

**SCHOOL PROBLEMS**

By Supt. Washburne

Q.—If the Board of Education is as hard up as it says it is, how can it afford to offer fifteen or twenty new subjects all of a sudden?

A.—The electives involve practically no additional expense to the board. The teachers who are handling the electives are the regular upper grade teachers, who have voluntarily, and without extra remuneration, taken upon themselves the teaching of one elective subject each day, in addition to their regular work. Since the electives are only given two and three periods per week each, all teachers can offer two electives. The electives have been worked out by the teachers themselves, and represent the various specialties of each teachers outside of the regular line of daily routine.

It is typical of the spirit of the Winnetka teachers that instead of objecting to the extra work involved in giving electives, they took it upon themselves with enthusiasm. The teaching of these extra subjects therefore involves no additional expense for instruction. There is very little extra equipment necessary, as the subjects to be taught involve the use of those things which we already have and use in the regular work of the school.

Q.—Can a child, once registered, lose his place in a class?

A.—In kindergarten any child absent ten days out of any twenty, even for illness, will lose his place and be put upon the waiting list. This is because at Skokie and Horace Mann the kindergartens have become so crowded that children are being refused admission. It is not fair to those on the waiting list to keep them out of the kindergarten if there is a place left by continuous irregularity or absence of another child.

Q.—What good does it do to give a child an individual promotion if he stays in the same room?

A.—Under the individual system children in the same room may be doing two or three grades of work, and may be at all sorts of different places in their world. Thus the pupil in a so-called third grade room may receive a promotion to fourth grade reading in November. This pupil at once begins fourth grade reading in the same room. It gets very far ahead in his reading and is not so far along in his arithmetic, for instance, he may use some of his reading time to work on his arithmetic. The quick child, however, will out-speed the slow one and will finish his lower grade work a year or even years sooner than under the class system. Such a child will have an opportunity to take a wide variety of electives, in the intermediate school, (7th and 8th grades), broadening his education, or if his parents wish it, may enter high school younger than most children do.

Q.—Isn't there danger of forcing children ahead too fast by the individual system?

A.—On the contrary, it is the only system that does not tend to force the slow child too fast, on the one hand, and to hold the quick child back on the other. It permits each child to advance through the schools steadily at his own rate of progress—the slower ones allowed to take enough time to do their work thoroughly; the rapid ones to use to the full their powers.

Q.—What can a parent do about a child's piano lessons if the time the music teacher has free does not correspond with the time when the pupil may be excused?

A.—No exception whatever will be made to the schedule. Piano teachers will either have to arrange their programs to conform, or lose their pupils to teachers who will. Most piano teachers have cordially cooperated with us in standardizing the schedule of times when pupils may be excused for music lessons.

Q.—Is this intelligence testing for admission to kindergarten and first grade a good thing for the child?

A.—The child does not know he is being tested unless the mother tells him. The test is a scientifically worked out group of little games and simple questions, which the child thoroughly enjoys, but which, when scored afterwards by the tester, show the child's mental age. It should be understood, of course, that these tests are given at the request of the parents of children who are too young in actual years to enter the kindergarten or first grade. In case the child is unusually advanced mentally and there is room in the school, the child is entered.

**FINED \$40 AND COSTS**

Morgan Manchester, 18, of 1892 Sheridan road, Evanston, paid a fine of \$40 and costs to Judge Byron Nelson at the local police court on Thursday afternoon for speeding at 50 miles per hour on Sheridan road Tuesday afternoon. Motorcycle policeman Hanselman made the arrest.

YOU WILL WANT TO SEE THE MOLLYCODDLE. LOOK FOR IT NEXT WEEK. —Adv. T27-11c

**BOY SCOUTS PRESENT "THE MOLLYCODDLE" ON SEPT. 29**

Douglas Fairbank's Latest Success to Feature Big Bill at Community House; Jean Martin Returns

Winnetka Boy Scouts announce an all-star program for Wednesday, September 29, at Community House, including Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mollycoddle", Charlie Chaplin in "The Rink" and Mutt and Jeff in "Bulling the Bull".

The Fairbanks film, his latest picture for the United Artists, was selected in preference to "The Wonder Man" featuring Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion. Sidney M. Spiegel is responsible for the choice and, assisted by the rest of the khaki-clad youths, is expected to make the day a big success.

The comedies will be shown only in the evening as the program would be too long to show in its entirety at the matinee. "Doug" will be supported by Marjorie Daw, his favorite leading woman. The "heavy" role will be filled by Wallace Berry who made quite a reputation in the same role in "Soldiers of Fortune".

The above pictures are typical of the brand which they are now showing at the Community House on Friday evenings. Miss Jean Martin, pianist, who "rattled the ivories" for the

Scouts last season has again been engaged for the season.

**WINNETKA MEN MEET HARDING IN BUSINESS MEN'S POW-WOW**

Winnetka was well represented at the business men's pow-wow with Senator Warren G. Harding at Marion, Ohio, last Saturday.

The men left Chicago late Friday night with other Chicago, and north shore business men to meet the Republican presidential candidate and hear his policies in general and business in particular.

Winnetka men in the party were Justus Chancellor, Jr., George Friedstedt, Lloyd F. Hollister, and Edwin E. Vail.

**FORESTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR**

The following officers were elected at the meeting of Court of Foresters at Forester hall last Thursday evening.

Spiritual director, Rev. William Netstraeter; chief ranger, Mathew Schneider; vice chief ranger, Joseph Bleser; past chief ranger, Nicholas Borre; recording secretary, Peter J. Schaefer; financial secretary, William H. Hoth; treasurer, Nicholas P. Miller; speaker, Peter Schaefer; trustee, Christ Sesterhenn; senior conductor, John J. Schmitz; sentinel, John Schinler.

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**Don't forget the REXALL PIGEON DERBY**

Two pigeons will be released at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, Sept. 25th, for their flight to St. Louis, by Mr. John Miller, President of the Village of Winnetka, in front of our Pharmacy.

Remember you have a chance to win some of the \$25.00 we are giving away in prizes too.

Every purchase you make gives you the privilege of making an estimate of how long it will take the faster of the two pigeons to fly to St. Louis, Mo.

We are giving four prizes away to the four lucky persons, who guess the most accurate time.

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