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Decreased County Population

Census reports show a decrease in the population of the counties in Illinois except in districts in which industrial centers are located. Rural communities are losing population far too generally and too rapidly for the safety of the nation.

Just how important is the food supply of the country has been brought home to us in the last four years. We have learned to think of the strength of a people as measured by the control that they have over the source of an adequate food supply and yet, in spite of this realization of the importance of growing the materials necessary to feed ourselves, we deliberately stand by and see the best youth of the rural districts leave the farms that they ought to cultivate to fall into the rank and file of industrial workers in the cities, not only thus withdrawing their contribution to the production of the nation's food supply but becoming as well consumers and a further drain upon the production of the farms.

The experience of the young manhood of the country during their period of training for military service and their months over-seas have developed that spirit of restlessness that makes the monotony of farm life even more irksome that it was in the days before anything happened to jostle them out of the calm of existence in the isolated districts of the country. Now that they have tasted the excitement of the life of the soldier, now that they hear stories of the high wages that are paid to the workers in the manufacturing plants of the cities, now that they have learned that home ties can be broken without permanent disruption of the family life, the routine of the life on the farm, becomes wearing and they seek change in work in the city thinking nothing of their duty to stick to the job that they know how to do on the farm and to contribute their efforts to the production of the food material that is being dangerously reduced.

The development of the telephone, the automobile, rural delivery of mail, all have helped to remove that element of isolation that was the chief disadvantage of life in the country. Improvement of the schools, the provision of suitable facilities for the amusement of the young people and the breaking down of the barriers that have been raised against the farmer by the people of the towns, will be necessary to make life in the country attractive to young people in that restless age when they are attracted by the bright lights of the city and the tales of easy wealth that are carried to them through the press and the written word of those who have sought the crowds and excitement that goes with the crowd.

Every thoughtful American recognizes the wisdom of the delay which permitted a study of the treaty and the covenant, in the light not only of its peculiarly worded language but of events in Europe. —St. Louis Times.

"What is your favorite book?" "M-bank book; but even that is lacking in interest these days." —Kansas City Star.

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CORRECTION

In the issue of the Weekly Talk of June 5 appeared an article headed "Beach Patrol to Stop Picnicker's Rampages", in which it was stated that the police department telephone number was Winnetka O. The police department number has been changed to Winnetka 5, as previously announced in these columns.

FIRE SCARE

Issue of smoke from the home of John B. Guthrie, 730 Walden Road, Wednesday called out the Winnetka fire department. It developed there was no blaze but simply smoke emitting from a heater in the basement of the home. There was slight damage, according to Fire Chief Houron.

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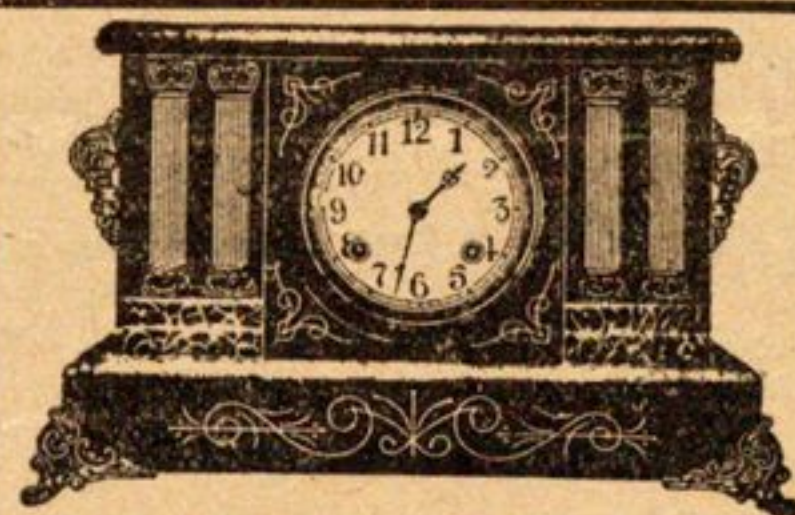
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