread bakers, hotels and restaurants are not restricted as to hours of operation, but are required to exercise all possible economy of heat, power and light.
- (7) IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each of said utilities shall make publication of this order, or the substance thereof, in at least three newspapers published in the county in which said utility has its main office or place of business, and each utility is hereby authorized to cut off and discontinue its service to any customer who, after such publication and while this order is in force, shall fail to observe any of the above rules and regulations.

The Council of the Village of Winnetka heartily seconds the Commission's order as outlined above, and urges all citizens to curtail the use of light and fuel to the lowest possible point.

The reserve supply of coal at the Water and Light plant is still sufficient for two months' operation, but even this large supply may prove inadequate in case of a prolongation of the strike. Household coal supplies should also be carefully conserved.

Subsequent orders of the Commission, as announced in the Chicago press, are to be observed, in so far as they apply to Winnetka conditions. Further information as to the requirements may be obtained from H. L. Woolhiser, Village Manager.

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