

# WINNETKA WEEKLY TALK

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## IMPROVEMENT IN "FLU" SITUATION

Though More Cases Were Reported in Past Week Than in Previous Week, Situation is Found Improving

## MEASLES ARE NOW RAGING

Find Thirty Cases in Village; Horace Mann School Exposed and Several Children Down

Very slight improvement in the influenza situation in Winnetka was reported early today by Health Commissioner Schneider. Eighty-four cases of the malady were reported to the Health department during the past seven days.

The Health department record of the cases reported to date follows:

January 14	.....3
January 15	.....1
January 16	.....7
January 17	.....10
January 18	.....8
January 19	.....5
January 20	.....12
January 21	.....17
January 22	.....20
January 23	.....8
January 24	.....7
January 25	.....12
January 26	.....23
January 27	.....13
January 28	.....13
January 29	.....8

**Slight Fluctuation**  
The epidemic is fluctuating in character and residents are urged to employ every precautionary measure although slight improvement is evident at present. All persons suffering colds must be confined to their homes.

In addition to the influenza there is raging an epidemic of measles of considerable proportions. The Horace Mann school children have been exposed to the ailment and several of the children are confined with fully developed cases of the disease.

**Watch the Children!**  
Parents are requested to guard carefully children suffering colds, says Health Commissioner Schneider. The symptoms of influenza and measles are much the same, he declares, and the utmost precaution must be taken to curb further spread of the latter. Thirty cases of measles have been reported to the Health department.

Pneumonia cases developing from the influenza have been reported in considerable numbers. Two deaths of pneumonia were reported this week.

## FORMER VILLAGE MANAGER JOINS GOODYEAR COMPANY

Robert L. Fitzgerald, Who Resigned in 1917 To Enter Service, To Take Position in East

Robert L. Fitzgerald, formerly Winnetka Village Manager, more recently a resident of Wilmette, will go to Akron, Ohio, in the near future to be associated with the Goodyear Rubber Company.

Mr. Fitzgerald expects to be in Akron for a few weeks. Later he will go to Philadelphia and other eastern points where he will be engaged in Pioneer work making a transportation survey along motor truck lines with the object of developing motor truck distribution in that section of the country.

Mr. Fitzgerald resigned his position as Village manager in 1917 to enter the military service.

## WINNETKA FIREMEN FIGHT BIG BLAZE IN GLENCOE

Winnetka firemen Saturday evening were called to extinguish a blaze at the home of F. G. Gaertner, 679 Longwood avenue, Glencoe. The work of Chief Horen's men were instrumental in saving adjoining buildings and a portion of the Gaertner residence.

The Glencoe department fought the blaze in the home Saturday morning. After leaving the fire they damaged their fire fighting apparatus and could be of no service when the blaze recurred in the evening.

## WOMAN'S SOCIETY MEETING

There will be an all-day meeting of the Woman's society of the Winnetka Congregational church, Wednesday, February 4, beginning with a business meeting at 11 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at 12:15 o'clock. There will be a program

## PROTESTS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

J. E. Lutz Holds Full Grade Schools are Most Desirable for Winnetka Children; Most Feasible Arrangement

## ANSWERS THOMSON LETTER

Would Have New Trier Township High School Continued as Place for High School Work

The Winnetka Weekly Talk, Winnetka, Illinois.

Gentlemen:— Referring to communication from Charles M. Thomson in your issue of January 24, 1919; I also attended the meeting referred to in that letter held at the Greeley school and, to my mind, there was not so much disposition to criticize the Winnetka School Board as there was to protest certain action of the School Board.

Mr. Thomson in his letter takes the position that because the members of the School Board have been elected by the people of the Village that their acts are not open to criticism or protest. I believe that the members of the School Board are well meaning, and doing their very best according to their views, but just because a man is elected to the School Board, or to any other public body, does not mean that he is infallible in his judgment, and such would be the inference that would be drawn from Mr. Thomson's letter. And just because I protest against certain action by the School Board does not necessarily mean that I criticize.

## Claims Right To Protest

I believe, however, that I have the right to protest any action taken by the present or any other Winnetka School Board that forces me to either send my daughter to a private school, or to dispose of my home in Winnetka and move elsewhere, in order to enable her to attend the public schools. I believe, too, that the majority of the people who purchased homes in the neighborhood of the Samuel Sewell Greeley school did so because they wanted to be near a full grade school, which was what the Greeley school was built for and what the School Board, who built that school, intended it to be.

I judge from what was said at the meeting referred to in Mr. Thomson's letter, that the Winnetka School Board has decided to build a school on West Elm street because they want a Junior High school. Mr. Washburne was asked at that meeting if the New Trier High school had approved of the Junior High school idea in Winnetka Public schools and he said the matter had not been taken up, so far as he knew. Inasmuch as the children of the Winnetka grade schools, get their high school education at New Trier it would seem to me that it would be advisable and good judgment on the part of the Winnetka School Board to first confer with New Trier High school as to that school's ideas of the feasibility of the Junior High school idea.

## Cites Promises

Three or four years ago, a number of parents in the Greeley school vicinity were told by the School Board then in power and the School Superintendent then in office, that there would never be more than four grades in the Greeley school and the departmental idea would be carried on from the fifth grade upward. We now have fifth and sixth grades in all the schools and are told that the departmental idea will start in the action of Winnetka School Boards is above criticism or protest, then which of these School Boards was right and how about the Board that built the Greeley school for full eight grades?

So far as I know, no good and valid reason has been given why full eight grade schools cannot be maintained in all three Winnetka Public schools. Let these three schools be full grade schools and, if necessary, let the West Elm street school be built later and be used as a grade school when needed.

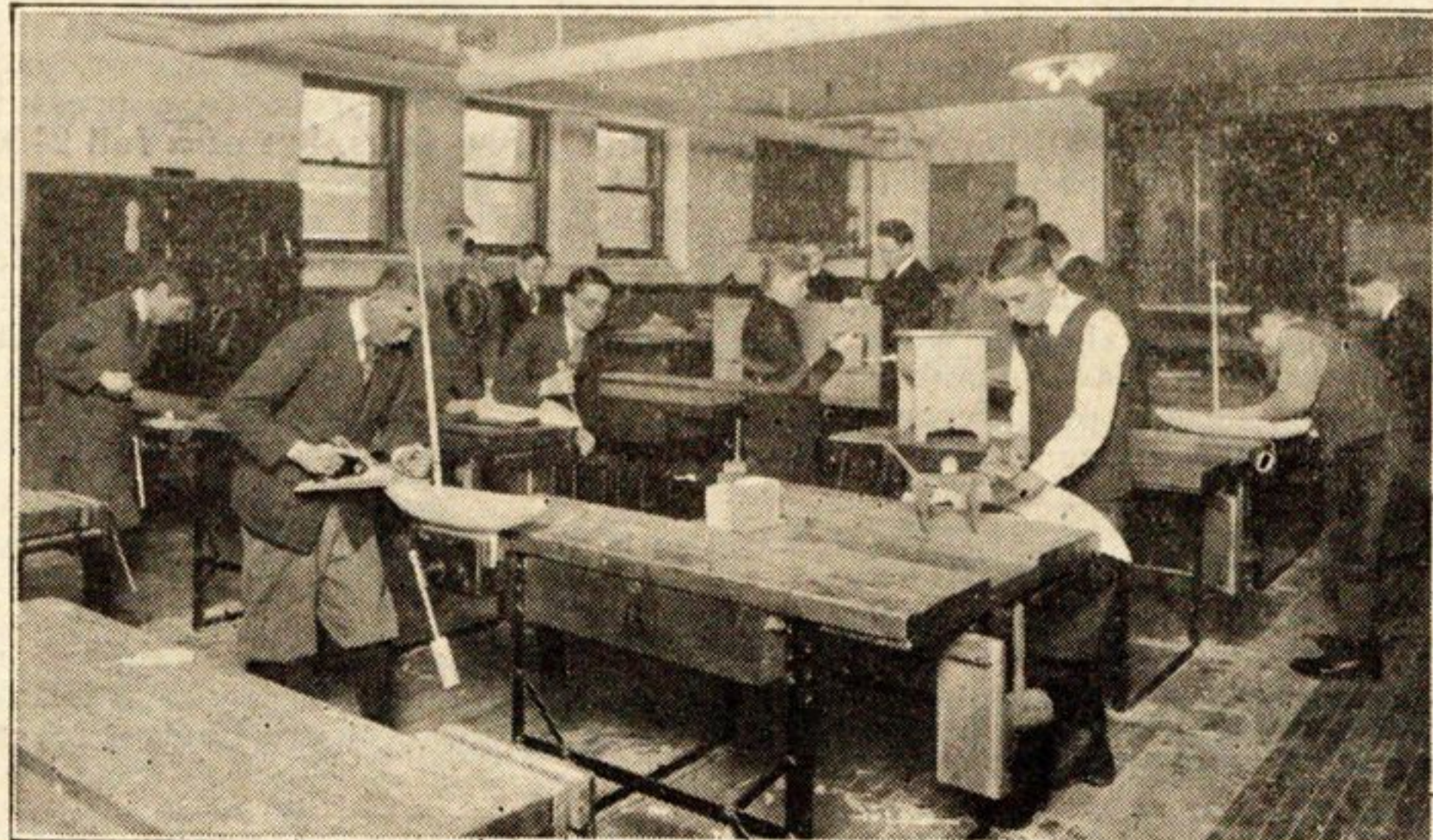
Yours very truly,  
J. E. Lutz

## BACK ON THE JOB

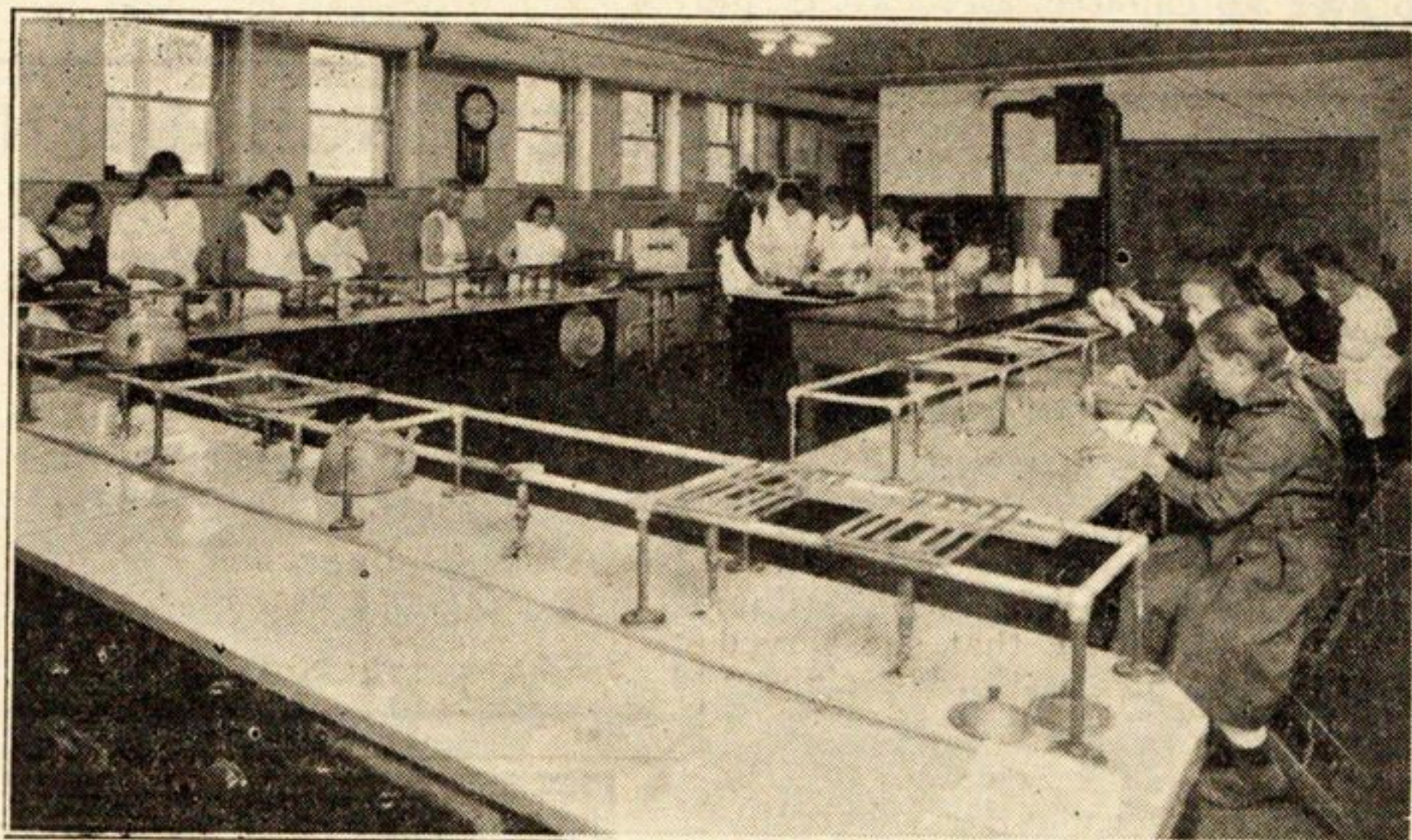
H. P. Clarke, director of Athletics at Community House, is again at his post following several days confinement with the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Strackheim

## Wanted: Proper School Centralization



"The manual training room at the Horace Mann school—excellent equipment, but inadequate space".



"We have centralized sewing and cooking work, children walking from the other schools to this artificially lighted basement room. Proper centralization requires rooms built for the purpose".

## H. B. Gates Back From Central Zone

District Manager of Chicago Telephone Company Returns To Duties after Month in Panama

H. B. Gates, district manager of the Chicago Telephone company, is back in his office after a month's trip to his son in Panama.

He returned to the north shore to tackle the problem of conducting the speedy and accurate telephone service which the offices had been giving despite the depleted force of switchboard operators due to the influenza epidemic.

It was a serious problem that Mr. Gates had to tackle immediately upon his return from a month in the sunny climate of the canal zone and Panama.

"The weather is delightful down there," said Mr. Gates. "It is a summer temperature all the time and I believe that the canal zone will be a very popular place for winter tourists from the United States, when people realize the attractiveness of the place."

He returned a few days ago from the first vacation he had taken for several years and today has plunged back into working out the abnormal problems the company is facing in the epidemic.

## BOY SCOUTS GIVEN FIRST AID KITS AT DRILL DOWN

Scoutmaster Davies Tells Troop Members they Should Practice First Aid

At the Boy Scout meeting of the Winnetka troop No. 1, held at Community House on Thursday evening, January 22, first-aid kits were presented. Scoutmaster Davies explained why every scout should have a kit. He pointed out that in order to "be ready to help other people at all times" each scout should also know how to practice first aid. The results of the contest were as follows: Robert Hall, first prize; Richard Goble, second prize; Cabray Wortley, third prize.

At a recent drill-down the three following scouts excelled: Fred Roe, first; Cabray Wortley, second; Holton Anderson, third.

## CHURCH HOLDS JUBILEE

The Sacred Heart church will hold a Jubilee Carnival Monday, February 16, in honor of the success of the parish. There will be dancing after

## SAY WINNETKA NEEDS CENTRALIZED SCHOOL

Board of Education Plans to Employ Modern Instruction Methods in the Proposed New School Building

## SPECIALIZED TEACHERS

Hold Upper Grades Need Highly Specialized Instructors and Departmental School

(By Board of Education Publicity Committee).

The progressive school systems throughout the country recognize the need for departmental work in the upper grades. By the time children reach the sixth or seventh grade they require teachers who have specialized. The teacher who is an expert in history and can devote her whole time to preparing and teaching this important subject to various classes, can give much more to her pupils than a teacher who has to scatter her energies over half a dozen subjects.

A well organized upper grade school should have teachers and equipment for manual training, printing, cooking, sewing, science, physical education, music, art, literature, grammar and composition, history and geography, civics and mathematics. To supply teachers and equipment for all these subjects in each of the present three schools in Winnetka would not only be extravagant, but financially impossible. The mere upkeep of the departments in addition to all other expenses would be beyond the income of the Board of Education, and to this would have to be added the cost of building special rooms for this work at all three schools.

## Ask Centralization

The only way the situation can be handled is by centralizing the work in one building. This is the procedure all over the country. The building of departmental schools, sometimes known as "Intermediate Schools" or "Junior High Schools" is proceeding with great rapidity in all the leading cities and many of the more progressive small towns of the United States. Usually there is one such departmental school for each three to five lower grade schools.

It is such a centralized departmental school that Winnetka proposes to build. In it, children will be able to get instruction that will fit their ages, interests and needs. By establishing such a school Winnetka is keeping pace with intelligent, progressive school systems throughout the nation.

## SNOW, SNOW, STAY AWAY! SAYS CLIFFORD WILLIAMS

Somebody Took His Galoshes from the Winnetka Woman's Club; He Got a Pair that's Too Small

How could one be so mean in these stormy times as to carry away on one's feet a pair of galoshes as is the lawful property of another. Clifford Williams, 200 Maple Hill road, Glencoe, came away from the Winnetka Woman's club Tuesday night and got his feet all saturated. Because why? Somebody "got there first" and took away his galoshes.

Williams found another pair, but they belonged to another. They were oh, very much too small for him. Now everybody watch for the guy who wears the oversized galoshes.

## SUSPEND SCOUT MOVIES

Boy Scout movies at Community House will be suspended during the month of February, is the announcement from Scout headquarters this week.

## BOY SCOUT MOVIES

Charlie Chaplin in "Shanghai'd", and Evelyn Greeley and Carlyle Blackwell in "Courage for two" will be the Boys Scout film attractions at Community House this afternoon.

## BACK FROM VACATION

Walter Gibbon, Village Superintendent of Public Works, returned to Winnetka this week after several days spent in South Bend, Indiana, where he visited a brother.

## "THE BUSER"

Charles Ray in "The Buser" will be the attraction at Community House movies next Friday evening.

## Authority on Russia At Local Men's Club

Romeyn Taylor Recounts "Impressions of Revolutionary Russia", at Dinner Club

Graham Romeyn Taylor, recently of the American Embassy at Petrograd, was the speaker before the Men's club of Winnetka Tuesday evening, January 27. The occasion was the monthly dinner of the club held at the Community House. Mr. Taylor spoke on the topic, "Impressions of Revolutionary Russia".

Mr. Taylor recounted his experiences in Russia under three regimes, the rule of the Czar, the reign of the Provisional government under Kerensky and the present Soviet government under Lenine and Trotsky.

Mr. Taylor declares the policy of deportation of Reds to be an unwise act of the United States government.

It is his belief that it would be far better for the government to "keep these so-called 'reds' in this country under our watchful eyes than to ship them away to Russia, where they spread distorted stories about America that are doing this country a great deal of harm."

"We want friendship of Russia," he is quoted as saying, "and we are spoiling it by this method of deporting these radicals. We maintained a fair method of informing Russia about American ideals but now that has been withdrawn and a missionary delegation of the most grotesque nature has been substituted. We have given the field in Russia free to these 249 'reds' who will spread the most distorted ideas of American democracy."

## VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Frank Buscher, employe at the North Shore Ice company, died on Thursday morning of pneumonia brought on by influenza. Funeral arrangements had not been announced last Friday.

## CHIMNEY FIRE

The fire department was summoned to the home of R. G. Johansen, 503 Willow street, Monday evening to extinguish a chimney fire. The damage was small.

## SEVERE COLD

John Nazarian, proprietor of the Parisian Dye House, was confined to his home early this week suffering a severe cold.

## FIREMAN'S BALL

The Winnetka Fireman's annual